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ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

BY ARCHAEOLOGIST OF HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY

REVIEW COMMENT ON

South Africa has a unique and non-renewable archaeological heritage. Archaeological sites are protected in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No 25 of 1999) and may not be disturbed without a permit. Archaeological Impact Assessments (AIAs) identify and assess the significance of the sites, assess the potential impact of developments upon such sites, and make recommendations concerning mitigation and management of these sites. On the basis of satisfactory specialist reports SAHRA or the relevant heritage resources agency can assess whether or not it has objection to a development and indicate the conditions upon which such development might proceed and assess whether or not to issue permission to destroy such sites.
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C. **AUTHOR(S) OF REPORT:** *Dr J van Schalkwyk* .....
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D. **DATE OF REPORT:** *March 2005*.....

E. **TITLE OF REPORT:** *Heritage Impact Assessment: Portion 5 of the farm Boschrand 283JT (Riverside)* .....
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F. Please circle as relevant: Archaeological component of EIA / EMP / HIA / CMP Other (Specify).....

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REVIEW COMMENT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

J van Schalkwyk
27 March 2005

Heritage Impact Assessment: Portion 5 of the farm Boschrand 283JT (Riverside)

This report assesses the heritage of farm Boschrand, located immediately east of the R40, on the northern outskirts of Nelspruit on the way to Witrivier. The report notes that there are no obvious features, sites or artefacts of cultural significance that would be impacted on by the proposed development. However, as the vegetation is very dense in some of the areas surveyed, any archaeological sites or graves exposed during construction work should be reported immediately to an archaeologist.

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorite supports these recommendations and has no objection to development in terms of section 35 of the NHRA.

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