



17 January 2014

Attention: Paulette Jacobs
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Dear Ms Jacobs

LETTER FOR EXEMPTION REQUEST: De Brough Estate on portion 172, 534, 535, 536 and 537 of the farm Waterkloof 305 JQ, Rustenburg, North West Province.

In reference to the SAHRA letter dated 12 December 2013 requesting an exemption letter from a heritage specialist, the following:

The site was visited on 16 January 2014. It was noted that almost the entire area has been developed and that it used to be agricultural lands. The agricultural activities most likely would have demolished any possible signs of earlier human activities. Photographs of the area were taken, confirming the status of development of the land (Figure 2-3).

It is therefore believed that an additional Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is not needed for this project. It is hereby confirmed that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) would not be necessary for the area and that exemption can be requested from the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA). It clear to me that no heritage resources are to be found on the impacted areas as it is completely disturbed.

Resultantly all possible signs of heritage resources would have been demolished. Therefore it is very unlikely that any archaeological or cultural historical site or occurrence will be or was disturbed.

I can therefore conclude that the project can be exempted from a HIA. This letter should therefore be submitted to the South African Heritage Resources Agency in order to receive exemption.

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 should be contacted as a matter of urgency in order to assess such occurrences.

I trust that you will find this in order.

Yours faithfully



Dr AC van Vollenhoven: Director



Figure 1 Track route within the surveyed area.



Figure 2 View of some of the buildings on site.



Figure 3 General view of the area showing old fields and a landscaped layout.