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**VERKLARING VAN NASIONALE GEDENK-  
WAARDIGHEID**

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Kragtens die bevoegdheid my verleen by artikel 10 (1) van die Wet op Nasionale Gedenkwaardighede, 1969 (Wet 28 van 1969), verklaar ek, Johannes Petrus van der Spuy, Minister van Nasionale Opvoeding, hierby die terrein met die Martello-toring daarop, te Simonstad, tot nasionale gedenkwaardigheid.

*Beskrywing*

Die terrein, voorgestel deur die figuur A B C D E, met die Martello-toring daarop, geleë in die Ooswerf van die hawegebied van Simonstad, soos aangedui op Kaart 175/68 van die Werke-afdeling van die Suid-Afrikaanse Vloot en geliasseer by die Departement van Verdediging en op lêer 4/K/S-T/1 van die Raad vir Nasionale Gedenkwaardighede.

*Historiese en Argitektoniese Belang*

Hierdie Martello-toring is in 1796 op bevel van sir James Craig opgerig vir die doeltreffender verdediging van Simonstad. Daar word beweer dat dit die oudste Britse struktuur in sy soort in die wêreld is en ook die eerste gebou wat na die Britse besetting van die Kaap opgerig is. Die Martello-toring is sirkelvormig met 'n muur ses voet dik en 'n hoogte van ongeveer 25 voet.

J. P. VAN DER SPUY, Minister van Nasionale Opvoeding.

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**DECLARATION OF A NATIONAL MONUMENT**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by section 10 (1) of the National Monuments Act, 1969 (Act 28 of 1969), I, Johannes Petrus van der Spuy, Minister of National Education, hereby declare the site with the Martello Tower thereon, at Simonstown, to be a national monument.

*Description*

The site, represented by the figure A B C D E, with the Martello Tower thereon, situated in the East Yard of the harbour area of Simonstown, as shown on Map 175/68 of the Works Division of the South African Navy and filed at the Department of Defence and on File 4/K/S-T/1 of the National Monuments Council.

*Historical and Architectural Interest*

The Martello Tower was erected in 1796 on Sir James Craig's orders, to make the defence system of Simonstown more effective. It is claimed that this is the oldest British structure of its kind in the world and also the first building to be erected after the British occupation of the Cape. The Martello Tower is circular with a wall six feet thick and about 25 feet in height.

J. P. VAN DER SPUY, Minister of National Education.

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