



6 June 2017

**Attention: Tebogo Molokomme**

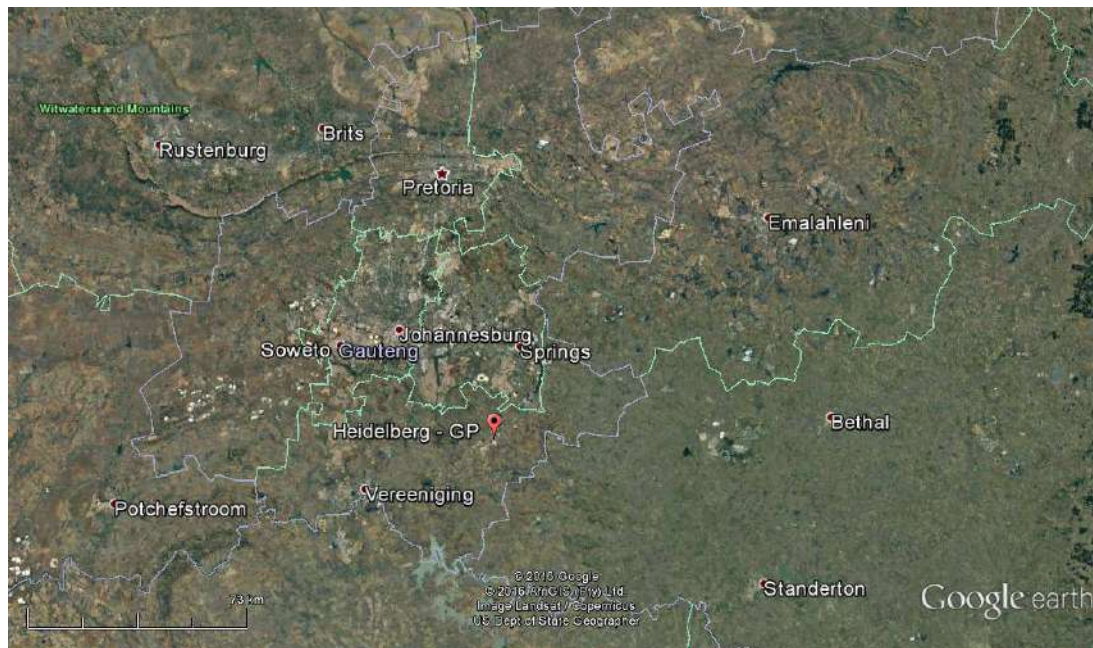
**PROVINCIAL HERITAGE RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF GAUTENG (PHRA-G)**

Dear Ms Molokomme

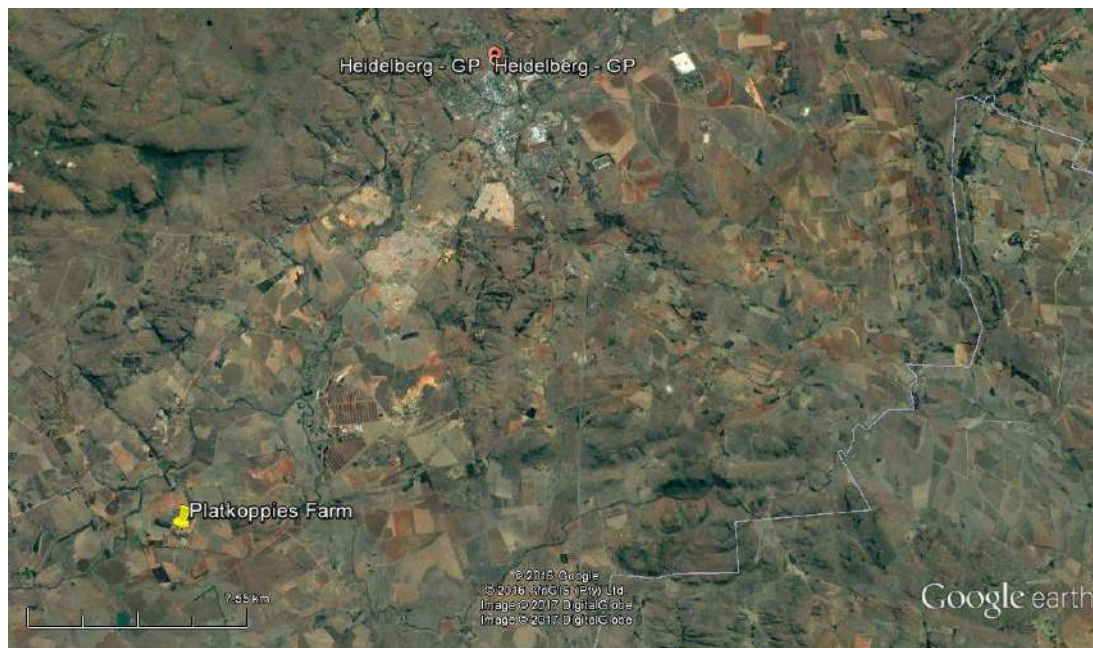
**LETTER FOR HIA EXEMPTION REQUEST: PLATKOPPIES PIGGERY, HEIDELBERG, GAUTENG PROVINCE**

The above mentioned project refers. The project is located on the Remaining Extent of farm Platkoppie 420 IR. This is close to the town of Heidelberg in the Gauteng Province (Figure 1-2).

The application forms part of a Basic Assessment process. The size of the development is approximately 16 ha. The proposed project involves the expansion of the existing piggery on the farm, consisting of a manure dam and a breeding facility, weaner facility and a grower facility (Figure 3).



**Figure 1: Location of Heidelberg in the Gauteng Province.**



**Figure 2: Location of Platkoppies farm in relation to Heidelberg.**



**Figure 3: Detail of the development.**



It is my opinion that the project may be exempted from doing a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA). The following is applicable:

The site was visited on 6 June 2017 (Figure 4). It was noted that the areas where the three facilities will be built, have already been disturbed (Figure 5-8). This was done in preparation for these facilities a few years back, but the project did not materialise and therefore the studies are repeated now. Environmental Authorisation was obtained on 17 September 2008; Ref: Gaut 002/07-08/N1026.

Certain sections consist of open areas and others of weeds and grass, a clear indication of the disturbance. Only disturbed natural vegetation is present on the site – impacted as a result of agricultural activities e.g. grazing, etc. The area where the dam is to be built is very open, the grass short and dense (Figure 9). It also seems as if it may have been disturbed in the past. The chances therefore of finding any heritage related features are indeed extremely slim. Accordingly nothing of heritage significance was found during the site visit.

It is therefore believed that an additional Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is not needed for this project. This letter serves as an exemption request to the Provincial Heritage Resources Agency of Gauteng (PHRA-G).

The developer should however note that due to the nature of archaeological material, such sites, objects or features, as well as graves and burials may be uncovered during construction activities on site. In such a case work should cease immediately and an archaeologist should be contacted as a matter of urgency in order to assess such occurrences.



**Figure 4: Track route of the survey.**



**Figure 5: Google Earth image indicating disturbance in the four areas surveyed.**



**Figure 6: View of the site for the grower facility.**



**Figure 7: View of the site for the weaner facility.**



**Figure 8: View of the site for the breeding facility.**





**Figure 9: View of the site for the manure dam.**

Public consultation (Figure 10-11) is handled by the Environmental Impact Assessment Practitioner, namely Adienvironmental, who can be contacted via Adie Erasmus at e-mail: [adie@adienvironmental.co.za](mailto:adie@adienvironmental.co.za)



**Figure 10: Site notice.**



Figure 11: Detail of site notice.

**Recommendation:**

**That the development be exempted by the PHRA-G from doing an HIA.**

I trust that you will find this in order.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.C. van Vollenhoven', written in a cursive style.

Prof AC van Vollenhoven: Director



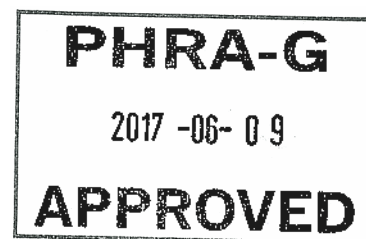


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**Record of Decision:**

**Letter for HIA Exemption Request: Platkoppies Piggery, Heidelberg, Gauteng Province**

Dear Applicant,

1. This serves to confirm that the above-mentioned application was discussed by the PHRA-G Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) Committee on Friday, 09 June 2017.
2. After reviewing your HIA Exemption report, the Committee has made the following decision:
  - It **AGREES** with the contents of the report and the proposed development can therefore proceed.
  - It was noted that there was nothing of heritage significance found on site during the site inspection.
3. The approval of the proposed project is subject to the following conditions:
  - a) The applicant/developer must adhere to all recommendations by the heritage consultant.
  - b) At any stage during the development, PHRA-G has the authority to visit or check the site.
  - c) If it should happen that anything/plan change during the development, you are requested to come back to the committee to get the permission.
  - d) Any graves, archaeological and palaeontological matters must be addressed with the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), as such matters are not within the PHRA-G's jurisdiction.

- e) Should any archaeological artefacts and graves be discovered during the development, the development must be halted and a Heritage Specialist must be called to investigate the findings before the development can proceed. Alert the South African Heritage Resources Agency at this number: 021 462 4502.
- f) The Registered Interested and Affected Parties, who have been part of the initial Public Participation process, can appeal this decision within 14 days from the receipt of this letter, to [tebogo.molokomme@gauteng.gov.za](mailto:tebogo.molokomme@gauteng.gov.za). The PHRA-G Reference number and the name of the project must be clearly quoted in the letter.
- g) An A3 copy of this permit must be displayed on the main street façade and the most accessible side of the property for the 14 day appeal period.
- h) Please note that PHRA-G does not allow any display of permits or any kind of Public Participation process to take place between the 15 December of the current year and 15 January of the succeeding year.
- i) The approval is valid for two years after date of issue and not transferable.
- j) This approval does not exempt the applicant from obtaining other necessary authority approvals as prescribed by other relevant legislation and regulations.
- k) PHRA-G may not be held responsible for any costs or losses incurred in the event of the suspension or retraction of this approval for any reason.

Kind Regards



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Ms T. Molokomme  
Deputy Director



For the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) Committee  
**Provincial Heritage Resources Authority – Gauteng (PHRA-G)**