

NOTICE 2464 OF 2004
DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE
SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY

DECLARATION OF HERITAGE RESOURCES AS NATIONAL HERITAGE SITES
THE FOSSIL HOMINID SITES OF SOUTH AFRICA

In terms of section 27 of the National Heritage Resources Act, No. 25 of 1999, the South African Heritage Resources Agency hereby declares the *Fossil Hominid Sites of South Africa*, fully described in the schedule, as a National Heritage Site.

Schedule

The fossil sites demarcated as a National Heritage Site are described as follows:

Fossil Site Name	Farm	Portion	Province	SG Diagram	Figure	Extent	Deed of Transfer
Bols Farm	Sterkfontein 173 IQ	12	Gauteng	2289/2004	ABCDEA	5,6443 hectares	T761/1975
	Sterkfontein 173 IQ	32	Gauteng	2293/2004	ABCDEA	30,2924 hectares	T88258/2000
	Sterkfontein 173 IQ	38	Gauteng	2290/2004	ABCOA	1,6257 hectares	T46118/2003
Coopers	Zwartkrans 172 IQ	2	Gauteng	2288/2004	ABCOEFA	5,0097 hectares	T76043/1989
Drimolen	Sterkfontein 518 JQ	24	Gauteng	2298/2004	ABCOA	3,7027 hectares	T38895/1997
Gladysvale	Uitkomst 499 JQ		Gauteng	2298/2004	ABCD A	3,0134 hectares	T21567/1978
Gondolin	Broederstroom 481 JQ	224 & Rem 112	North West	2295/2004	ABCDEA	3,6442 hectares	T17208/1071 T63623/1988
Haaagat	Leeuwenkloof 480 JQ	46 & Rem 3	North West	2294/2004	ABCOA	3,0351 hectares	T56928/1981
Kromdraai	Kromdraai 520 JQ	5	Gauteng	2299/2004	ABCDEFGA	2,7587 hectares	T12309/1985
Minnaars	Daniëlerust 518 JQ (previously 617 JQ)	Rem 8 (previously portion 17)	Gauteng	2297/2004	ABCD A	8592 square metres	T25972/1975
Motaotse	Twaafontein 623 JQ	Rem 6	Gauteng	2301/2004	ABCD A	6708 square metres	T57920/2002
Plover's Lake	Kromdraai 520 JQ	62 & 47	Gauteng	2300/2004	ABCDEF GH JKA	5,7022 hectares	T80242/190 T2189/1989
Sterkfontein	Zwartkrans 172 IQ	65 (previously 1)	Gauteng	2292/2004	ABCOEA	17,1314 hectares	T20082/1958
Swartkrans	Zwartkrans 172 IQ	65 (previously R)	Gauteng	2291/2004	ABCD A	3,0904 hectares	T23384/1968

Significance

This series of fossil sites is one of the most important in the world for the study of human evolution in the context of changing ecological and biological processes. Collectively, they are of national and international significance because they encapsulate a superbly preserved record of the fauna that lived in this part of southern Africa over the past 4 million years, including an invaluable record of stages in the emergence and evolution of our early ancestors and their relatives.

Previous Notices in terms of the National Monuments Act (Act No 26 of 1988) and the Historical Monuments, Relics and Antiquities Act, 1934 (Act No 4 of 1934)

The following notices relating to the declaration of Kromdraai, Sterkfontein and Swartkrans as National Monuments are hereby withdrawn:

Notice No 2494, Gazette No 14251 dated 4 September 1982;

Notice No 622 dated 11 March 1946, Gazette No 3519 dated 22 March 1946;

Notice No 514, Gazette No 477 dated 11 April 1963;

Notice No 2293, Gazette No 3571 dated 23 November 1945.

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