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With Reference: Phase 1 Archaeological and Heritage Impact Assessment on the farms Naauwpoort 335 JS and Klipfontein 322 JS in respect of the proposed establishment of a new 400kV substation and powerline near Emalahleni, Mpumalanga Province

Access to the largest part of the proposed power line route was restricted due to fencing and access negation. Therefore the servitude area within the fenced area could not be physically surveyed and an estimate regarding the existence of heritage sites was necessary. However, a relatively large part of the servitude area was visible through the fence by walking alongside it and no obvious heritage resources could be seen. Therefore, an estimate regarding the existence of heritage sites was provided. Taking into account that previous studies by heritage specialists indicated no significant heritage resources in the area and that the general area is already extensively affected by mining activity, it is assessed with a reasonable degree of certainty that the affected area does not contain any significant heritage resources.

However, archaeological remains are often located beneath the soil surface. It is therefore possible that cultural material or remains were not located and will only be revealed when the soil is disturbed. This is true for the area to which access was possible as much as to the area that was surveyed only visually. Should excavation or large-scale earth moving activities reveal any human skeletal remains, broken pieces of ceramic pottery, large quantities of sub-surface charcoal or any material that can be associated with previous occupation, a qualified archaeologist should be notified immediately.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JP Celliers', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

JP Celliers, Archaeologist