

Exemption of Phase 1 Archaeological and Palaeontological Impact Assessments for the construction of an Intermodal Facility at the Maseru Border Post, Free State Province*.

Farm: Portion 7 of the farm Platbergs Drift 926

District: Ladybrand

Map Ref.: 2927 AD & BC Kommissiepoort

Site Coordinates: 29°17'55.89"S 27°27'0.10"E
 29°18'0.66"S 27°27'0.84"E
 29°18'0.39"S 27°27'5.65"E
 29°17'55.12"S 27°27'5.77"E

The construction of a new Intermodal Facility is proposed on portion 7 of the farm Platbergs Drift 926. The site is situated at the Maseru Border Post in the Ladybrand District, Free State Province (Fig. 1). The proposed development will take place on approximately 2ha of unused agricultural land formerly altered by modern farming activities (Fig. 2 and 3). Potential archaeological impact at the proposed site is considered to be non-existent.

Potentially fossil-bearing Stormberg Group (Elliot Fm.) sediments underlie the affected area, but the likelihood of palaeontological impact below the existing agricultural overburden is considered to be extremely low.

It is recommended that a Phase 1 Archaeological and Palaeontological Impact Assessment are not required as a prerequisite for the planned developments.

Yours truly,



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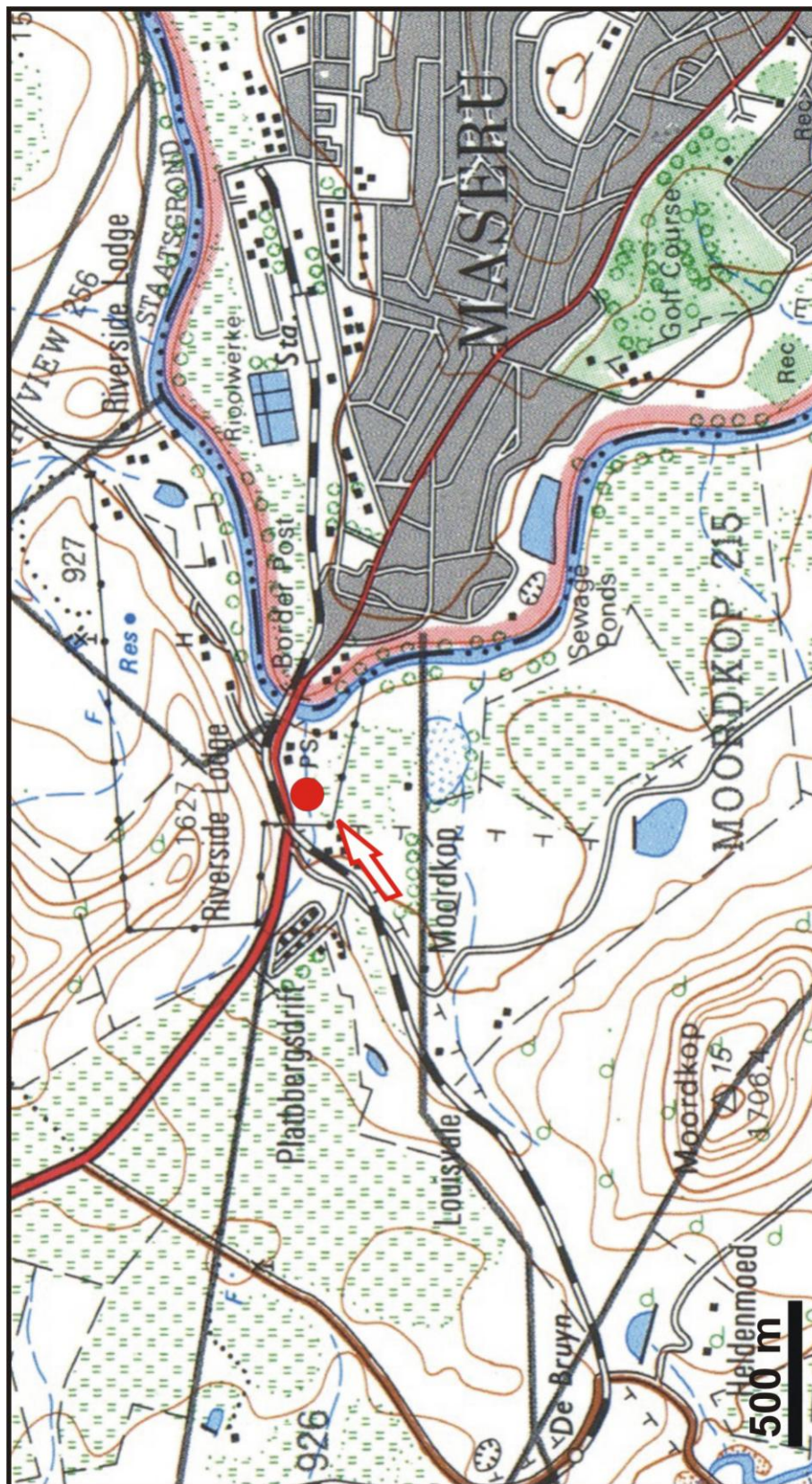


Figure 1. Portion of 1 : 50 000 topographic map 2927 AD & BC Kommissiepoort with site indicated in red.



Figure 2. Aerial photograph of the proposed site.

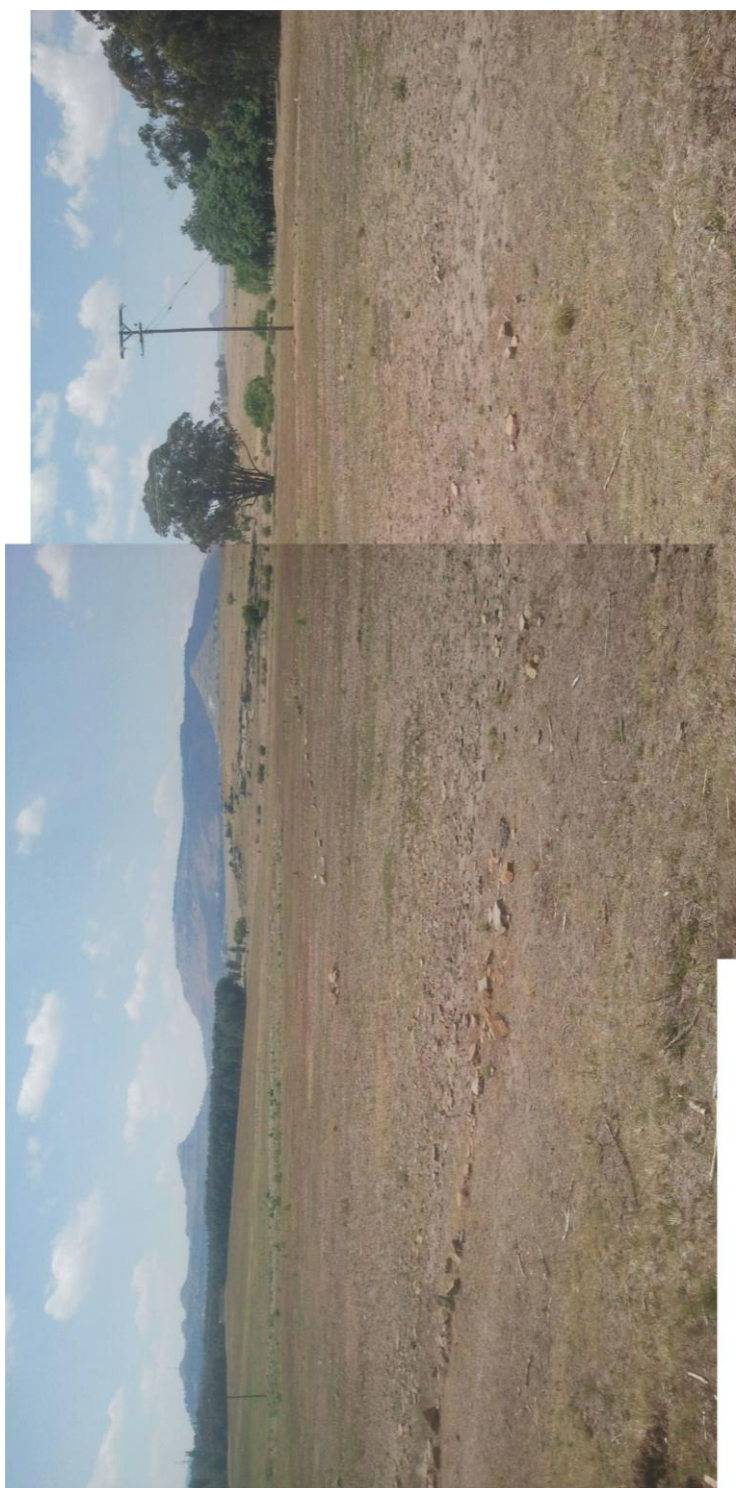


Figure 3. General view of the site. The substrate consists of fallow agricultural land.