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ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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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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- A. PROVINCE: Mpumalanga.....
- B. REGIONAL MANAGER : Mr N January/ Mr G Tshivhalavhala
- C. AUTHOR(S) OF REPORT: Dr. U. Kusel PO. Box 652 Magalieskruin G150
- D. DATE OF REPORT: November 2005.....
- E. TITLE OF REPORT: Phase 1 Cultural Heritage Resources Impact Assessment of Portions 5 of Donkerpoort 406 KR Modimole
- F. Please circle as relevant: Archaeological component of EIA / EMP / HIA / CMP Other (Specify).....
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REVIEW COMMENT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT*Dr. U. Küsel**November 2005, Received 6 April 2006****Phase 1 Cultural Heritage Resources Impact Assessment of portions 5 of Donkerpoort 406 KR Modimole, Mupumalanga***

This report assesses the cultural heritage resources of the site Donkerpoort 406 KR, Modimole. The Van der Venter cemetery, well maintained and fenced, contains thirty three graves of which half are unmarked and the oldest is dated 1921. A typical three-roomed pioneer farmhouse with wooden beams in the horizontal roof that have been hand cut in the beginning of the 20th century, also occurs on the property. Both these finds are older than sixty years old are thus protected by the Nation Heritage Resources Act No.25 of 1999.

The recommendation of the specialist is that the cemetery and the small farmhouse be properly recorded, documented and protected as heritage features in the new development. A proper heritage management plan must be compiled and implemented to safeguard the two heritage sites.

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorite unit supports the recommendations of the specialist. Should sites, graves or other features be found during construction or mining, an archaeologist should be alerted immediately.

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