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Department Mineral Resources
Sub-Directorate: Mine Environmental Management

Att: Ms. T.J. Makhokha

Dear Sirs,

HERITAGE STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF THE REMAINING EXTENT, PORTIONS 1 AND 2 OF THE FARM BLESBOKKANTOOR 1549, WINBURG MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT

- 1 As far as the physical remains of heritage importance are concerned there is nothing of importance to report.
- 2 As far as **Blesbokkantoor** (Remainder and Portions 1 and 2 - study area) is concerned there are no physical remains of previous civilizations or settle areas at all. The only spot of interest is the small hole / quarry against the slope of the hill, where the first white farmers obtained stone poles to fence the farm boundaries and camps. A few of these stone poles are still to be seen. I, being the writer of this report, farm on this farm since 1993. At the time of buying the farm, I made some enquiries with the previous owner - the late mr. Piet Theron who farmed there since the 1960's, who confirmed to me that there are no physical remnants of any heritagal importance on the farm.
- 3 I also conducted interviews with my neighbouring farmers, viz. mr. Tewie Human (**Hazor**) and mr. Kobus Oosthuizen (**Schoemanskop**), who have farmed there since the late 1950's. They confirmed with me that no physical remnants of heritage import are to be seen or known to them in respect of the above mentioned Blesbokkantoor or on any of the neighbouring farms. They furthermore informed me that no information was conveyed to them by their predecessors and/or preceding family members that spoke of any settlement or other occurrence of historical import on Blesbokkantoor or the neighbouring farms.
- 4 I also spoke to mr. Lesale Mogotosi from Bloemfontein, who's grandparents lived and were buried on the **Remainder of the farm Le Souvenir** is the immediate neighbouring farm to Blesbokkantoor (and which also belongs to the Applicant in this application). He also was not aware of any issue that may be of import from a heritage point of view. The only remains there are on Le Souvenir, are the ruins of the old farmstead which was apparently built in the late 1800's. When the Applicant bought this neighbouring farm, it reinstated the roof (corrugated iron sheets) and it is now being used for storage purposes.

5 I trust you find this in order.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.J.G. Oosthuizen'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

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