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**The Chairperson
Heritage Impact Assessment Adjudication Committee
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Dear Sir/Madam

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM PREPARING A HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT (HIA) FOR THE PROPOSED NEW JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (JMPD) OFFICE PARK ON KAALFONTEIN FARM FARM NO 23 IR PORTION 6 IN MIDRAND WITHIN THE CITY OF JOHANNESBURG

1. Project Description

The applicant proposes the construction of a three-storey building that would accommodate all the Licensing Departments operations as a consolidation effort for the Department operations as a consolidation for the Department to have all its business units operating from one building.

The site is located on an 8.5-hectare agricultural holding. Proposed new business centre construction includes the following features:

- Basement: 860 square meters,
- Ground Floor: 1 440 square meters,
- First Floor: 1 300 square meters,
- Second floor: 1 260 square meters,
- Drive through buildings: 216 square meters,
- Childcare centre: 107 square meters,
- Braai facilities: 260 square meters, and
- Guard house: 14 square meters.

2. Project location

The project area is situated on the Kaalfontein Farm No 23 IR in Midrand within the City of Johannesburg, Gauteng Province, South Africa. The proposed development is situated north west of the Midrand CBD and west of the Ebony park township in Tembisa. The proposed sites are shown in Figure 1.

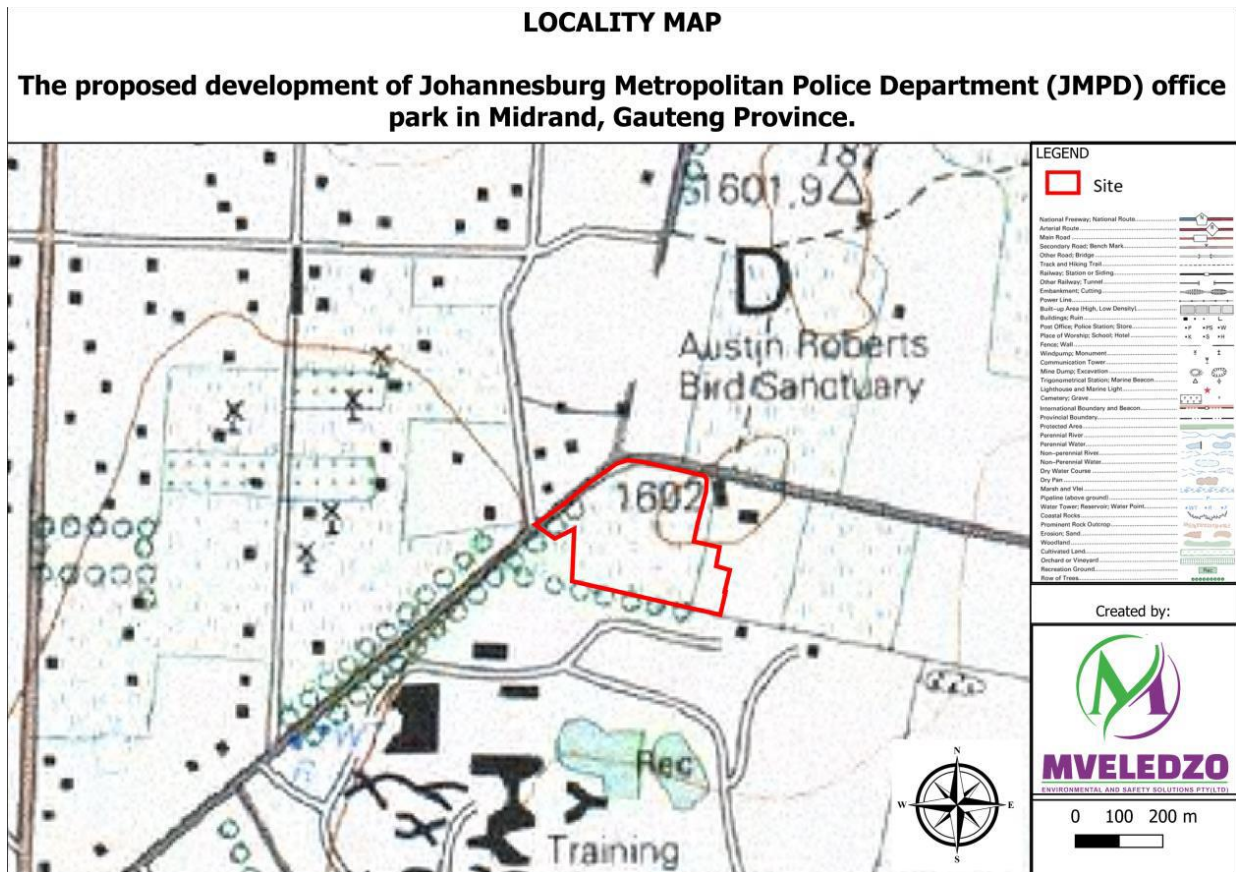


Figure 1: Project location



Figure 2: Close-up view of the study area (please note the completely disturbed landscape)



Photograph1 indicating the area earmarked for development



Photograph 2: Site characteristics (north)



Photograph 3: Site characteristics (south)

3. Findings

A site visit was conducted on 4 May 2022 and the following was observed. The described development is planned in an almost completely disturbed landscape. The entire study area has been altered by infrastructure development. The possibility of identifying heritage resources are extremely unlikely as anything that may have existed before, would not have survived.

It is therefore believed that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is not needed for this project. The chances of identifying heritage sites are extremely slim as the area is already disturbed. Resultantly all possible signs of heritage resources would have been demolished. Therefor it is very unlikely that any archaeological or cultural historical site or occurrence will be disturbed.

It is thus recommended that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) would not be necessary for the area and that exemption should be granted by the Provincial Heritage Authority of Gauteng (PHRAG).

The developer should however note that due to the nature of archaeological material, such sites, objects or features, as well as graves and burials may be uncovered during construction activities on site. In such a case work should cease immediately and an archaeologist/heritage practitioner should be contacted as a matter of urgency in order to assess such occurrences and make recommendations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "L. Marais".

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