

**Phase 1 Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment:**

**THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION WITHOUT BULK SAMPLING FOR THE PROSPECTING OF DIAMONDS (ALLUVIAL) NEAR BLOEMHOF ON PORTION 3 (PORTION 1) OF THE FARM BOSCHPAN 339, THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 8 (PORTION 1), PORTION 9 (PORTION 1) PORTION 10 (PORTION 1) AND PORTION 17 (PORTION 1) OF THE FARM PANFONTEIN 270,**

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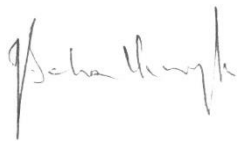
**SPECIALIST DECLARATION**

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I, J A van Schalkwyk, as the appointed independent specialist, in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations (as amended), hereby declare that I:

- I act as the independent specialist in this application;
- I perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
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- I have ensured that the comments of all interested and affected parties on the specialist input/study were considered, recorded and submitted to the competent authority in respect of the application;
- all the particulars furnished by me in this specialist input/study are true and correct; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

Signature of the specialist



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November 2020

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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In accordance with Section 38 of the NHRA, an independent heritage consultant was appointed by *Milnex CC Environmental Consultants* to conduct a cultural heritage assessment to determine if the prospecting activities would have an impact on any sites, features or objects of cultural heritage significance.

This report describes the methodology used, the limitations encountered, the heritage features that were identified and the recommendations and mitigation measures proposed relevant to this. The HIA consisted of a desktop study (archival sources, database survey, maps and aerial imagery) and a physical survey that included the interviewing of relevant people. It should be noted that the implementation of the mitigation measures is subject to SAHRA/PHRA's approval.

The cultural landscape qualities of the region are made up of a pre-colonial element consisting of Stone Age and a much later colonial (farmer) component, which eventually gave rise to an urban component which manifest in a number of towns.

#### Identified sites

During the survey, the following sites, features or objects of cultural significance were identified.

- 7.1.1 Change finds: Stone Age artefacts, dating to the Middle Stone Age occur in low numbers along the rims of the various pans located in the project area. The tools are mostly made from hardened shale, although some are of quartzite. Typical tools include points and some side-struck tools.
- 7.3.1 Informal burial site with approximately 12 graves. The graves are only marked with stone cairns and no headstones with inscriptions were identified. The graves probably belong to former farm labourers and date to the period prior to 1950 when the Nature Reserve was established.
- 7.3.2 An unknown number of graves marked only with stone cairns. The remains of what seems to be the foundations of a number of rectangular structures also occur adjacent to the graves. A large excavation, either for diamond mining or a borrow pit, is located on the southern side. This site can possibly be linked to the old Panfontein farmstead, now located just on the outside of the nature reserve, across a regional road.

#### Impact assessment and proposed mitigation measures

Impact analysis of cultural heritage resources under threat of the proposed prospecting activities is based on the present understanding of the project:

Site No.	Site type	NHRA category	Field rating	Impact rating: Before/After mitigation
7.1.1	Archaeological resources	Section 35	Generally protected 4C: Low significance - Requires no further recording before destruction.	Low (14)
Mitigation: (5) No further action required				

Site No.	Site type	NHRA category	Field rating	Impact rating: Before/After mitigation
7.3.1	Graves, cemeteries and burial grounds	Section 36	Generally protected: High significance – Grade IV-A	Medium (48)
7.3.2	Graves, cemeteries and burial grounds	Section 36	Generally protected: High significance – Grade IV-A	Low (30)
Mitigation: (1) Avoidance/Preserve: This is viewed to be the primary form of mitigation and the site should be retained <i>in situ</i> and a buffer zone should be created around it, either temporary (by means of danger tape) or permanently (wire fence or built wall).				

### Legal requirements

The legal requirements related to heritage specifically are specified in Section 3 of this report. For this proposed project, the assessment has determined that sites, features or objects of heritage significance occur in the project area.

- If the identified graves are to be relocated for the purposes of the diamond prospecting activities, proper procedures must be followed after obtaining all the necessary permits – see Section 12.4.
- If heritage features are identified during construction, as stated in the management recommendation, these finds would have to be assessed by a specialist, after which a decision will be made regarding the application for relevant permits.

### Reasoned opinion as to whether the proposed activity should be authorised:

- From a heritage point of view, it is recommended that the proposed prospecting activities be allowed to continue on acceptance of the mitigation measures and the conditions proposed below.

### Conditions for inclusion in the environmental authorisation:

- The Palaeontological Sensitivity Map (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/map/palaeo>) indicate that most of the eastern section of the project area has a high sensitivity of fossil remains to be found and therefore a desktop study is required. Based on the outcome of that, a field assessment is likely. The western section has a low sensitivity of fossil remains to be found and therefore no palaeontological assessment is required. However, a protocol for finds is required.
- Should archaeological sites or graves be exposed during construction work, it must immediately be reported to a heritage practitioner so that an investigation and evaluation of the finds can be made.




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**TECHNICAL SUMMARY**

Project description	
Description	A prospecting right application with bulk sampling
Project name	BAR189PR – Prospecting Right Application

Applicant
Xanado Trade or Investment 184 (Pty) Ltd

Environmental assessors
Milnex CC
Ms L Esterhuizen

Property details													
Province	North West												
Magisterial district	Bloemhof												
District municipality	Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati												
Topo-cadastral map	2725CB												
Farm name	Boschpan 339HO, Panfontein 270HO												
Closest town	Bloemhof												
Coordinates	Centre point (approximate)												
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Development criteria in terms of Section 38(1) of the NHR Act	Yes/No
Construction of road, wall, power line, pipeline, canal or other linear form of development or barrier exceeding 300m in length	No
Construction of bridge or similar structure exceeding 50m in length	No
Development exceeding 5000 sq m	Yes
Development involving three or more existing erven or subdivisions	No
Development involving three or more erven or divisions that have been consolidated within past five years	No
Rezoning of site exceeding 10 000 sq m	No
Any other development category, public open space, squares, parks, recreation grounds	No

Land use	
Previous land use	Farming/Diamond mining
Current land use	Nature reserve

<sup>1</sup> Left click on the icon to open the file in Google Earth, if installed on the computer. Alternatively, right click on the icon. In dialog box, select "Save Embedded File to Disk" and save to folder of choice.

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## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

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### **TERMS**

**Bioturbation:** The burrowing by small mammals, insects and termites that disturb archaeological deposits.

**Cumulative impacts:** “Cumulative Impact”, in relation to an activity, means the past, current and reasonably foreseeable future impact of an activity, considered together with the impact of activities associated with that activity, that in itself may not be significant, but may become significant when added to existing and reasonably foreseeable impacts eventuating from similar or diverse activities.

**Debitage:** Stone chips discarded during the manufacture of stone tools.

**Factory site:** A specialised archaeological site where a specific set of technological activities has taken place – usually used to describe a place where stone tools were made.

**Historic Period:** Since the arrival of the white settlers - c. AD 1830 - in this part of the country.

**Holocene:** The most recent time period, which commenced c. 10 000 years ago.

**Iron Age** (also referred to as **Early Farming Communities**): Period covering the last 1800 years, when new people brought a new way of life to southern Africa. They established settled villages, cultivated domestic crops such as sorghum, millet and beans, and they herded cattle as well as sheep and goats. As they produced their own iron tools, archaeologists call this the Iron Age.

Early Iron Age	AD 200 - AD 900
Middle Iron Age	AD 900 - AD 1300
Later Iron Age	AD 1300 - AD 1830

**Midden:** The accumulated debris resulting from human occupation of a site.

**Mitigation,** means to anticipate and prevent negative impacts and risks, then to minimise them, rehabilitate or repair impacts to the extent feasible.

**National Estate:** The collective heritage assets of the Nation.

**Pleistocene:** Geological time period of 3 000 000 to 20 000 years ago.

**Stone Age:** The first and longest part of human history is the Stone Age, which began with the appearance of early humans between 3-2 million years ago. Stone Age people were hunters, gatherers and scavengers who did not live in permanently settled communities. Their stone tools preserve well and are found in most places in South Africa and elsewhere.

Early Stone Age	2 500 000 - 250 000 Before Present
Middle Stone Age	250 000 - 40 000 - 25 000 BP
Later Stone Age	40-25 000 - until c. AD 200

**Tradition:** As used in archaeology, it is a seriated sequence of artefact assemblages, particularly ceramics.

### **ACRONYMS and ABBREVIATIONS**

AD	Anno Domini (the year 0)
ASAPA	Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists



BC	Before the Birth of Christ (the year 0)
BCE	Before the Common Era (the year 0)
BP	Before Present (calculated from 1950 when radio-carbon dating was established)
CE	Common Era (the year 0)
CRM	Cultural Resources Management
CS-G	Chief Surveyor-General
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
EIA	Early Iron Age
EMPr	Environmental Management Programme
ESA	Early Stone Age
HIA	Heritage Impact Assessment
I & AP's	Interested and Affected Parties
ICOMOS	International Council on Monuments and Sites
LIA	Late Iron Age
LSA	Later Stone Age
MIA	Middle Iron Age
MSA	Middle Stone Age
NASA	National Archives of South Africa
NHRA	National Heritage Resources Act
PHRA	Provincial Heritage Resources Agency
SAHRA	South African Heritage Resources Agency
SAHRIS	South African Heritage Resources Information System
WUL	Water Use License

**COMPLIANCE WITH APPENDIX 6 OF THE 2014 EIA REGULATIONS (AS AMENDED)**

<b>Requirements of Appendix 6 – GN R982</b>	<b>Addressed in the Specialist Report</b>
1. (1) A specialist report prepared in terms of these Regulations must contain-	
a) details of-	
i. the specialist who prepared the report; and	Front page
ii. the expertise of that specialist to compile a specialist report including a curriculum vitae;	Page i Addendum Section 5
b) a declaration that the specialist is independent in a form as may be specified by the competent authority;	Page ii
c) an indication of the scope of, and the purpose for which, the report was prepared;	Section 1
(cA) an indication of the quality and age of base data used for the specialist report;	Section 4
(cB) a description of existing impacts on the site, cumulative impacts of the proposed development and levels of acceptable change;	Section 7
d) the duration, date and season of the site investigation and the relevance of the season to the outcome of the assessment;	Section 4.2.2
e) a description of the methodology adopted in preparing the report or carrying out the specialised process inclusive of equipment and modelling used;	Section 4
f) details of an assessment of the specific identified sensitivity of the site related to the proposed activity or activities and its associated structures and infrastructure, inclusive of a site plan identifying site alternatives;	Section 7; Figure 14
g) an identification of any areas to be avoided, including buffers;	Section 8
h) a map superimposing the activity including the associated structures and infrastructure on the environmental sensitivities of the site including areas to be avoided, including buffers;	Figure 14 Section 7
i) a description of any assumptions made and any uncertainties or gaps in knowledge;	Section 2
j) a description of the findings and potential implications of such findings on the impact of the proposed activity or activities;	Section 7
k) any mitigation measures for inclusion in the EMPr;	Section 8 & 10
l) any conditions for inclusion in the environmental authorisation;	Section 10
m) any monitoring requirements for inclusion in the EMPr or environmental authorisation;	Section 9
n) a reasoned opinion-	
i. whether the proposed activity, activities or portions thereof should be authorised;	Section 10
(iA) regarding the acceptability of the proposed activity or activities; and	
ii. if the opinion is that the proposed activity, activities or portions thereof should be authorised, any avoidance, management and mitigation measures that should be included in the EMPr, and where applicable, the closure plan;	Section 8, 10
o) a description of any consultation process that was undertaken during the course of preparing the specialist report;	-
p) a summary and copies of any comments received during any consultation process and where applicable all responses thereto; and	-
q) any other information requested by the competent authority.	-
(2) Where a government notice by the Minister provides for any protocol or minimum information requirement to be applied to a specialist report, the requirements as indicated in such notice will apply.	-

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Background**

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South Africa's heritage resources, also described as the 'national estate', comprise a wide range of sites, features, objects and beliefs. However, according to Section 27(18) of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), No. 25 of 1999, no person may destroy, damage, deface, excavate, alter, remove from its original position, subdivide or change the planning status of any heritage site without a permit issued by the heritage resources authority responsible for the protection of such site.

In accordance with Section 38 of the NHRA, an independent heritage consultant was appointed by *Milnex CC Environmental Consultants* to conduct a cultural heritage assessment to determine if the prospecting activities would have an impact on any sites, features or objects of cultural heritage significance.

This report forms part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as required by the EIA Regulations in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended and is intended for submission to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA).

### **1.2 Terms and references**

*The aim of a full HIA investigation is to provide an informed heritage-related opinion about the proposed development by an appropriate heritage specialist. The objectives are to identify heritage resources (involving site inspections, existing heritage data and additional heritage specialists if necessary); assess their significances; assess alternatives in order to promote heritage conservation issues; and to assess the acceptability of the proposed development from a heritage perspective.*

*The result of this investigation is a heritage impact assessment report indicating the presence/absence of heritage resources and how to manage them in the context of the proposed development.*

*Depending on SAHRA's acceptance of this report, the developer will receive permission to proceed with the proposed development, on condition of successful implementation of proposed mitigation measures.*

#### **1.2.1 Scope of work**

The aim of this study is to determine if any sites, features or objects of cultural heritage significance occur within the boundaries of the area where the prospecting activities is to take place. This included:

- Conducting a desk-top investigation of the project area;
- A visit to the proposed prospecting site.

The project area includes the following properties:

- Portion 3 (portion 1) of the farm Boschpan 339HO, the Remaining extent of Portion 8 (portion 1), Portion 9 (portion 1) Portion 10 (portion 1) and Portion 17 (portion 1) of the farm Panfontein 270, the Remaining Extent, Portion 7 and Portion 8 of the farm Rooibult 152HO.

The objectives were to:

- Identify possible archaeological, cultural and historic sites within the proposed development areas.
- Identify any potential 'fatal flaws' related to the proposed development.
- Evaluate the potential impacts of construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed development on archaeological, cultural and historical resources.
- Recommend mitigation measures to ameliorate any negative impacts on areas of archaeological, cultural or historical importance.
- Provide guideline measures to manage any impacts that might occur during the construction phase as well as the implementation phase.

#### 1.2.2 Assumptions and Limitations

The investigation has been influenced by the following factors:

- It is assumed that the description of the proposed project, provided by the client, is accurate;
- The unpredictability of buried archaeological remains;
- No subsurface investigation (i.e. excavations or sampling) were undertaken, since a permit from SAHRA is required for such activities;
- It is assumed that the public consultation process undertaken as part of the EIA is sufficient and that it does not have to be repeated as part of the HIA.

## 2. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

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### 2.1 Background

Heritage Impact Assessments are governed by national legislation and standards and International Best Practise. These include:

- South African Legislation
  - National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) (NHRA);
  - Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 22 of 2002) (MPRDA);
  - National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA); and
  - National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA).
- Standards and Regulations
  - South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Minimum Standards;
  - Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA) Constitution and Code of Ethics;
  - Anthropological Association of Southern Africa Constitution and Code of Ethics.
- International Best Practise and Guidelines
  - ICOMOS Standards (Guidance on Heritage Impact Assessments for Cultural World Heritage Properties); and

- The UNESCO Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972).

## 2.2 Heritage Impact Assessment Studies

South Africa's unique and non-renewable archaeological and palaeontological heritage sites are 'generally' protected in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No 25 of 1999, Section 35) and may not be disturbed at all without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority.

The National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999, Section 38) provides guidelines for Cultural Resources Management and prospective developments:

*"38 (1) Subject to the provisions of subsections (7), (8) and (9), any person who intends to undertake a development categorised as:*

- (a) the construction of a road, wall, powerline, pipeline, canal or other similar form of linear development or barrier exceeding 300m in length;*
- (b) the construction of a bridge or similar structure exceeding 50m in length;*
- (c) any development or other activity which will change the character of a site:*
  - (i) exceeding 5 000 m<sup>2</sup> in extent; or*
  - (ii) involving three or more existing erven or subdivisions thereof; or*
  - (iii) involving three or more erven or divisions thereof which have been consolidated within the past five years; or*
  - (iv) the costs of which will exceed a sum set in terms of regulations by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority;*
- (d) the re-zoning of a site exceeding 10 000 m<sup>2</sup> in extent; or*
- (e) any other category of development provided for in regulations by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority, must at the very earliest stages of initiating such a development, notify the responsible heritage resources authority and furnish it with details regarding the location, nature and extent of the proposed development."*

And:

*"38 (3) The responsible heritage resources authority must specify the information to be provided in a report required in terms of subsection (2)(a): Provided that the following must be included:*

- (a) The identification and mapping of all heritage resources in the area affected;*
- (b) an assessment of the significance of such resources in terms of the heritage assessment criteria set out in section 6(2) or prescribed under section 7;*
- (c) an assessment of the impact of the development on such heritage resources;*
- (d) an evaluation of the impact of the development on heritage resources relative to the sustainable social and economic benefits to be derived from the development;*
- (e) the results of consultation with communities affected by the proposed development and other interested parties regarding the impact of the development on heritage resources;*
- (f) if heritage resources will be adversely affected by the proposed development, the consideration of alternatives; and*
- (g) plans for mitigation of any adverse effects during and after the completion of the proposed development."*

## 3. HERITAGE RESOURCES

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### 3.1 The National Estate

The National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999) defines the heritage resources of South Africa which are of cultural significance or other special value for the present community and for future generations that must be considered part of the national estate to include:

- places, buildings, structures and equipment of cultural significance;
- places to which oral traditions are attached or which are associated with living heritage;
- historical settlements and townscapes;
- landscapes and natural features of cultural significance;
- geological sites of scientific or cultural importance;
- archaeological and palaeontological sites;
- graves and burial grounds, including-
  - ancestral graves;
  - royal graves and graves of traditional leaders;
  - graves of victims of conflict;
  - graves of individuals designated by the Minister by notice in the Gazette;
  - historical graves and cemeteries; and
  - other human remains which are not covered in terms of the Human Tissue Act, 1983 (Act No. 65 of 1983);
- sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa;
- movable objects, including-
  - objects recovered from the soil or waters of South Africa, including archaeological and palaeontological objects and material, meteorites and rare geological specimens;
  - objects to which oral traditions are attached or which are associated with living heritage;
  - ethnographic art and objects;
  - military objects;
  - objects of decorative or fine art;
  - objects of scientific or technological interest; and
  - books, records, documents, photographic positives and negatives, graphic, film or video material or sound recordings, excluding those that are public records as defined in section 1(xiv) of the National Archives of South Africa Act, 1996 (Act No. 43 of 1996).

### 3.2 Cultural significance

In the NHRA, Section 2 (vi), it is stated that “cultural significance” means aesthetic, architectural, historical, scientific, social, spiritual, linguistic or technological value or significance. This is determined in relation to a site or feature’s uniqueness, condition of preservation and research potential.

According to Section 3(3) of the NHRA, a place or object is to be considered part of the national estate if it has cultural significance or other special value because of

- its importance in the community, or pattern of South Africa's history;
- its possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of South Africa's natural or cultural heritage;
- its potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of South Africa's natural or cultural heritage;
- its importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of South Africa's natural or cultural places or objects;
- its importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;
- its importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period;
- its strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons;

- its strong or special association with the life or work of a person, group or organisation of importance in the history of South Africa; and
- sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa.

A matrix (see Section 2 of Addendum) was developed whereby the above criteria were applied for the determination of the significance of each identified site. This allowed some form of control over the application of similar values for similar identified sites.

#### 4. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

##### 4.1 Site location

The project area is located approximately 14 km northwest of Bloemhof in the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality of North West Province. (Fig. 1). For more information, see the Technical Summary on p. V above.

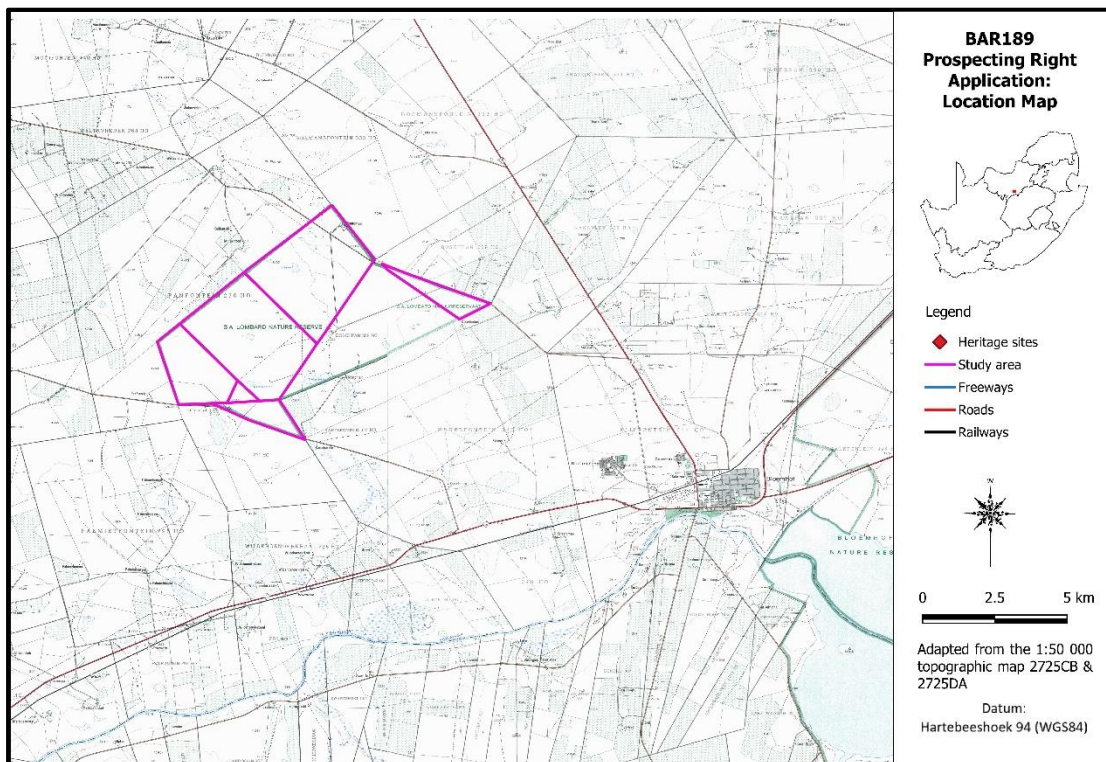


Figure 1. Location of the project area in regional context

##### 4.2 Development proposal

The following information was taken from the document “Amended prospecting work programme submitted for a prospecting right application without bulk sampling, Boschpan 339 & Panfontein 270 HO” submitted to the Department of Mineral Affairs, supplied to the author by Milnex cc.

#### 4.2.1 Pitting

A trial pit / test pit or inspection pit investigation is a highly effective way of obtaining data on the sub surface soil and rock conditions which underlie a prospecting sight. It allows for the various soils and rock types to be locked, the soil to be sampled and a preliminary assessment to be made.

Pits will be dug, locked, sampled and backfilled. To dig the pits the applicant will make use of the systems of Pierre de Jager, the appointed project geologist.

The applicant will at the end of the pitting process have locked the pits with the following information:

- A description of the soil and rock types from ground level to the base of the pits;
- Record of rock head depth and refusal depth, a list of where the samples will be taken, a record of where ground water seepage will be recorded;
- A general note of the geology and conditions in the vicinity of the test pits
- Pitting will be done within the period of 15 months once the prospecting right has been granted.
- A general note of the geologist and conditions in the vicinity of the tests pits.

#### 4.2.2 Trenches

Due to nature of the alluvial diamond deposit, samples are not taken for assay as would be normal practice to evaluate hard rock precious or base-metal prospects. The diamond distribution pattern grade of alluvial diamonds is also of such a nature that there is no repeatability of sample results, even from adjacent samples.

Bulk samples will have to be taken to determine the average sample grade. By taking of the bulk samples, the applicant foresees to determine the grade of the diamond deposits as the number of carats contained in 100 tons (cpht) of gravel and to determine the average diamond sizes.

During these activities the applicant will then find out the size and value distribution of trenches. Diamond distribution patterns of alluvial deposits varies to such a nature that there is no repeatability of sample results even from adjacent samples.

Alluvial diamond deposits can only be sampled through bulk sampling comprising thousands of cubic meters of gravel. Given the extent of the area and the grades expected to be very low, the applicant will have to process bulk samples of approximately 99 000 tons.

The appointed geologist will advise where the samples will be taken. Bulk samples will not be taken along a systematic grid as in the case of drilling. As the anticipated mining plan for the properties will be based on high volumes (low grades), the bulk samples will have to address average recovery.

As indicated, the bulk sampling exercise has to be conducted to determine the grades (cpht), the diamond size distribution and thereafter to sell the diamonds to determine the diamond values.

The plant/ bulk sampling technique will be that of a typical South African alluvial diamond mining operation. The method is a strip-mining process with oversize material and tailings recovered from the plant will be used as backfill material prior to final rehabilitation. Gravels are excavated, loaded and transported to the treatment facility using dump trucks.

The bulk sampling operation will be conducted using a fleet of conventional open pit mining equipment comprising of dump trucks supported by appropriate excavators and front-end- loaders. All equipment is planned to be diesel driven.



Before excavation commences vegetation will be cleared from the proposed bulk sampling block. These will be done as per environmental regulations. Topsoil will then be removed and stored separately for later use for rehabilitation.

The bulk samples will be made in the form of box cuts the dimensions of these individual box cuts will on average be 20m long x 30m wide. It is estimated that the bulk samples will be 3m in depth.

Gravel will be removed by excavators and will be loaded directly into dump trucks. Ore will be hauled to the screening plant. The material will be screened where after the screened material will be moved to the processing plant where the gravel will be processed. Concentrate will be moved to the sorting plant where the concentrate will be sorted. It is estimated that pitting and trenching will take approximately 30 months.

#### *4.2.3 Consolidation and interpretation of Results Data*

The prospecting activities will be conducted to determine an inferred diamond resource and an indicated diamond resource. An inferred diamond resource has a lower level of confidence than that applying to an indicated diamond resource. The inferred resource indication will be where the geological and or grade continuity could not be confidently interpreted. It cannot be assumed that an inferred resource will necessarily be upgraded to an indicated resource. Such a resource is normally also not sufficient to enable an evaluation of economic viability.

To obtain an indicated resource the confidence level of information obtained from the prospecting will have to be sufficient for the information to be applied to mine design, mine planning to enable an evaluation of economic viability.

The project geologist, Pierre de Jager, will monitor the program and consolidate and process the data and amend the program depending on the results received after each phase of prospecting. The DMR will be updated of any amendments made. This will be a continuous process throughout the prospecting work program.

Each physical phase of prospecting will be followed by desktop studies involving interpretation and modelling of all data gathered. These studies will determine the manner in which the work programme is to be proceeded with in terms of the activity, quantity, resources, expenditure and duration.

A GIS data base will be constructed capturing all the exploration data. All data will be consolidated and processed to determine the diamond bearing resource on the property.

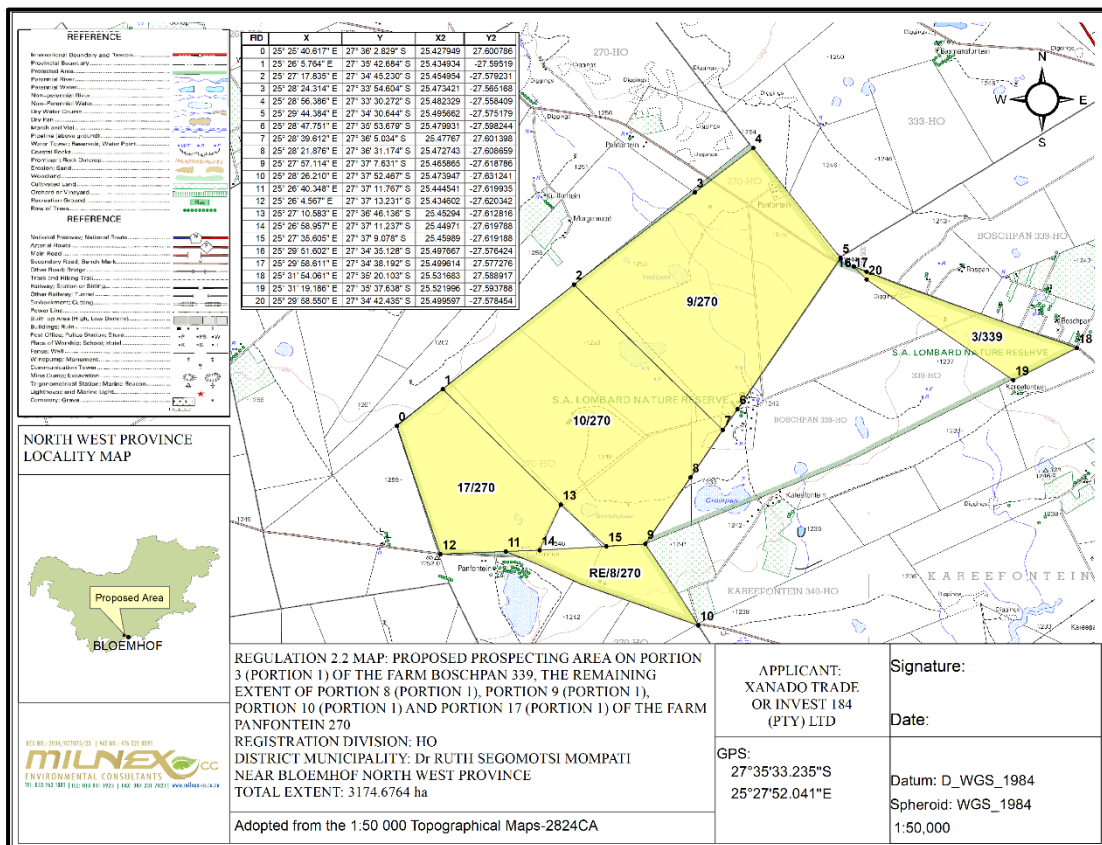


Figure 2. Layout of the proposed project area (Map supplied by Milnex cc)

**5. STUDY APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY**

**5.1 Extent of the Study**

This survey and impact assessment cover all facets of cultural heritage located in the project area as presented in Section 4 above and illustrated in Figures 1 & 2.

**5.2 Methodology**

*5.2.1 Pre-feasibility assessment*

**5.2.1.1 Survey of the literature**

A survey of the relevant literature was conducted with the aim of reviewing the previous research done and determining the potential of the area. In this regard, various anthropological, archaeological and historical sources were consulted – see list of references in Section 11.

- Information on events, sites and features in the larger region were obtained from these sources.

**5.2.1.2 Survey of heritage impact assessments (HIAs)**

A survey of HIAs done for projects in the region by various heritage consultants was conducted with the aim of determining the heritage potential of the area – see list of references in Section 11.

- Information on sites and features in the larger region were obtained from these sources.

#### 5.2.1.3 Data bases

The *Heritage Atlas Database*, various SAHRA databases, the *Environmental Potential Atlas*, the *Chief Surveyor General* and the *National Archives of South Africa* were consulted.

- Database surveys produced a number of sites located in the larger region of the proposed township establishment.

#### 5.2.1.4 Other sources

Aerial photographs and topocadastral and other maps were also studied - see the list of references below.

- Information of a very general nature were obtained from these sources

The results of the above investigation are presented in Table 1 and Figure 3 below – see list of references in Section 11 – and can be summarised as follows:

- Stone Age tools, dating to the MSA and LSA occur as low-density scatters along the rims of pans in the larger region;
- Sites containing rock engravings occur sporadically across the larger region;
- A number of formally declared historic structures, inclusive of buildings and monuments occur sporadically all over, but mostly in urban areas;
- Formal and informal burial sites occur sporadically throughout the larger region.

*Based on the above assessment, the probability of cultural heritage sites, features and objects occurring in the project area is deemed to be possible.*

**Table 1: Pre-Feasibility Assessment**

Category	Period	Probability	Reference
Landscapes			
Natural/Cultural		None	Aerial photographs; Historic maps
Early hominin	Pliocene – Lower Pleistocene		
	Early hominin	None	-
Stone Age	Lower Pleistocene – Holocene		
	Early Stone Age	Medium	Heritage Atlas Database
	Middle Stone Age	High	Heritage Atlas Database
	Later Stone Age	Low	Heritage Atlas Database
	Rock Art	Low	Fock & Fock (1984; 1989); Heritage Atlas Database
Iron age	Holocene		
	Early Iron Age	None	-
	Middle Iron Age	None	-
	Late Iron Age	None	Huffman (2007); Legassick (2010); Lye (1975)
Colonial period	Holocene		
	Contact period/Early historic	None	Legassick (2010); Lye (1975)
	Recent history	Low	Dreyer (2007); Küsel (2007); Heritage Atlas Database; Van Schalkwyk (2014, 2016a, 2016b)
	Industrial heritage	Low	Heritage Atlas Database; Historic maps

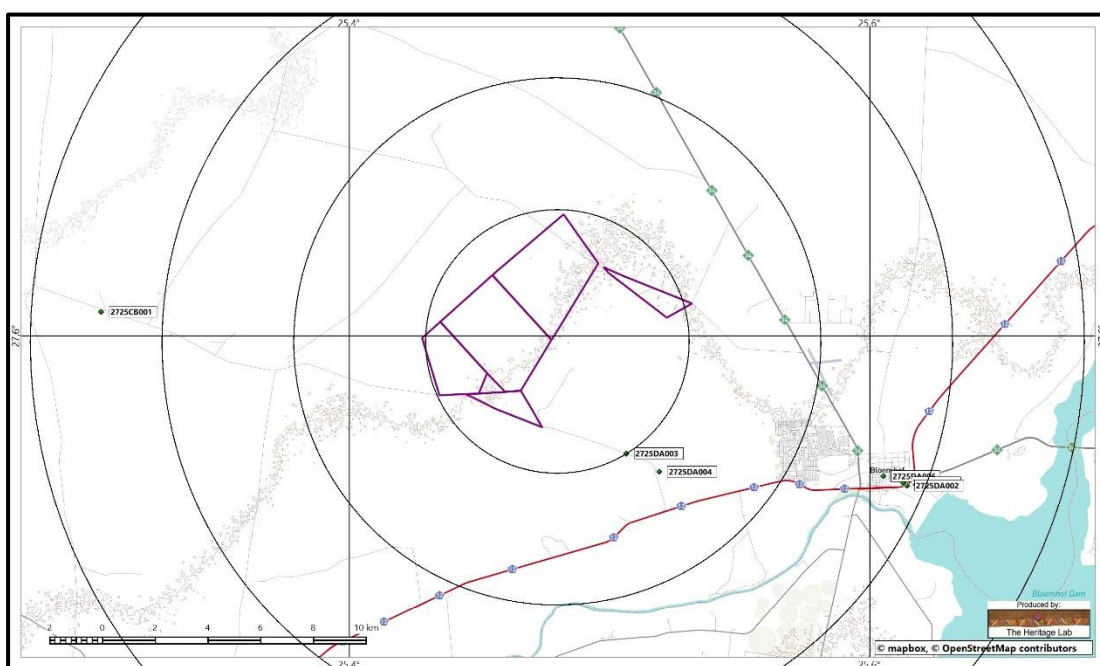


Figure 3. Location of known heritage sites and features in relation to the project area (Circles spaced at an interval of 5km; heritage sites = coded green dots)

### 5.2.2 Field survey

The field survey was done according to generally accepted archaeological practices, and was aimed at locating all possible sites, objects and structures. The area that had to be investigated was identified by the *Milnex CC Environmental Consultants* by means of maps and .kml files indicating the prospecting area. This was loaded onto a Samsung digital device and used in Google Earth during the field survey to access the area.

The project area was visited on 17 November 2020. During the site visit Mr Godfrey Moshweu, acting manager of the S A Lombard Nature Reserve, accompanied the heritage practitioner. He is well versed in the history of the project area and also indicated the locality of known heritage sites and features.

- Due to the dense vegetation cover encountered, use was made of internal roads (fire breaks) to access the area, after which the various sites and features identified in the pre-feasibility study were investigated on foot – see Fig. 4 below.

### 5.2.3 Documentation

All sites, objects and structures that are identified are documented according to the general minimum standards accepted by the archaeological profession. Coordinates of individual localities are determined by means of the *Global Positioning System* (GPS) and plotted on a map. This information is added to the description in order to facilitate the identification of each locality. Map datum used: Hartebeeshoek 94 (WGS84).

The track log (Fig. 5) and identified sites were recorded by means of a Garmin Oregon 550 handheld GPS device. Photographic recording was done by means of a Canon EOS 550D digital camera. Geo-rectifying of the aerial photographs and historic maps was done by means of a professional software package: ExpertGPS.



Figure 4. The vegetation cover encountered during the field survey

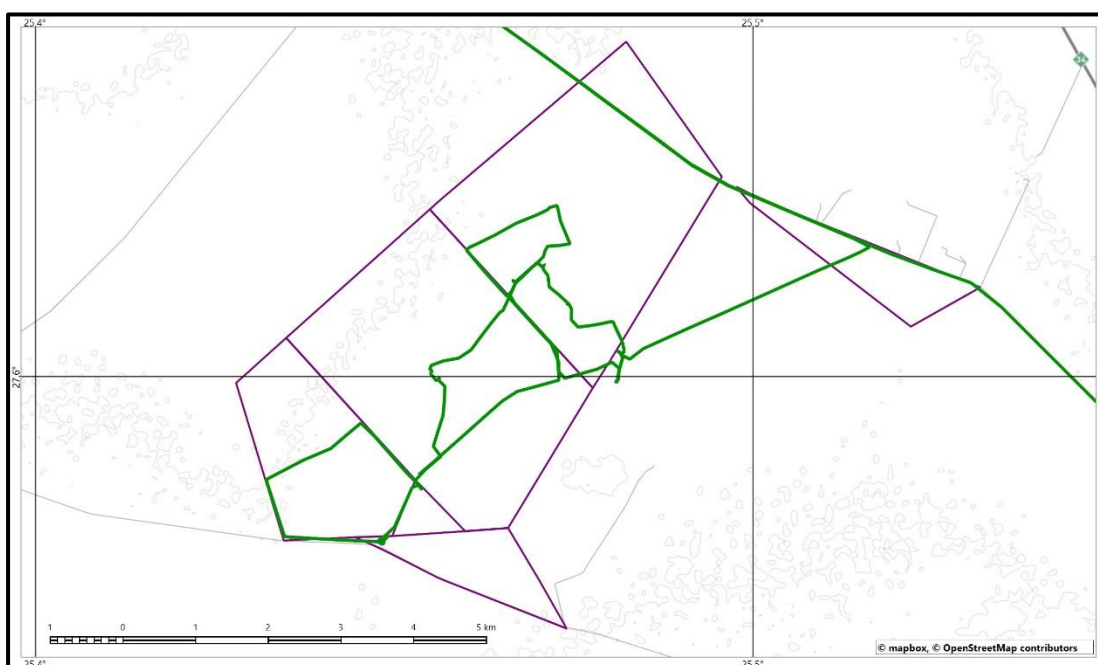


Figure 5. Map indicating the track log of the field survey.  
(Site = purple polygon; track log = green line)

## 6. DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

### 6.1 Natural Environment

The geology of the region is made up of andesitic lavas and tuffs of the Allanridge Formation of the Ventersdorp Supergroup. The topography of the region is described as plains and pans and no hills or outcrops occur in the project area. Only a few non-perennial streams cross the project area.

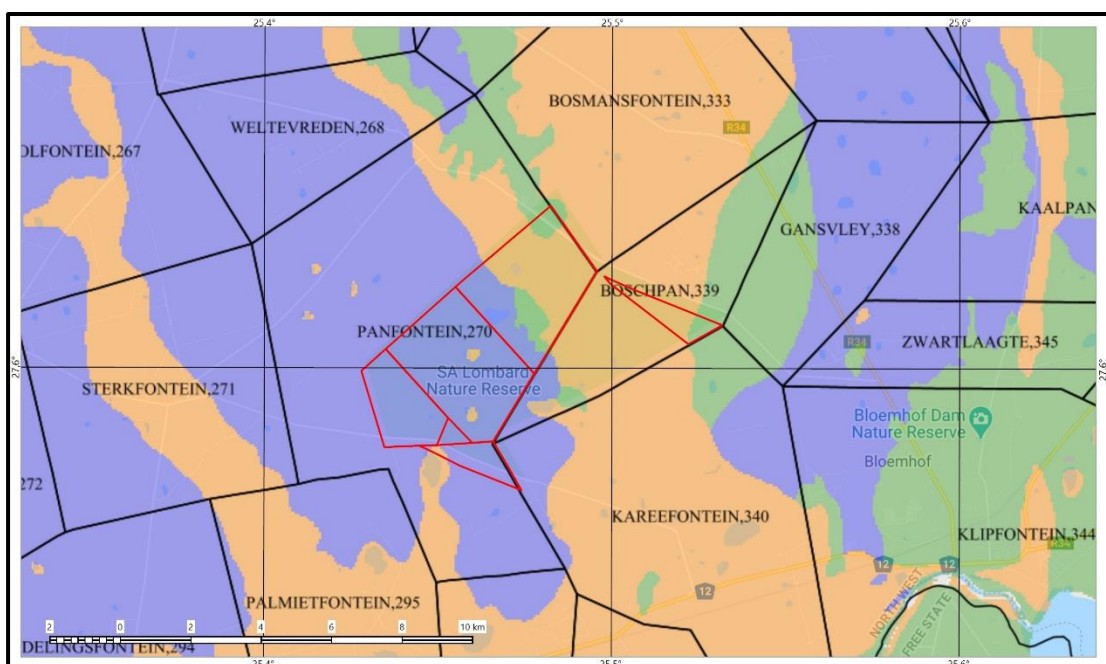
The original vegetation is classified as Kimberley Thornveld, a savanna biome, falling in the Eastern Kalahari Bushveld Bioregion (Muncina & Rutherford 2006). However, most of this has been transformed due to former agricultural and diamond mining activities.





Figure 6. Views over the project area

The Palaeontological Sensitivity Map (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/map/palaeo>) (Fig. 7) indicate that most of the eastern section of the project area has a high sensitivity of fossil remains to be found and therefore a desktop study is required. Based on the outcome of that, a field assessment is likely. The western section has a low sensitivity of fossil remains to be found and therefore no palaeontological assessment is required. However, a protocol for finds is required.



Colour	Sensitivity	Required Action
RED	VERY HIGH	field assessment and protocol for finds is required
ORANGE/YELLOW	HIGH	desktop study is required and based on the outcome of the desktop study, a field assessment is likely
GREEN	MODERATE	desktop study is required
BLUE	LOW	no palaeontological studies are required however a protocol for finds is required
GREY	INSIGNIFICANT/ZERO	no palaeontological studies are required
WHITE/CLEAR	UNKNOWN	these areas will require a minimum of a desktop study. As more information comes to light, SAHRA will continue to populate the map.

Figure 7. The Palaeontological sensitivity of the project area

## 6.2 Cultural Landscape

*The aim of this section is to present an overview of the history of the larger region in order to eventually determine the significance of heritage sites identified in the project area, within the context of their historic, aesthetic, scientific and social value, rarity and representivity.*

The cultural landscape qualities of the region are made up of a pre-colonial element consisting of Stone Age and a much later colonial (farmer) component, which eventually gave rise to an urban component which manifest in a number of towns.

### 6.2.1 Stone Age

Very little habitation of the central highveld area took place during Stone Age times. Tools dating to the Early Stone Age period are mostly found in the vicinity of larger watercourses, e.g. the Vaal River or the Harts River and especially in sheltered areas such as at the Taung fossil site. During Middle Stone Age (MSA) times (c. 150 000 – 30 000 BP), people became more mobile, occupying areas formerly avoided. In many cases, tools dating to this period are found on the banks of the many pans that occur all over. The MSA is a technological stage characterized by flakes and flake-blades with faceted platforms, produced from prepared cores, as distinct from the core tool-based ESA technology.

Late Stone Age (LSA) people had even more advanced technology than the MSA people and therefore succeeded in occupying even more diverse habitats. Some sites are known to occur in the region. These are mostly open sites located near river and pans. For the first time we also get evidence of people's activities derived from material other than stone tools. Ostrich eggshell beads, ground bone arrowheads, small bored stones and wood fragments with incised markings are traditionally linked with the LSA.

A number of rock engraving sites dating to the Later Stone Age are known to exist, or used to exist, in the region on the northern side of the Vaal River. One of these was removed as the result of the construction of the canal during the 1990s (Morris et al 1995). Fock & Fock (1989) indicates the existence of a number of others. Küsel (2007) reported a low scattering of MSA and LSA material in the north western section of the Bloemhof Nature Reserve.

### 6.2.2 Iron Age

Iron Age people started to settle in southern Africa c. AD 300, with one of the oldest known sites at Broederstroom south of Hartebeespoort Dam dating to AD 470. Having only had cereals (sorghum, millet) that need summer rainfall, Early Iron Age (EIA) people did not move outside this rainfall zone, and neither did they occupy the central interior highveld area.

As yet, no sites dating to the Early Iron Age have been reported from the region and most sites date to the Late Iron Age. The occupation of the larger geographical area (including the study area) did not start much before the 1500s. By the 16th century things changed, with the climate becoming warmer and wetter, creating conditions that allowed Late Iron Age (LIA) farmers to occupy areas previously unsuitable, for example the treeless plains of the Free State.

According to Breutz (1959) stone walled sites dating to the Late Iron Age and which can be linked to the Tswana occupation of the area, are found on a number of farms in the region, e.g. Waai Hoek and Brul Pan. However, the historic most important one, named Dithakong, is located some distance to the north-west. This site was first visited by early travellers such as Lichtenstein and John Campbell in the early part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The earliest Iron Age settlers who moved into the North West Province region were Tswana-speakers such as the Tlhaping, Hurutshe, Fokeng, Kgatla and Rolong. In the region of the study area, it was mostly the booRapulana and booRatlou sections of the Rolong (Breutz 1959).

### 6.2.3 Historic period

Many early travellers, hunters and missionaries (Burchell 1824, Campbell 1822, Smith 1834-1836 (Lye 1975), Moffat 1842 and Harris 1852) either passed through the area or close to it. Their writings leave us a tantalising description of what life was in these communities before large-scale interaction with white settlers took place. Some of the first whites to settle here were the missionaries Samuel Broadbent and Thomas Hodgson, who settled some distance to the east of what later became known as Wolmaransstad.

The town of Boemhof was established in 1866 on the farm Klipfontein, which belonged to a certain John Barclay. The Bloemhof Dam was completed in 1970. The dam changed the flow of the river, covering long stretches of the riverbanks. It also covered the original crossing point of the Vaal River on the farms Kalkfontein 346 (North West Province) and Bultfontein 34 (Free State). This change in flow brought about the deposition of large amounts of silt.

The last chapter in the history of the region was its incorporation under the policy of homeland development, into the Republic of Bophuthatswana. This was a very fragmented 'State' and it would have needed permanent support by the central government to keep it in place. Since 1994, this has fallen away, and the people and the region were reincorporated into the larger Republic of South Africa

Both Küsel (2007) and Gore (2014) reports the occurrence of demolished farmsteads and in some case associated graves in the north-west section of the Bloemhof Nature Reserve

### 6.3 Site specific review

*Although landscapes with cultural significance are not explicitly described in the NHRA, they are protected under the broad definition of the National Estate (Section 3): Section 3(2)(c) and (d) list "historical settlements and townscapes" and "landscapes and natural features of cultural significance" as part of the National Estate.*

*The examination of historical maps and aerial photographs help us to reconstruct how the cultural landscape has changed over time as it shows how humans have used the land.*

The old military map, dating to 1900 (Fig. 8), does not present much information, apart from a track that crosses the site. From the official aerial photograph (Fig. 9), dating to 1959, it can be seen that large sections were used as agricultural fields, whereas others were disturbed due to diamond mining activities.



The 1971 version of the 1:50 000 topographic map indicate that the area has been converted into the S A Lombard Nature Reserve. This apparently happened during the late 1940s and ever since then an effort was made to restore the natural environment and remove all signs of manmade features, e.g. labourer housing, etc. The reserve is not open to the public and is used solely for research purposes and the breeding of rare and endangered species such as the white-tailed gnu (swart-wildebees).

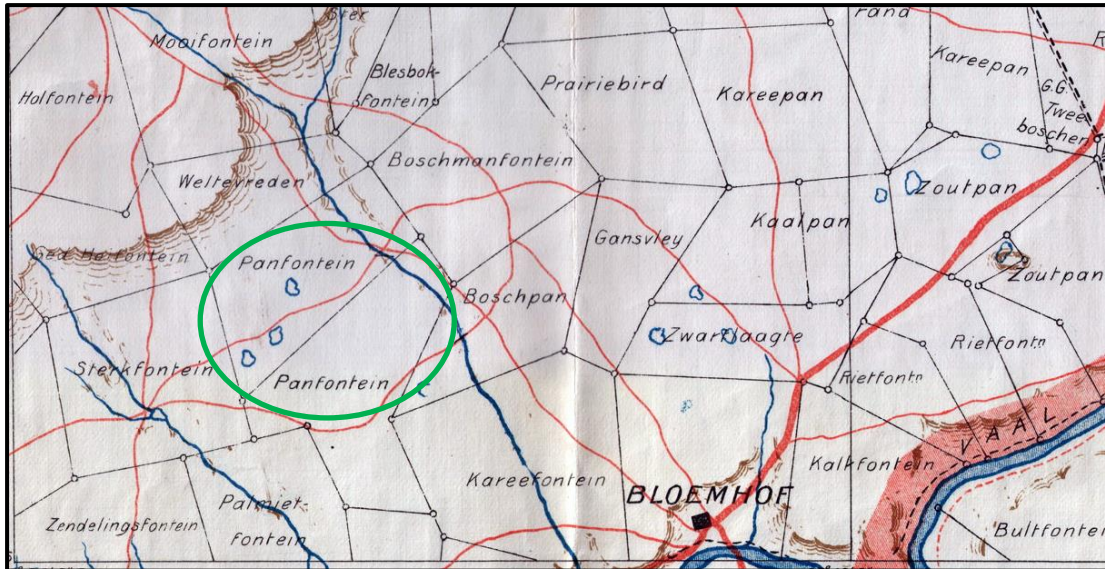


Figure 8. Location of the project area as seen in 1900  
(Map: Bloemhof, 1900, compiled for the Field Intelligence Department)

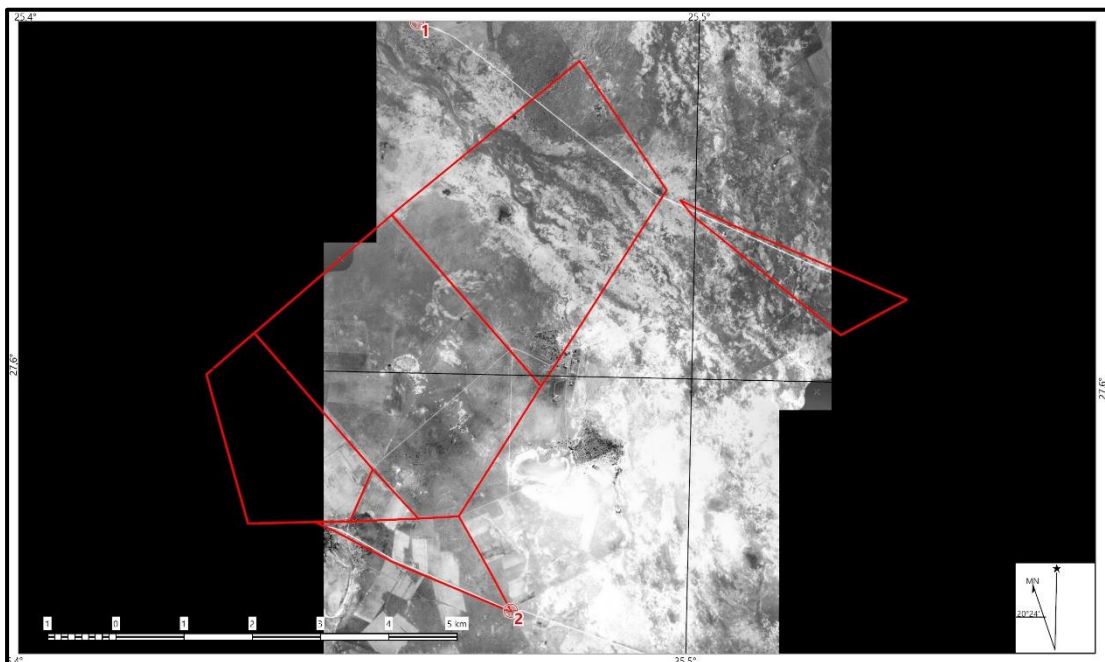


Figure 9. Location of the project area in 1959  
(Chief Surveyor-General photograph: 415\_003\_00525; 415\_004\_01949)

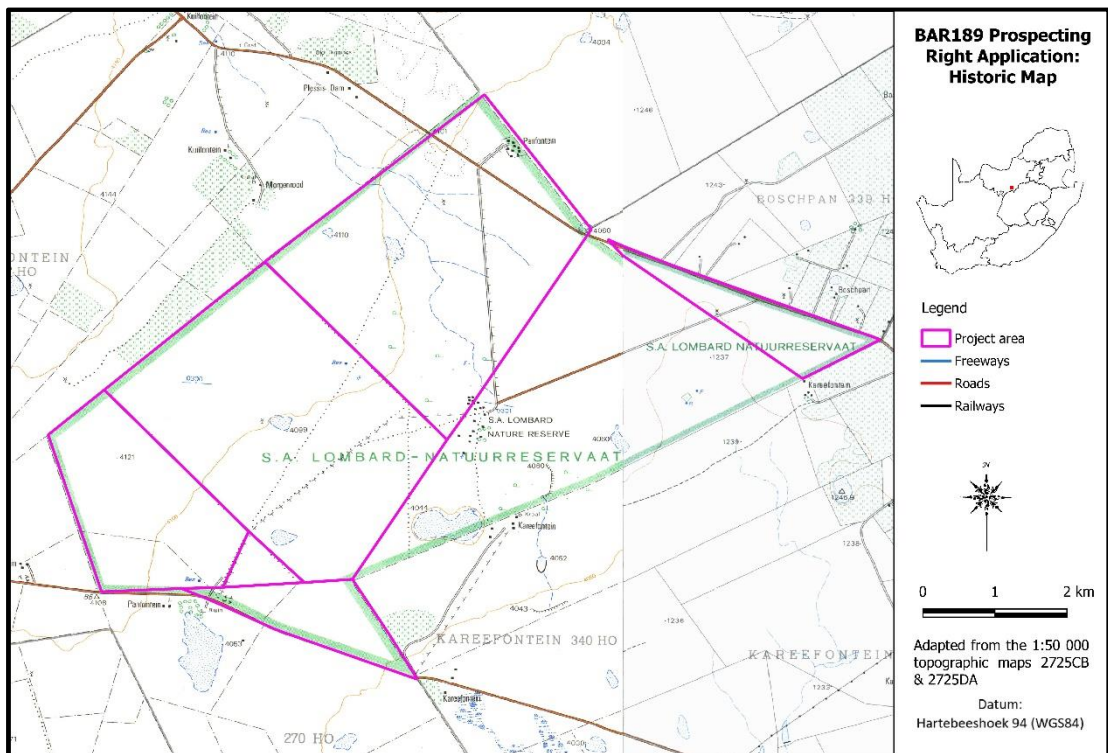


Figure 10. Layout of the project area on the 1971 version of the 1:50 000 topographic maps

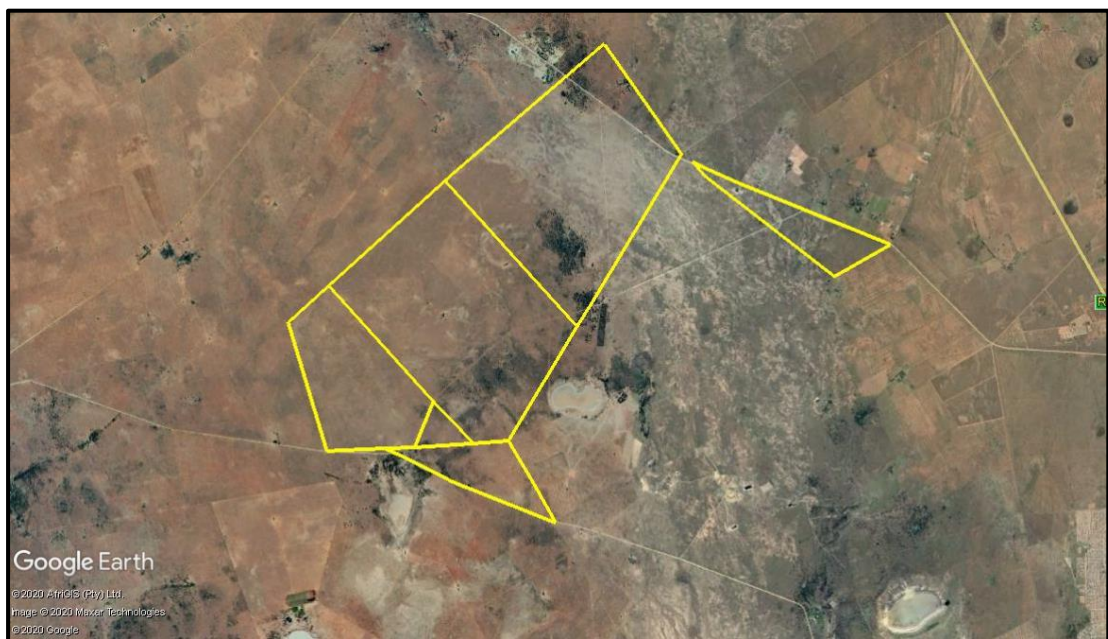


Figure 11. Aerial view of the project area in 2020 (Image: Google Earth)



Mr Godfrey Moshweu, Acting Manager of the S A Lombard Nature Reserve, showed the consultant the rock engravings and stone tools, now housed at the administrative centre of the nature reserve. According to Mr Moshweu, the material was collected under the “previous dispensation” from its original locations for safe-keeping and educational purposes. The collection consists of

- four pieces of rock with poorly executed engravings of animals, apparently originally located somewhere near the western boundary of the nature reserve;
- a large collection of mostly Early and Middle Stone Age tools, most of which was collected outside the nature reserve on adjacent farms.



Figure 12. Stone Age material housed by the S A Lombard Nature Reserve

## 7. SURVEY RESULTS

During the physical survey, the following sites, features and objects of cultural significance were identified in the project area (Fig. 13).

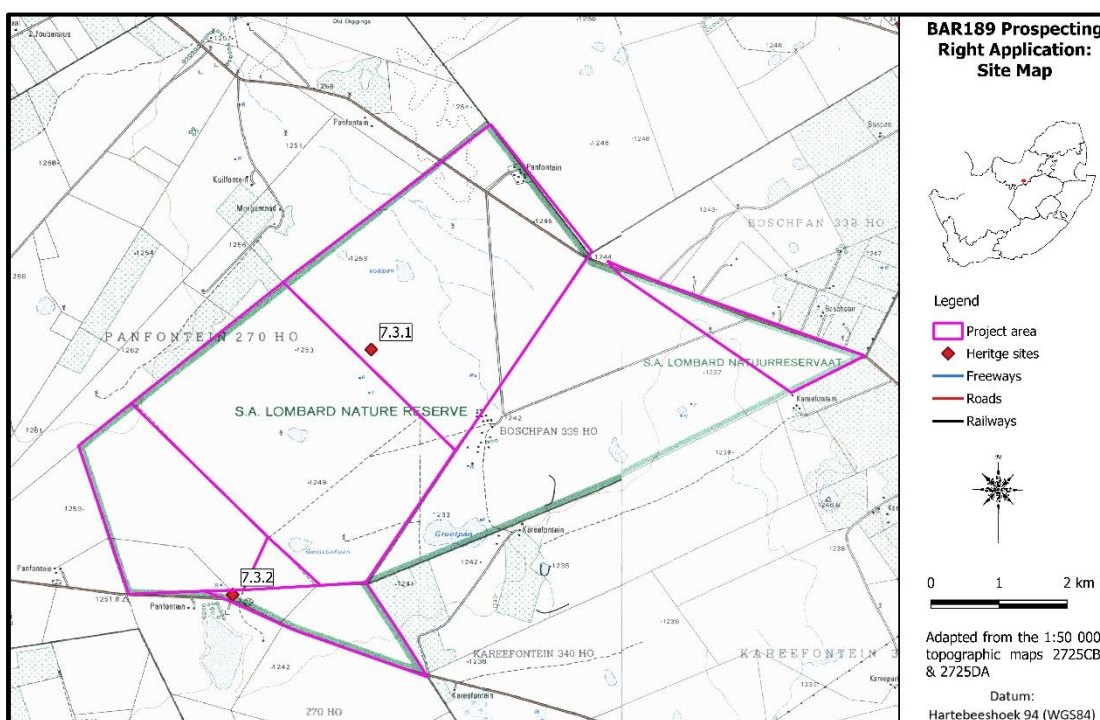


Figure 13. Location of heritage sites in the project area

### 7.1 Stone Age



NHRA Category		Archaeological resources – Section 35
<b>7.1.1 Type:</b> Change finds. <b>Farm:</b> Panfontein 270HO		
<b>Description:</b> Change finds: Stone Age artefacts, dating to the Middle Stone Age occur in low numbers along the rims of the various pans located in the project area. The tools are mostly made from hardened shale, although some are of quartzite. Typical tools include points and some side-struck tools.		
<b>Significance of site/feature</b>	Generally protected 4C: Low significance - Requires no further recording before destruction.	
<b>Reasoned opinion:</b> These features are rated to have low significance due to their low numbers as well as the fact that it is surface material and not in its original context anymore.		
<b>References -</b>		
		
General view of one of the pan sites	Some tools dating to the Middle Stone Age	

Figure 14. Chance find stone tools

## 7.2 Iron Age

- No sites, features or objects of cultural significance dating to the Iron Age were identified in the project area.

## 7.3 Historic period

<b>NHRA Category</b>	<b>Graves, Cemeteries and Burial Grounds - Section 36</b>
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<b>7.3.1 Type:</b> Burial site. <b>Farm:</b> Panfontein 270HO. <b>Coordinates:</b> S 27,58811; E 25,46658	
<b>Description</b>	
Informal burial site with approximately 12 graves. The graves are only marked with stone cairns and no headstones with inscriptions were identified. The graves probably belong to former farm labourers and date to the period prior to 1950 when the Nature Reserve was established.	
<b>Significance of site/feature</b>	Generally protected 4A: High/medium significance – Should be mitigated before destruction.
<b>Reasoned opinion:</b> Burial sites are viewed as having high emotional and sentimental value. However, mitigation is possible if proper procedures have been followed.	
<b>References -</b>	

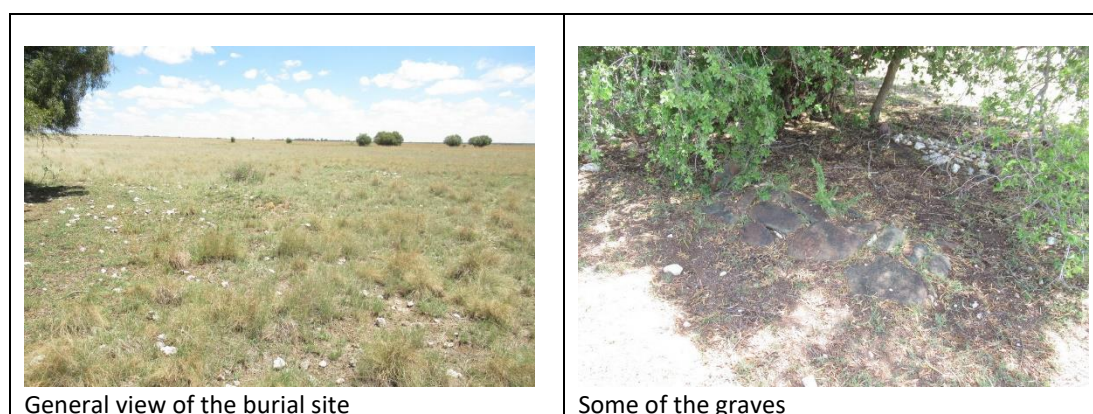


Figure 15. Views of the burial site

<b>7.3.2 Type:</b> Burial site. <b>Farm:</b> Panfontein 270HO. <b>Coordinates:</b> S 27,62041; 25,44829	
<b>Description</b>	
An unknown number of graves marked only with stone cairns. The remains of what seems to be the foundations of a number of rectangular structures also occur adjacent to the graves. A large excavation, either for diamond mining or a borrow pit, is located on the southern side.	
This site can possibly be linked to the old Panfontein farmstead, now located just on the outside of the nature reserve, across a regional road.	
<b>Significance of site/feature</b>	Generally protected 4A: High/medium significance – Should be mitigated before destruction.
<b>Reasoned opinion:</b> Burial sites are viewed as having high emotional and sentimental value. However, mitigation is possible if proper procedures have been followed.	
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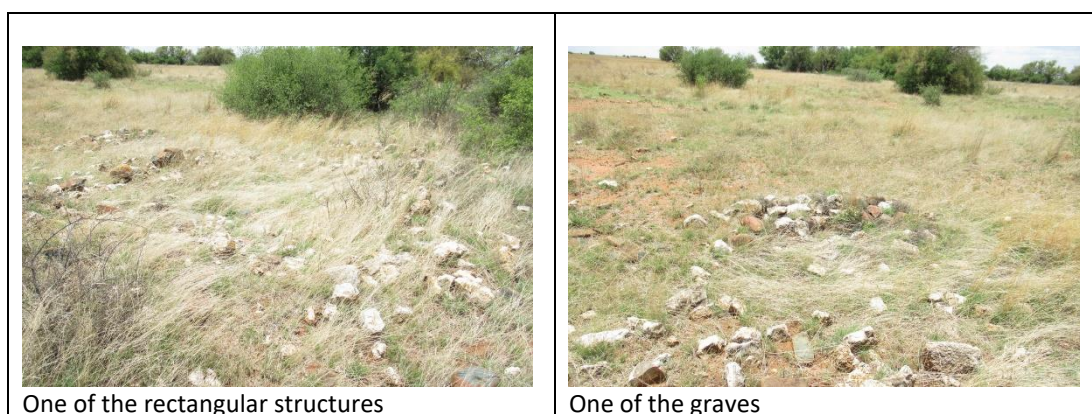


Figure 16. Views of the site

## 8. IMPACT ASSESSMENT RATINGS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

### 8.1 Impact assessment

Heritage impacts are categorised as:

- Direct or physical impacts, implying alteration or destruction of heritage features within the project boundaries;
- Indirect impacts, e.g. restriction of access or visual intrusion concerning the broader environment;
- Cumulative impacts that are combinations of the above.

#### 7.1.1 Type: Chance find Stone Age material.

**Impact assessment:** Although this material is found inside the project area, their low significance as well as the fact that the area has already extensively been disturbed by animals drinking water at the pans.

	Without mitigation	With mitigation
Extent	Local area (1)	Local area (1)
Duration	Permanent (5)	Permanent (5)
Intensity	Low (1)	Low (1)
Probability	Improbable (2)	Improbably (2)
Significance	Low (14)	Low (14)
Status (positive or negative)	Negative	Neutral
Reversibility	Non-reversible	Non-reversible
Irreplaceable loss of resources?	Yes	No
Can impacts be mitigated	No	
Mitigation: None		
Cumulative impact: Loss of limited amount of similar features in the larger landscape.		

#### 7.3.1 Type: Burial site. Farm: Panfontein 270HO. Coordinates: S 27,58811; E 25,46658

**Impact assessment:** This site is located inside the prospecting area

	Without mitigation	With mitigation
Extent	Local area (1)	Local area (1)
Duration	Permanent (5)	Permanent (5)

Intensity	Moderate (6)	Minor (2)
Probability	Probable (3)	Improbable (2)
Significance	Medium (48)	Low (16)
Status (positive or negative)	Negative	Neutral
Reversibility	Non-reversible	Non-reversible
Irreplaceable loss of resources?	Yes	No
Can impacts be mitigated	Yes	
Mitigation: Avoidance of site		
Cumulative impact: Los of limited number of similar features in the larger landscape.		

<b>7.3.2 Type:</b> Burial site. <b>Farm:</b> Panfontein 270HO. <b>Coordinates:</b> S 27,62041; 25,44829		
<b>Impact assessment:</b> This site is located next to a boundary fence of the farm.		
	Without mitigation	With mitigation
Extent	Local area (1)	Local area (1)
Duration	Permanent (5)	Permanent (5)
Intensity	Low (4)	Minor (2)
Probability	Probable (3)	Improbable (2)
Significance	Low (30)	Low (16)
Status (positive or negative)	Negative	Neutral
Reversibility	Non-reversible	Non-reversible
Irreplaceable loss of resources?	Yes	No
Can impacts be mitigated	Yes	
Mitigation: Avoidance of site		
Cumulative impact: Los of limited number of similar features in the larger landscape.		

## 8.2 Mitigation measures

*Mitigation: means to anticipate and prevent negative impacts and risks, then to minimise them, rehabilitate or repair impacts to the extent feasible.*

- For the current study, the following mitigation measures are proposed.

<b>7.1.1 Type:</b> Chance find Stone Age material.
<b>Mitigation</b>
(5) No further action required: This is applicable only where sites or features have been rated to be of such low significance that it does not warrant further documentation, as it is viewed to be fully documented after inclusion in this report.

<b>7.3.1. Burial site</b>
<b>Mitigation</b>
(1) Avoidance/Preserve: This is viewed to be the primary form of mitigation and applies where any type of development occurs within a formally protected or significant or sensitive heritage context and is likely to have a high negative impact. This measure often includes the change / alteration of development planning and therefore impact zones in order not to impact on resources. The site should be retained <i>in situ</i> and should be fenced off, with a buffer zone of at least 20m.

<b>7.3.2. Burial site</b>
<b>Mitigation</b>
(1) Avoidance/Preserve: This is viewed to be the primary form of mitigation and applies where any type of development occurs within a formally protected or significant or sensitive heritage

context and is likely to have a high negative impact. This measure often includes the change / alteration of development planning and therefore impact zones in order not to impact on resources. The site should be retained *in situ* and should be fenced off, with a buffer zone of at least 20m.

## 9. MANAGEMENT MEASURES

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Heritage sites are fixed features in the environment, occurring within specific spatial confines. Any impact upon them is permanent and non-reversible. Those resources that cannot be avoided and that are directly impacted by the proposed development can be excavated/recorded and a management plan can be developed for future action. Those sites that are not impacted on can be written into the management plan, whence they can be avoided or cared for in the future.

Sources of risk were considered with regards to development activities defined in Section 2(viii) of the NHRA that may be triggered and are summarised in Table 2A and 2B below. These issues formed the basis of the impact assessment described. The potential risks are discussed according to the various phases of the project below.

### 9.1 Objectives

- Protection of archaeological, historical and any other site or land considered being of cultural value within the project boundary against vandalism, destruction and theft.
- The preservation and appropriate management of new discoveries in accordance with the NHRA, should these be discovered during construction activities.

The following shall apply:

- Known sites should be clearly marked in order that they can be avoided during construction activities.
- The contractors and workers should be notified that archaeological sites might be exposed during the construction activities.
- Should any heritage artefacts be exposed during excavation, work on the area where the artefacts were discovered, shall cease immediately and the Environmental Control Officer shall be notified as soon as possible;
- All discoveries shall be reported immediately to a heritage practitioner so that an investigation and evaluation of the finds can be made. Acting upon advice from these specialists, the Environmental Control Officer will advise the necessary actions to be taken;
- Under no circumstances shall any artefacts be removed, destroyed or interfered with by anyone on the site; and
- Contractors and workers shall be advised of the penalties associated with the unlawful removal of cultural, historical, archaeological or palaeontological artefacts, as set out in the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999), Section 51. (1).

### 9.2 Control

In order to achieve this, the following should be in place:

- A person or entity, e.g. the Environmental Control Officer, should be tasked to take responsibility for the heritage sites and should be held accountable for any damage.
- Known sites should be located and isolated, e.g. by fencing them off. All construction workers should be informed that these are no-go areas, unless accompanied by the individual or persons representing the Environmental Control Officer as identified above.



- In areas where the vegetation is threatening the heritage sites, e.g. growing trees pushing walls over, it should be removed, but only after permission for the methods proposed has been granted by SAHRA. A heritage official should be part of the team executing these measures.

**Table 2A: Construction Phase: Environmental Management Programme for the project**

<b>Action required</b>	Protection of heritage sites, features and objects		
<b>Potential Impact</b>	The identified risk is damage or changes to resources that are generally protected in terms of Sections 27, 28, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36 and 37 of the NHRA that may occur in the proposed project area.		
<b>Risk if impact is not mitigated</b>	Loss or damage to sites, features or objects of cultural heritage significance		
<b>Activity / issue</b>	<b>Mitigation: Action/control</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
1. Removal of Vegetation 2. Construction of required infrastructure, e.g. access roads, water pipelines	See discussion in Section 9.1 above	Environmental Control Officer	During construction only
<b>Monitoring</b>	See discussion in Section 9.2 above		

**Table 2B: Operation Phase: Environmental Management Programme for the project**

<b>Action required</b>	Protection of heritage sites, features and objects		
<b>Potential Impact</b>	It is unlikely that the negative impacts identified for pre-mitigation will occur if the recommendations are followed.		
<b>Risk if impact is not mitigated</b>	Loss or damage to sites, features or objects of cultural heritage significance		
<b>Activity / issue</b>	<b>Mitigation: Action/control</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
1. Removal of Vegetation 2. Construction of required infrastructure, e.g. access roads, water pipelines	See discussion in Section 9.1 above	Environmental Control Officer	During construction only
<b>Monitoring</b>	See discussion in Section 9.2 above		

## 10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report describes the methodology used, the limitations encountered, the heritage features that were identified and the recommendations and mitigation measures proposed relevant to this. The HIA consisted of a desktop study (archival sources, database survey, maps and aerial imagery) and a physical survey that included the interviewing of relevant people. It should be noted that the implementation of the mitigation measures is subject to SAHRA/PHRA's approval.

The cultural landscape qualities of the region are made up of a pre-colonial element consisting of Stone Age and a much later colonial (farmer) component, which eventually gave rise to an urban component which manifest in a number of towns.

### Identified sites

During the survey, the following sites, features or objects of cultural significance were identified.

- 7.1.1 Change finds: Stone Age artefacts, dating to the Middle Stone Age occur in low numbers along the rims of the various pans located in the project area. The tools are mostly made from hardened shale, although some are of quartzite. Typical tools include points and some side-struck tools.
- 7.3.1 Informal burial site with approximately 12 graves. The graves are only marked with stone cairns and no headstones with inscriptions were identified. The graves probably belong to former farm labourers and date to the period prior to 1950 when the Nature Reserve was established.
- 7.3.2 An unknown number of graves marked only with stone cairns. The remains of what seems to be the foundations of a number of rectangular structures also occur adjacent to the graves. A large excavation, either for diamond mining or a borrow pit, is located on the southern side. This site can possibly be linked to the old Panfontein farmstead, now located just on the outside of the nature reserve, across a regional road.

#### Impact assessment and proposed mitigation measures

Impact analysis of cultural heritage resources under threat of the proposed prospecting activities is based on the present understanding of the project:

Site No.	Site type	NHRA category	Field rating	Impact rating: Before/After mitigation
7.1.1	Archaeological resources	Section 35	Generally protected 4C: Low significance - Requires no further recording before destruction.	Low (14)
				Low (14)
<b>Mitigation:</b> (5) No further action required				

Site No.	Site type	NHRA category	Field rating	Impact rating: Before/After mitigation
7.3.1	Graves, cemeteries and burial grounds	Section 36	Generally protected: High significance – Grade IV-A	Medium (48)
				Low (16)
7.3.2	Graves, cemeteries and burial grounds	Section 36	Generally protected: High significance – Grade IV-A	Low (30)
				Low (16)
<b>Mitigation:</b> (1) Avoidance/Preserve: This is viewed to be the primary form of mitigation and the site should be retained <i>in situ</i> and a buffer zone should be created around it, either temporary (by means of danger tape) or permanently (wire fence or built wall).				

#### Legal requirements

The legal requirements related to heritage specifically are specified in Section 3 of this report. For this proposed project, the assessment has determined that sites, features or objects of heritage significance occur in the project area.

- If the identified graves are to be relocated for the purposes of the diamond prospecting activities, proper procedures must be followed after obtaining all the necessary permits – see Section 12.4.
- If heritage features are identified during construction, as stated in the management recommendation, these finds would have to be assessed by a specialist, after which a decision will be made regarding the application for relevant permits.

#### Reasoned opinion as to whether the proposed activity should be authorised:

- From a heritage point of view, it is recommended that the proposed prospecting activities be allowed to continue on acceptance of the mitigation measures and the conditions proposed below.

#### Conditions for inclusion in the environmental authorisation:

- The Palaeontological Sensitivity Map (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/map/palaeo>) indicate that most of the eastern section of the project area has a high sensitivity of fossil remains to be found and

therefore a desktop study is required. Based on the outcome of that, a field assessment is likely. The western section has a low sensitivity of fossil remains to be found and therefore no palaeontological assessment is required. However, a protocol for finds is required.

- Should archaeological sites or graves be exposed during construction work, it must immediately be reported to a heritage practitioner so that an investigation and evaluation of the finds can be made.

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## **12. ADDENDUM**

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### **1. Indemnity and terms of use of this report**

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## 2. Assessing the significance of heritage resources and potential impacts

A system for site grading was established by the NHRA and further developed by the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA 2007) and has been approved by ASAPA for use in southern Africa and was utilised during this assessment.

### 2.1 Significance of the identified heritage resources

According to the NHRA, Section 2(vi) the **significance** of a heritage sites and artefacts is determined by it aesthetic, architectural, historical, scientific, social, spiritual, linguistic or technical value in relation to the uniqueness, condition of preservation and research potential. It must be kept in mind that the various aspects are not mutually exclusive, and that the evaluation of any site is done with reference to any number of these.

#### Matrix used for assessing the significance of each identified site/feature

1. SITE EVALUATION				
1.1 Historic value				
Is it important in the community, or pattern of history				
Does it have strong or special association with the life or work of a person, group or organisation of importance in history				
Does it have significance relating to the history of slavery				
1.2 Aesthetic value				
It is important in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group				
1.3 Scientific value				
Does it have potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of natural or cultural heritage				
Is it important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period				
1.4 Social value				
Does it have strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons				
1.5 Rarity				
Does it possess uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of natural or cultural heritage				
1.6 Representivity				
Is it important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of natural or cultural places or objects				
Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a range of landscapes or environments, the attributes of which identify it as being characteristic of its class				
Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of human activities (including way of life, philosophy, custom, process, land-use, function, design or technique) in the environment of the nation, province, region or locality.				
2. Sphere of Significance		High	Medium	Low
International				
National				
Provincial				
Regional				
Local				
Specific community				
3. Field Register Rating				
1.	National/Grade 1: High significance - No alteration whatsoever without permit from SAHRA			
2.	Provincial/Grade 2: High significance - No alteration whatsoever without permit from provincial heritage authority.			
3.	Local/Grade 3A: High significance - Mitigation as part of development process not advised.			



4.	Local/Grade 3B: High significance - Could be mitigated and (part) retained as heritage register site	
5.	Generally protected 4A: High/medium significance - Should be mitigated before destruction	
6.	Generally protected 4B: Medium significance - Should be recorded before destruction	
7.	Generally protected 4C: Low significance - Requires no further recording before destruction	

## 2.2 Significance of the anticipated impact on heritage resources

All impacts identified during the HIA stage of the study will be classified in terms of their significance. Issues would be assessed in terms of the following criteria:

### Nature of the impact

A description of what causes the effect, what will be affected and how it will be affected.

### Extent

The physical **extent**, wherein it is indicated whether:

- 1 - The impact will be limited to the site;
- 2 - The impact will be limited to the local area;
- 3 - The impact will be limited to the region;
- 4 - The impact will be national; or
- 5 - The impact will be international.

### Duration

Here it should be indicated whether the lifespan of the impact will be:

- 1 - Of a very short duration (0–1 years);
- 2 - Of a short duration (2-5 years);
- 3 - Medium-term (5–15 years);
- 4 - Long term (where the impact will persist possibly beyond the operational life of the activity); or
- 5 - Permanent (where the impact will persist indefinitely).

### Magnitude (Intensity)

The magnitude of impact, quantified on a scale from 0-10, where a score is assigned:

- 0 - Small and will have no effect;
- 2 - Minor and will not result in an impact;
- 4 - Low and will cause a slight impact;
- 6 - Moderate and will result in processes continuing but in a modified way;
- 8 - High, (processes are altered to the extent that they temporarily cease); or
- 10 - Very high and results in complete destruction of patterns and permanent cessation of processes.

### Probability

This describes the likelihood of the impact actually occurring and is estimated on a scale where:

- 1 - Very improbable (probably will not happen);
- 2 - Improbable (some possibility, but low likelihood);
- 3 - Probable (distinct possibility);
- 4 - Highly probable (most likely); or
- 5 - Definite (impact will occur regardless of any prevention measures).

### Significance

The significance is determined through a synthesis of the characteristics described above (refer to the formula below) and can be assessed as low, medium or high:

$S = (E+D+M) \times P$ ; where

S = Significance weighting

E = Extent  
 D = Duration  
 M = Magnitude  
 P = Probability

Significance of impact		
Points	Significant Weighting	Discussion
< 30 points	Low	Where this impact would not have a direct influence on the decision to develop in the area.
31-60 points	Medium	Where the impact could influence the decision to develop in the area unless it is effectively mitigated.
> 60 points	High	Where the impact must have an influence on the decision process to develop in the area.

### Confidence

This should relate to the level of confidence that the specialist has in establishing the nature and degree of impacts. It relates to the level and reliability of information, the nature and degree of consultation with I&AP's and the dynamic of the broader socio-political context.

- High, where the information is comprehensive and accurate, where there has been a high degree of consultation and the socio-political context is relatively stable.
- Medium, where the information is sufficient but is based mainly on secondary sources, where there has been a limited targeted consultation and socio-political context is fluid.
- Low, where the information is poor, a high degree of contestation is evident and there is a state of socio-political flux.

### Status

- The status, which is described as either positive, negative or neutral.

### Reversibility

- The degree to which the impact can be reversed.

### Mitigation

- The degree to which the impact can be mitigated.

Nature:		
	Without mitigation	With mitigation
<b>Construction Phase</b>		
Probability		
Duration		
Extent		
Magnitude		
Significance		
Status (positive or negative)		
<b>Operation Phase</b>		
Probability		
Duration		
Extent		
Magnitude		
Significance		
Status (positive or negative)		
Reversibility		
Irreplaceable loss of resources?		
Can impacts be mitigated		

### 3. Mitigation measures

- *Mitigation: means to anticipate and prevent negative impacts and risks, then to minimise them, rehabilitate or repair impacts to the extent feasible.*

Impacts can be managed through one or a combination of the following mitigation measures:

- Avoidance
- Investigation (archaeological)
- Rehabilitation
- Interpretation
- Memorialisation
- Enhancement (positive impacts)

For the current study, the following mitigation measures are proposed, to be implemented only if any of the identified sites or features are to be impacted on by the proposed development activities:

- (1) Avoidance/Preserve: This is viewed to be the primary form of mitigation and applies where any type of development occurs within a formally protected or significant or sensitive heritage context and is likely to have a high negative impact. This measure often includes the change / alteration of development planning and therefore impact zones in order not to impact on resources. The site should be retained *in situ* and a buffer zone should be created around it, either temporary (by means of danger tape) or permanently (wire fence or built wall). Depending on the type of site, the buffer zone can vary from
  - 10 metres for a single grave, or a built structure, to
  - 50 metres where the boundaries are less obvious, e.g. a Late Iron Age site.
- (2) Archaeological investigation/Relocation of graves: This option can be implemented with additional design and construction inputs. This is appropriate where development occurs in a context of heritage significance and where the impact is such that it can be mitigated. Mitigation is to excavate the site by archaeological techniques, document the site (map and photograph) and analyse the recovered material to acceptable standards. This can only be done by a suitably qualified archaeologist.
  - This option should be implemented when it is impossible to avoid impacting on an identified site or feature.
  - This also applies for graves older than 60 years that are to be relocated. For graves younger than 60 years a permit from SAHRA is not required. However, all other legal requirements must be adhered to.
    - Impacts can be beneficial – e.g. mitigation contribute to knowledge
- (3) Rehabilitation: When features, e.g. buildings or other structures are to be re-used. Rehabilitation is considered in heritage management terms as an intervention typically involving the adding of a new heritage layer to enable a new sustainable use.
  - The heritage resource is degraded or in the process of degradation and would benefit from rehabilitation.
  - Where rehabilitation implies appropriate conservation interventions, i.e. adaptive reuse, repair and maintenance, consolidation and minimal loss of historical fabric.
    - Conservation measures would be to record the buildings/structures as they are (at a particular point in time). The records and recordings would then become the 'artefacts' to be preserved and managed as heritage features or (movable) objects.
    - This approach automatically also leads to the enhancement of the sites or features that are re-used.

- (4) Mitigation is also possible with additional design and construction inputs. Although linked to the previous measure (rehabilitation) a secondary though 'indirect' conservation measure would be to use the existing architectural 'vocabulary' of the structure as guideline for any new designs.
  - The following principle should be considered: **heritage informs design**.
    - This approach automatically also leads to the enhancement of the sites or features that are re-used.
  
- (5) No further action required: This is applicable only where sites or features have been rated to be of such low significance that it does not warrant further documentation, as it is viewed to be fully documented after inclusion in this report.
  - Site monitoring during development, by an ECO or the heritage specialist are often added to this recommendation in order to ensure that no undetected heritage/remains are destroyed.

#### **4. Relocation of graves**

If the graves are younger than 60 years, an undertaker can be contracted to deal with the exhumation and reburial. This will include public participation, organising cemeteries, coffins, etc. They need permits and have their own requirements that must be adhered to.

If the graves are older than 60 years old or of undetermined age, an archaeologist must be in attendance to assist with the exhumation and documentation of the graves. This is a requirement by law.

Once it has been decided to relocate particular graves, the following steps should be taken:

- Notices of the intention to relocate the graves need to be put up at the burial site for a period of 60 days. This should contain information where communities and family members can contact the developer/archaeologist/public-relations officer/undertaker. All information pertaining to the identification of the graves needs to be documented for the application of a SAHRA permit. The notices need to be in at least 3 languages, English, and two other languages. This is a requirement by law.
- Notices of the intention needs to be placed in at least two local newspapers and have the same information as the above point. This is a requirement by law.
- Local radio stations can also be used to try contact family members. This is not required by law, but is helpful in trying to contact family members.
- During this time (60 days) a suitable cemetery need to be identified close to the development area or otherwise one specified by the family of the deceased.
- An open day for family members should be arranged after the period of 60 days so that they can gather to discuss the way forward, and to sort out any problems. The developer needs to take the families requirements into account. This is a requirement by law.
- Once the 60 days has passed and all the information from the family members have been received, a permit can be requested from SAHRA. This is a requirement by law.
- Once the permit has been received, the graves may be exhumed and relocated.
- All headstones must be relocated with the graves as well as any items found in the grave.

#### **Information needed for the SAHRA permit application**

- The permit application needs to be done by an archaeologist.
- A map of the area where the graves have been located.
- A survey report of the area prepared by an archaeologist.
- All the information on the families that have identified graves.
- If graves have not been identified and there are no headstones to indicate the grave, these are then unknown graves and should be handled as if they are older than 60 years. This information also needs to be given to SAHRA.
- A letter from the landowner giving permission to the developer to exhume and relocate the graves.
- A letter from the new cemetery confirming that the graves will be reburied there.
- Details of the farm name and number, magisterial district and GPS coordinates of the gravesite.

## 5. Curriculum vitae

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1995 DLitt et Phil (Anthropology), University of South Africa  
1985 MA (Anthropology), University of Pretoria  
1981 BA (Hons), Anthropology, University of Pretoria  
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1978 BA (Hons), Archaeology, University of Pretoria  
1976 BA, University of Pretoria

#### Non-academic qualifications

12th HSRC-School in Research Methodology - July 1990  
Dept. of Education and Training Management Course - June 1992  
Social Assessment Professional Development Course - 1994  
Integrated Environmental Management Course, UCT - 1994

#### Professional experience

Private Practice  
2017 - current: Professional Heritage Consultant

#### National Museum of Cultural History

1992 - 2017: Senior researcher: Head of Department of Research. Manage an average of seven researchers in this department and supervise them in their research projects. Did various projects relating to Anthropology and Archaeology in Limpopo Province, Mpumalanga, North West Province and Gauteng. Headed the Museum's Section for Heritage Impact Assessments.  
1978 - 1991: Curator of the Anthropological Department of the Museum. Carried out extensive fieldwork in both anthropology and archaeology

#### Department of Archaeology, University of Pretoria

1976 - 1977: Assistant researcher responsible for excavations at various sites in Limpopo Province and Mpumalanga.

#### Awards and grants

1. Hanisch Book Prize for the best final year Archaeology student, University of Pretoria - 1976.
2. Special merit award, National Cultural History Museum - 1986.
3. Special merit award, National Cultural History Museum - 1991.
4. Grant by the Department of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology, to visit the various African countries to study museums, sites and cultural programmes - 1993.
5. Grant by the USA National Parks Service, to visit the United States of America to study museums, sites, tourism development, cultural programmes and impact assessment programmes - 1998.
6. Grant by the USA embassy, Pretoria, under the Bi-national Commission Exchange Support Fund, to visit cultural institutions in the USA and to attend a conference in Charleston - 2000.
7. Grant by the National Research Foundation to develop a model for community-based tourism - 2001.

8. Grant by the National Research Foundation to develop a model for community-based tourism - 2013. In association with RARI, Wits University.

**Publications**

Published more than 70 papers, mostly in scientifically accredited journals, but also as chapters in books.

**Conference Contributions**

Regularly presented papers at conferences, locally as well as internationally, on various research topics, ranging in scope from archaeology, anthropological, historical, cultural historical and tourism development.

**Heritage Impact Assessments**

Since 1992, I have done more than 2000 Phase 1 and Phase 2 impact assessments (archaeological, anthropological, historical and social) for various government departments and developers. Projects include environmental management frameworks, roads, pipeline-, and power line developments, dams, mining, water purification works, historical landscapes, refuse dumps and urban developments.