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**TAUNG SKULL HERITAGE SITE
PROGRESS REPORT**

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1. INTRODUCTION

Endecon Ubuntu (Pty) Ltd (hereinafter referred to as Endecon) was appointed as the Implementing Agent for the ongoing projects at Taung Skull Heritage Site (hereinafter referred to as Taung Skull) by the Department of Rural, Environmental, and Agricultural Development of the North West Provincial Government (hereinafter referred to as READ) during March 2017 for a 2 year contract.

The Implementing Agents previously appointed for the projects at Taung Skull Heritage Site was Agri Delight, and prior to Agri Delight the appointed Implementing Agent was IDT.

The projects for which the contractors are already appointed are the following:

1. Construction of Trails
2. Construction of Perimeter Fencing
3. Construction of Power House
4. Construction of Mine Manager's Office
5. Construction of Ablution Facilities at Thomeng
6. Construction of Ablution Facilities at the Picnic Area

The majority of the already appointed contractors were terminated due to non-performance.

The proposed new projects are the following:

1. Construction of the Taung Skull Museum
2. Construction of the Auditorium
3. Construction of Restaurant
4. Restoration of Stone Miners' Cottage
5. Upgrading of Mine Compound
6. Upgrading of Geology Lab
7. Site Works

2. SITE LOCATION

Taung Skull Heritage Site is approximately 15,6km South-West of Taung and forms part of the Greater Taung Local Municipality. The heritage site can be accessed by driving West along the R372 from Taung to Reivilo for approximately 4km before turning south to. Approximately 7km south of the R372, turn west to Norlim, and continue 4km along this road to the access gate for the Taung Skull Heritage Site.

The GPS coordinates of the heritage site are:

27° 37' 24.96" S

24° 38' 02.44" E

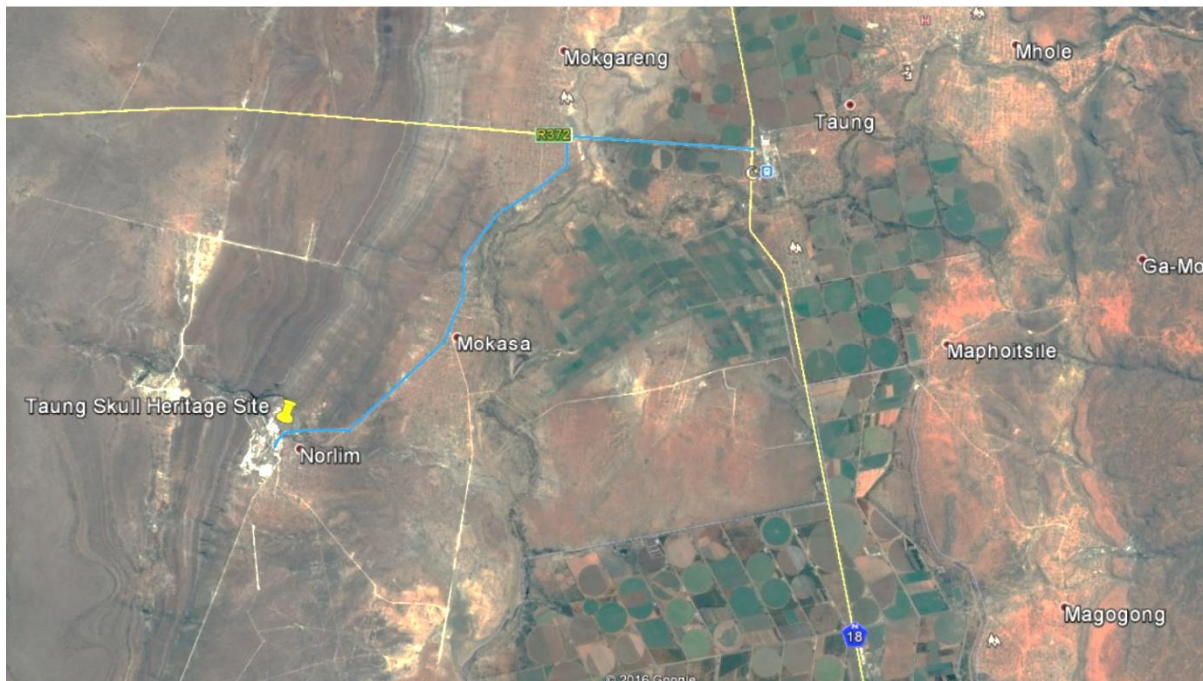


Figure 2-1: Access road to Taung Skull Heritage Site



Figure 2-2: Site layout

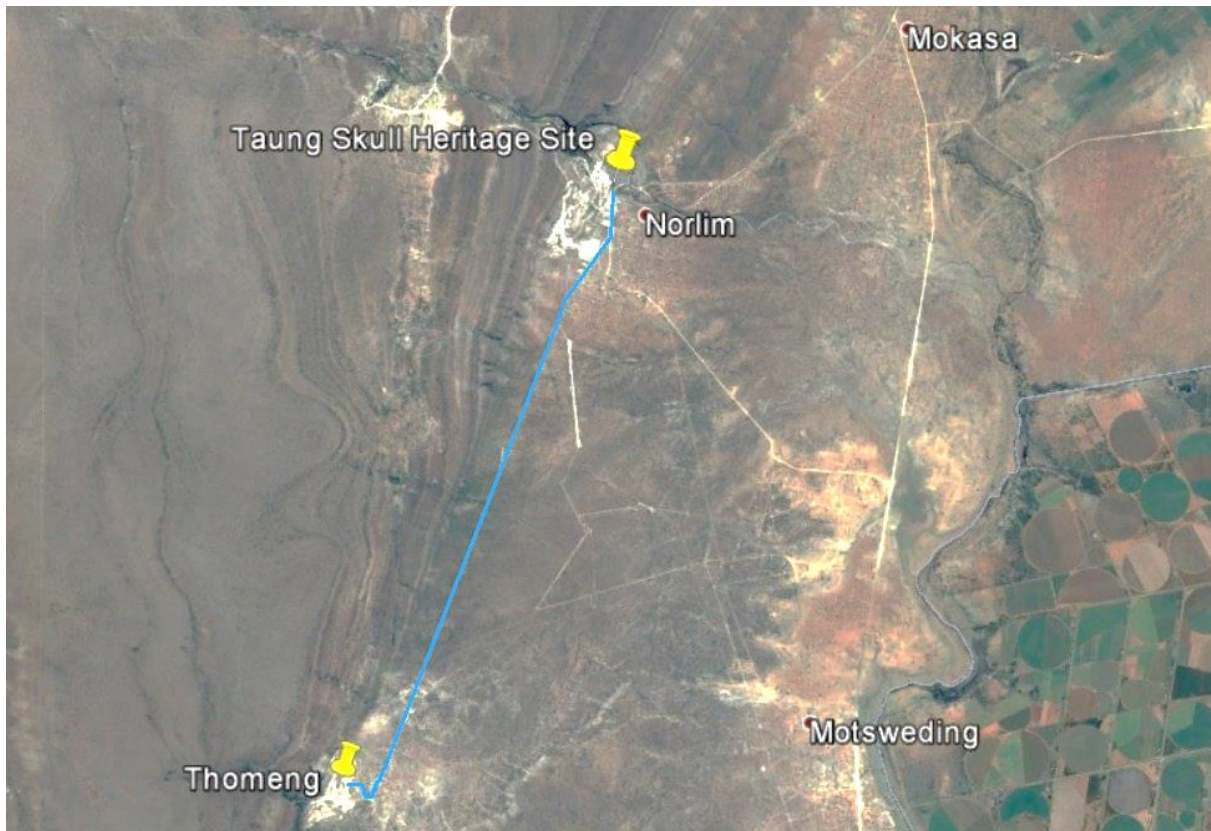


Figure 2-3: Road to Thomeng

3. PROGRESS

3.1. Power House

The following items were completed on the Powerhouse Project:

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| 1. Inception, Site Inspection and Scope determination: | 15 March 2017 |
| 2. Drafting of drawings: | 9 May 2017 |
| 3. Drafting of Bills of Quantities: | 14 June 2017 |
| 4. Negotiations with existing contractor: | 21 June 2017 |
| 5. Termination of existing contractor: | 4 August 2017 |
| 6. Site Briefing to appoint a new contractor: | 31 August 2017 |
| 7. Tender closing: | 14 September 2017 |
| 8. Tender evaluation submitted: | 28 September 2017 |
| 9. Appointment of contractor: | 20 October 2017 |
| 10. Site handover: | Proposed for 25 October 2017 |



3.2. Mine Manager's Office

The following items were completed on the Mine Manager's office:

1. Inception, Site Inspection and Scope determination: 15 March 2017
2. Drafting of drawings: 9 May 2017
3. Drafting of Bills of Quantities: 7 July 2017
4. Negotiations with existing contractor: 7 July 2017
5. Termination of existing contractor: 4 August 2017
6. Site Briefing to appoint a new contractor: 31 August 2017
7. Tender closing: 14 September 2017
8. Tender evaluation submitted: 28 September 2017
9. Appointment of contractor: 18 October 2017
10. Site handover: Proposed for 25 October 2017



3.3. Picnic Ablution

The following items were completed on the Picnic Ablution:

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|--|------------------------------|
| 1. Inception, Site Inspection and Scope determination: | 15 March 2017 |
| 2. Drafting of drawings: | 9 May 2017 |
| 3. Drafting of Bills of Quantities: | 31 May 2017 |
| 4. Negotiations with existing contractor: | 21 June 2017 |
| 5. Termination of existing contractor: | 4 August 2017 |
| 6. Site Briefing to appoint a new contractor: | 31 August 2017 |
| 7. Tender closing: | 14 September 2017 |
| 8. Tender evaluation submitted: | 28 September 2017 |
| 9. Appointment of contractor: | 18 October 2017 |
| 10. Site handover: | Proposed for 25 October 2017 |



3.4. Hiking Trails

The following items were completed on the Hiking Trails:

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| 1. Inception, Site Inspection and Scope determination: | 15 March 2017 |
| 2. Negotiations with existing contractor: | 21 June 2017 |
| 3. Termination of existing contractor: | 4 August 2017 |
| 4. Site Briefing to appoint a new contractor: | 12 October 2017 |
| 5. Tender closing: | 1 November 2017 |



3.5. Thomeng Ablution

The following items were completed on the Thomeng Ablution:

1. Inception, Site Inspection and Scope determination: 15 March 2017
2. Drafting of drawings: 24 July 2017
3. Drafting of Bills of Quantities: 22 August 2017
4. Negotiations with existing contractor: 5 October 2017
5. Appointment of contractor: 18 October 2017
6. Site handover: 18 October 2017
7. Setting out of new building 18 October 2017
8. Clearing of Site Boulders 20 October 2017



3.6. Fencing

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|--|-----------------|
| 1. Inception, Site Inspection and Scope determination: | 15 March 2017 |
| 2. Negotiations with existing contractor: | 21 June 2017 |
| 3. Termination of existing contractor: | 4 August 2017 |
| 4. Site Briefing to appoint a new contractor: | 12 October 2017 |
| 5. Tender closing: | 1 November 2017 |



3.7. Stone Miner's Cottage

The following items were completed on the Stone Miner's Cottage:

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|--|------------------------------|
| 1. Inception, Site Inspection and Scope determination: | 15 March 2017 |
| 2. Drafting of drawings: | 20 July 2017 |
| 3. Drafting of Bills of Quantities: | 13 September 2017 |
| 4. Site Briefing to appoint a new contractor: | 15 September 2017 |
| 5. Tender closing: | 29 September 2017 |
| 6. Tender evaluation submitted: | 17 October 2017 |
| 7. Appointment of contractor: | 20 October 2017 |
| 8. Site handover: | Proposed for 25 October 2017 |



3.8. Miner's Compound

The following items were completed on the Miner's Compound:

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| 1. Inception, Site Inspection and Scope determination: | 15 March 2017 |
| 2. Drafting of drawings: | 20 October 2017 |
| 3. Drafting of Bills of Quantities: | 25 October 2017 |
| 4. Site Briefing to appoint a new contractor: | 27 October 2017 |
| 5. Tender closing: | 3 November 2017 |
| 6. Tender evaluation submitted: | 7 November 2017 |



3.9. Museum

The following items were completed on the Hiking Trails:

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|--|-----------------|
| 1. Inception, Site Inspection and Scope determination: | 15 March 2017 |
| 2. Drafting of drawings: | 27 June 2017 |
| 3. Drafting of Bills of Quantities: | 22 August 2017 |
| 4. Tender submitted: | 17 October 2017 |
| 5. Appointment of contractor: | 18 October 2017 |
| 6. Site handover: | 18 October 2017 |
| 7. Setting out of new building | 18 October 2017 |



4. GENERAL

The majority of the existing contractors were terminated due to non-performance. The department had to draft tenders for the work in order to appoint new contractors. The construction of the Museum and the Thomeng Waterfall Ablution started and the contractors committed to complete by latest April 2018. The Powerhouse, Mine Manager's Office and Picnic Ablution appointments are made on 20 October 2017 and we estimate that site handovers will be done by next week.

