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	require input from a
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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd (PGS) was appointed by Kongiwe Environmental (Pty) Ltd (Kongiwe) to undertake a heritage impact assessment (HIA) which will serve to inform the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the proposed Ergo Reprocessing Project in Brakpan, southeast of Brakpan, Gauteng.

Heritage resources are unique and non-renewable and as such any impact on such resources must be seen as significant. This report focusses specifically on the newly proposed tailings reprocessing project and associated infrastructure, other management measures as listed and required in other HIA's conducted in the area must still be implemented for other heritage features identified in the larger Brakpan area.

The HIA has shown that the study area and surrounding area has some heritage resources situated within the proposed development boundaries. Through data analysis and a site investigation the following issues were identified from a heritage perspective.

### - Archaeology

The data analysis has enabled the identification of possible heritage sensitive areas that included:

- Dwellings;
- Clusters of dwellings (homesteads and farmsteads);
- Archaeological Sensitive areas (based on historical descriptions); and
- Structures.

The fieldwork for the HIA identified four (4) confirmed heritage sites with different heritage significance ratings, all of which are dated to historical period. Despite this potential risk, it must be noted that the proposed development <u>will not</u> have any impact on these sites and any proposed mitigation measures for these particular sites are simply enacted as a precautionary measure.

However, the desktop-based component of this HIA identified a further twenty-seven (27) heritage sites with the same heritage significance rating. Even though the field-survey revealed no physical remains on the surface at these sites, it is evident that they could have been the previous locations of black homesteads from the historic to recent past. Experience has shown that in terms of black African culture, infants and stillborn babies were frequently buried under the floors of the homesteads, or against its walls. As these graves were frequently unmarked, the possibility exists for these types of burials to also occur at these sites. Despite this potential risk, it must be noted that the proposed development will not

have any impact on these sites and any proposed mitigation measures for these particular sites are simply enacted as a precautionary measure.

The impact significance before mitigation on the heritage resources is LOW negative. Implementation of the recommended mitigation measures will modify this impact rating to an <a href="mailto:acceptable">acceptable</a> LOW negative.

The management and mitigation measures as described in Section 6 of this report have been developed to minimise the project impact on heritage resources.

# - Palaeontology

Due to the nature of the proposed development in the area, that it will not involve any invasive, ground penetrating activities that could potentially affect the underlying geology as well as the fact that the pipeline already exists, thus there are no potential impacts on palaeontological resources. It is thus recommended that no further palaeontological assessments will be required and the proposed development may be authorised from a palaeontological perspective.

#### - General

It is the author's considered opinion that overall impact on heritage resources is LOW and after the implementation of the recommended mitigation measures is acceptably low or can be totally mitigated to the degree that the project can be approved from a heritage perspective.

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#### TERMINOLOGY AND ABBREVIATIONS

#### **Archaeological resources**

This includes:

- material remains resulting from human activity which are in a state of disuse and are
  in or on land and which are older than 100 years including artefacts, human and
  hominid remains and artificial features and structures;
- rock art, being any form of painting, engraving or other graphic representation on a fixed rock surface or loose rock or stone, which was executed by human agency and which is older than 100 years, including any area within 10m of such representation;
- wrecks, being any vessel or aircraft, or any part thereof, which was wrecked in South Africa, whether on land, in the internal waters, the territorial waters or in the maritime culture zone of the republic as defined in the Maritimes Zones Act, and any cargo, debris or artefacts found or associated therewith, which is older than 60 years or which SAHRA considers to be worthy of conservation; and
- features, structures and artefacts associated with military history which are older than 75 years and the site on which they are found.

# **Cultural significance**

This means aesthetic, architectural, historical, scientific, social, spiritual, linguistic or technological value or significance

#### Development

This means any physical intervention, excavation, or action, other than those caused by natural forces, which may in the opinion of the heritage authority in any way result in a change to the nature, appearance or physical nature of a place or influence its stability and future well-being, including:

- construction, alteration, demolition, removal or change in use of a place or a structure at a place;
- carrying out any works on or over or under a place;
- subdivision or consolidation of land comprising a place, including the structures or airspace of a place;
- constructing or putting up for display signs or boards;
- any change to the natural or existing condition or topography of land; and
- any removal or destruction of trees, or removal of vegetation or topsoil

### **Early Stone Age**

The archaeology of the Stone Age between 700 000 and 3 300 000 years ago.

#### **Fossil**

Mineralised bones of animals, shellfish, plants and marine animals. A trace fossil is the track or footprint of a fossil animal that is preserved in stone or consolidated sediment.

#### Heritage

That which is inherited and forms part of the National Estate (historical places, objects, fossils as defined by the National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999).

# Heritage resources

This means any place or object of cultural significance and can include (but not limited to) as stated under Section 3 of the NHRA,

- 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, and
- sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa;

#### Holocene

The most recent geological time period which commenced 10 000 years ago.

#### **Late Stone Age**

The archaeology of the last 30 000 years associated with fully modern people.

# **Late Iron Age (Early Farming Communities)**

The archaeology of the last 1000 years up to the 1800's, associated with iron-working and farming activities such as herding and agriculture.

#### Middle Stone Age

The archaeology of the Stone Age between 30 000-300 000 years ago, associated with early modern humans.

# **Palaeontology**

Any fossilised remains or fossil trace of animals or plants which lived in the geological past, other than fossil fuels or fossiliferous rock intended for industrial use, and any site which contains such fossilised remains or trace.

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Table 1 – List of abbreviations used in this report

Abbreviations	Description
AIA	Archaeological Impact Assessment
ASAPA	Association of South African Professional Archaeologists
CRM	Cultural Resource Management
DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs
DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation
ECO	Environmental Control Officer
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIA practitioner	Environmental Impact Assessment Practitioner
ESA	Earlier Stone Age
GPS	Global Positioning System
HIA	Heritage Impact Assessment
I&AP	Interested & Affected Party
LCTs	Large Cutting Tools
LIA	Late Iron Age
LSA	Late Stone Age
MIA	Middle Iron Age
MSA	Middle Stone Age
MPDRA	Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No 28 of
	2002)
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998)
NHRA	National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No 25 of 1999)
PHRA	Provincial Heritage Resources Authority
PSSA	Palaeontological Society of South Africa
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SAHRA	South African Heritage Resources Agency

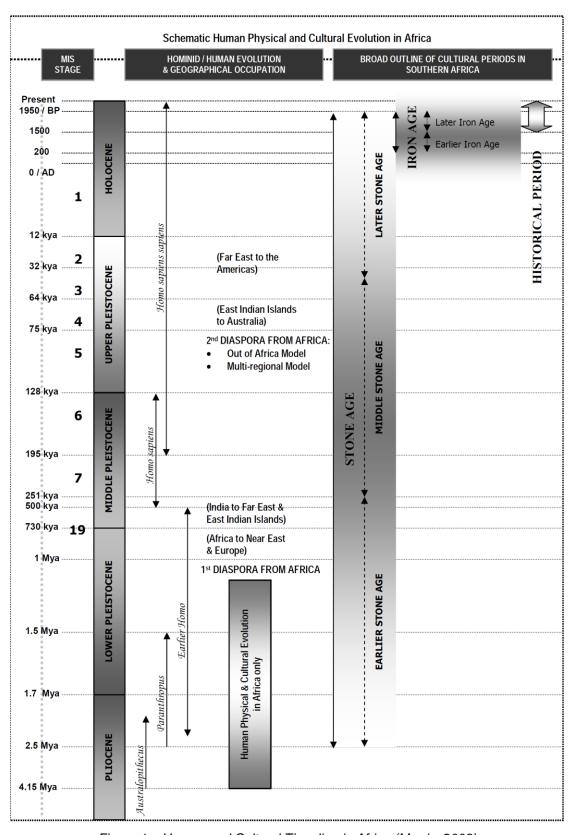


Figure 1 – Human and Cultural Time line in Africa (Morris, 2008)

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd (PGS) was appointed by Kongiwe Environmental (Pty) Ltd (Kongiwe) to undertake a heritage impact assessment (HIA) which will serve to inform the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the proposed Ergo Reprocessing Project in Brakpan, southeast of Brakpan, Gauteng.

#### 1.1 Scope of the Study

The aim of the study is to identify possible heritage sites and finds that may occur in the proposed development area. The HIA aims to inform the EIA in the development of a comprehensive EMPr to assist the developer in managing the identified heritage resources in a responsible manner in order to protect, preserve, and develop them within the framework provided by the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) (NHRA).

#### 1.2 Specialist Qualifications

This Heritage Impact Assessment was compiled by PGS Heritage (PGS).

The staff at PGS have a combined experience of nearly 40 years in the heritage consulting industry. PGS and its staff have extensive experience in managing HIA processes. PGS will only undertake heritage assessment work where they have the relevant expertise and experience to undertake that work competently.

Mr. Ilan Smeyatsky, graduated with his Master's degree (MSc) in Archaeology; is registered as a Professional Archaeologist with the Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA) and is accredited as a Field Supervisor.

Mr. Wouter Fourie, the Project Coordinator, is registered with the Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA) as a Professional Archaeologist and is accredited as a Principal Investigator; he is further an Accredited Professional Heritage Practitioner with the Association of Professional Heritage Practitioners (APHP).

#### 1.3 Assumptions and Limitations

Not detracting in any way from the comprehensiveness of the research undertaken, it is necessary to realise that the heritage resources located during the desk research do not necessarily represent all the possible heritage resources present within the area. A detailed

inventory of the heritage resources found within the project area will be provided in a fieldwork report.

Such observed or located heritage features and/or objects may not be disturbed or removed in any way until such time that the heritage specialist has been able to make an assessment as to the significance of the site (or material) in question. This applies to graves and cemeteries as well.

# 1.4 Legislative Context

The identification, evaluation and assessment of any cultural heritage site, artefact or find in the South African context is required and governed by the following legislation:

- National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), Act 107 of 1998
- National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), Act 25 of 1999
- Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA), Act 28 of 2002

The following sections in each Act refer directly to the identification, evaluation and assessment of cultural heritage resources.

- National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) Act 107 of 1998 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations GN R982 of 8 December 2014, as amended
  - Basic Environmental Assessment (BEA) Appendix 1 s (2)(d)
  - Environmental Scoping Report (ESR) Appendix 1 s (3)(h)(iv) and Appendix 2 s(2)(g)(iv)
  - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Appendix 3 s (3)(h)(iv)/
- National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA) Act 25 of 1999
  - o Protection of Heritage Resources Sections 34 to 36; and
  - Heritage Resources Management Section 38
- Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA) Act 28 of 2002

The NHRA is utilized as the basis for the identification, evaluation and management of heritage resources and in the case of CRM those resources specifically impacted on by development as stipulated in Section 38 of NHRA. This study falls under s38(8) and requires comment from the relevant heritage resources authority.

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#### 2 SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

# 2.1 Locality

The study areas are located near Brakpan, situated approximately 4km south of Brakpan (See, Figure 2).

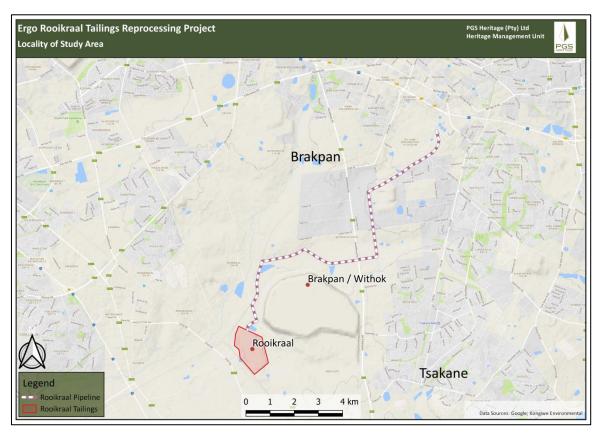


Figure 2 - The proposed development area within its local context

# 2.2 Technical Project Description

The following background information has been provided by Kongiwe:

Ergo Mining (Pty) Ltd (Ergo) (a wholly owned subsidiary of Ergo Mining Operations (Pty) Limited which in turn is a subsidiary of DRDGOLD Limited) within which the Group's surface retreatment assets are consolidated, intends to reprocess and reclaim gold from the existing Rooikraal Tailings Storage Facility.

Ergo is the largest gold tailings retreatment company in South Africa. The surface deposits controlled by Ergo are waste products created from the historical processing of gold and uranium

ores of the Witwatersrand Supergroup. The deposits consist of gold, uranium and sulphur bearing sand dumps and slimes dams, and the composition reflects the major constituents of the Witwatersrand Basin: quartz (70%-80%), mica (10%), chlorite and chloritoid (9%-18%) and pyrite (1%-2%).

Ergo holds various Mining Rights (MR) in respect of slimes dams and sand dumps extending 65 km from western Johannesburg to eastern Ekurhuleni with most activities occurring on the central and eastern sections of the Witwatersrand mining belt. Under Ergo ownership is the Ergo Beneficiation Plant, City Deep Gold Plant, Knights Gold Plant, the Brakpan/Withok Tailings Storage Facility (TSF), the Daggafontein TSF and various other movable and immovable assets.

### 2.2.1 Locality

The Rooikraal TSF is located in Ward 99 within Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, approximately 12km south-east of Brakpan and 5km west of Tsakane (**Figure 2**). The footprint of the project site covers an extent of approximately 160.40 hectares.

# 2.2.2 Project description

Ergo intends to reprocess and reclaim gold from the Rooikraal TSF. The TSF will be reprocessed though the Ergo Plant with ultimate deposition taking place on the Brakpan/Withok TSF. The reclamation process will be undertaken as follows:

**Step 1:** Gold will be reclaimed at the TSF by means of hydraulic mining method, this method entails using high pressure water monitors (water cannons). The water cannons will be directed onto the face of the TSF to break up the material and turn it into slurry as it mixes with the runoff water.

**Step 2:** The slurry will flow via slurry trenches to a penstock, feeding a satellite pump station/reclamation station, at the low end of the site.

**Step 3:** Two coarse finger screens will be used to screen the slurry from vegetation, lumps of tailings and other waste. The finger screen underflow slurry will report to a satellite screen (vibrating screen). The coarse screen overflow will report to the trash bay. The trash material will be stockpiled adjacent to the satellite pump station and thereafter removed.

**Step 4**: Underflow from the vibrating screen at the satellite pump station will be pumped to a reception tank at the Brakpan/Withok TSF; from there it will be pumped via a series of transfer pumps to the Ergo Plant. This pump station will be capable of processing the slimes.

**Step 5**: Thereafter the tailings will be treated for gold recovery at the Ergo Plant. The waste tailings material will be pumped to the Brakpan/Withok tailings facility which has the capacity to handle the residue material.

# 2.2.3 Proposed infrastructure

- Mobile tracked hydraulic monitors / High-pressure water cannons;
- Trenches, Penstocks and various other stormwater systems;
- Collection sump;
- Reclamation Station;
- 2 existing Pollution Control Dams (PCD);
- Contingency Dam;
- Above-ground slurry pipeline (considered existing);
- Return water pipeline (considered existing);
- Access roads (some considered as existing); and
- Temporary offices, change houses and portable ablution facilities.

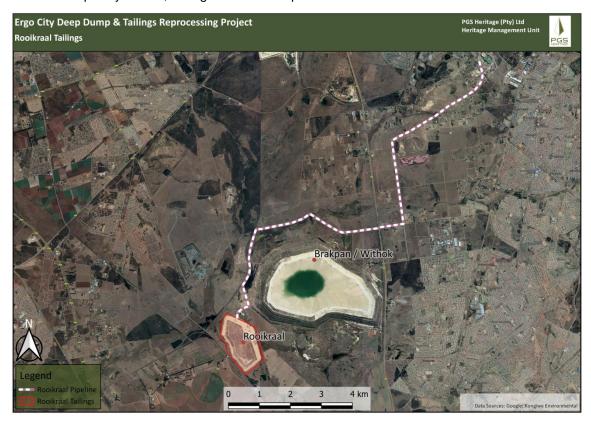


Figure 3 - Rooikraal mine dump and Pipeline

#### **CURRENT STATUS QUO**

The section below outlines the assessment methodologies utilised in the study.

#### 3.1 **Site Description**

The Rooikraal TSF is located in Ward 99 within the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, approximately 12km south-east of Brakpan and 5km west of Tsakane (Figure 2).

The study area consists of a combination of rural and semi-rural areas (Figure 4 & Figure 5). As a result, the vast majority of the Ergo Rooikraal Tailings Project footprint overlays relatively undisturbed terrain consisting of land used for agricultural purposes. Where not developed, the area consists of Grassland biome vegetation, which is dominated by various species of grasses growing on undulating hills (Figure 6). Overall, the site was mostly accessible by foot and site detection visibility was good.



Figure 4 – View of TSF in background more or Figure 5 – Brakpan/Withok tailings less undeveloped land in foreground





Figure 6 – View of beginning of Rooikraal pipeline at the base of the Rooikraal TSF that



Figure 7 - View of Rooikraal pipeline where it emerges from underground at a point along

# 3.2 Overview of Study Area and Surrounding Landscape

Date	Description		
	The Early Stone Age is the first and oldest phase identified in South Africa's		
	archaeological history and comprises two technological phases. The earliest		
	of these is known as Oldowan and is associated with crude flakes and		
2.5 million to 250	hammer stones. It dates to approximately 2 million years ago. The second		
000 years ago	technological phase is the Acheulian and comprises more refined and better		
	made stone artefacts such as the cleaver and bifacial hand axe. The		
	Acheulian dates back to approximately 1.5 million years ago.		
	The Middle Stone Age (MSA) is the second oldest phase identified in South		
250 000 to 40 000	Africa's archaeological history. This phase is associated with flakes, points		
years ago	and blades manufactured by means of the so-called 'prepared core'		
	technique.		
40 000 years ago to	The Later Stone Age is the third archaeological phase identified and is		
the historic past	associated with an abundance of very small artefacts known as microliths.		
	The Mzonjani facies of the Kwale Branch of the Urewe Ceramic Tradition		
	represents the earliest known Iron Age period within the surroundings of the		
AD 450 – AD 750	study area. The decoration on the ceramics from this facies is characterised		
	by punctates on the rim as well as spaced motifs on the shoulder (Huffman,		
	2007).		
	The Ntsuanatsatsi facies of the Blackburn Branch of the Urewe Ceramic		
	Tradition represents the second known Iron Age period within the		
AD 1450 – AD 1650	surroundings of the study area. The decoration on the ceramics from this		
	facies is characterised by a broad band of stamping in the neck, stamped		
	arcades on the shoulder and appliqué. Huffman (2007) suggest that the		

Ntsuanatsatsi facies can be directly linked to the early Bafokeng who were the first Mbo Nguni people to leave present-day KwaZulu-Natal.

The Olifantspoort facies of the Moloko Branch of the Urewe Ceramic Tradition is the third Iron Age facies to be identified within the surroundings of the study area. The Olifantspoort facies can likely be dated to between AD 1500 and AD 1700. The key features of the decoration used on the ceramics from this facies include multiple bands of fine stamping or narrow incision separated by colour (Huffman, 2007). The type site for this facies is located on the farm Olfantspoort 328 JQ, near Rustenburg in the North West Province.

AD 1500 - AD 1700

The Olifantspoort facies holds an important position in the sequence of the Moloko or Sotho-Tswana group. The earliest facies to be associated with the Moloko is the Icon facies (AD 1300 – 1500), with sites found across large sections of what is today the Limpopo Province. The Icon facies resulted in three different and parallel Iron Age facies, namely the Madikwe facies (AD 1500 – 1700) (which in turn led to the Buispoort facies between AD 1700 and 1850), the Letsibogo facies (AD 1500 – 1700) and thirdly the Olifantspoort facies. The Olfantspoort facies developed into the Thabeng facies (AD 1700 – 1850) (Huffman, 2007). It is therefore evident that the Olifantspoort facies represents a key pillar in our understanding of the origins and sequence of the Sotho-Tswana people of today (Huffman, 2007).

The Uitkomst facies of the Blackburn Branch of the Urewe Ceramic Tradition represents the third Iron Age period to be identified for the surroundings of the study area. This facies can likely be dated to between AD 1650 and AD 1820. The decoration on the ceramics associated with this facies is characterised by stamped arcades, appliqué of parallel incisions, stamping and cord impressions and is described as a mixture of the characteristics of both Ntsuanatsatsi (Nguni) and Olifantspoort (Sotho) (Huffman, 2007).

AD 1650 - AD 1850

The type-site is Uitkomst Cave was excavated by Professor R.J. Mason of the University of the Witwatersrand as part of a project to excavate five cave sites (Glenferness, Hennops River, Pietkloof, Zwartkops and Uitkomst) in the Witwatersrand-Magaliesberg area. Uitkomst was chosen as the type site for the particular Iron Age material excavated at these sites, as its deposit was found to be well stratified and the site "...illustrates the combination of a certain kind of pottery with evidence for metal and food production and stone wall building found at the open sites..." (Mason, 1962:385).

The Uitkomst pottery is viewed as a combination of Ntsuanatsatsi and Olifantspoort, and with the Makgwareng facies is seen as the successors to the Ntsuanatsatsi facies. The Ntsuanatsatsi facies is closely related to the oral histories of the Early Fokeng people and represents the earliest known movement of Nguni people out of Kwazulu-Natal into the inland areas of South Africa. Regarding this theory, the Bafokeng settled at Ntsuanatsatsi Hill in the present-day Free State Province. Subsequently, the BaKwena lineage had broken away from the Bahurutshe cluster and crossed southward over the Vaal River to come in contact with the Bafokeng. As a result of this contact a Bafokeng-Bakwena cluster was formed, which moved northward and became further 'Sotho-ised' by coming into increasing contact with other Sotho-Tswana groups. According to this theory, this eventually resulted in the appearance of Uitkomst facies type pottery which contained elements of both Nguni and Sotho-Tswana speakers (Huffman, 2007). Huffman states that that the Uitkomst facies is directly associated with the Bafokeng (Huffman, 2007). However, it worth noting that not all researchers agree with this preposition of the Bafokeng origins. In their book on the history of the Bafokeng, Bernard Mbenga and Andrew Mason indicate that the research of Prof. R.J. Mason and Dr. J.C.C. Pistorius "...would indicate that the Bafokeng originated from the Bahurutshe-Bakwena-Bakgatla lineage cluster. Tom Huffman holds a different view..." (Mbenga & Mason, 2010).

AD 1700 - AD 1840

The Buispoort facies of the Moloko branch of the Urewe Ceramic Tradition is the next phase to be identified within the greater Witwatersrand area. It is most likely dated to between AD 1700 and AD 1840. The key features on the decorated ceramics include rim notching, broadly incised chevrons and white bands, all with red ochre (Huffman, 2007). It is believed that the Madikwe facies developed into the Buispoort facies. The Buispoort facies is associated with sites such as Boschhoek, Buffelshoek, Kaditshwene, Molokwane and Olifantspoort (Huffman, 2007).

# 3.3 Previous Archaeological and Heritage Studies in and around the Study Area

- VAN DER WALT, J. 2009. Archaeological Impact Assessment: Helderwyk Township development on the remainder of Portion 62 of the Farm Witpoortjie 117IR, Brakpan, Ekurhuleni, Gauteng Province. – No heritage sites were uncovered during this study.
- GAIGHER, S. 2015. Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed Brakpan Old Location Township Development. – A single grave was uncovered during this study.

- PELSER, A. 2017. Baseline Study & Heritage Assessment Report for the Newshelf 1186
   (Pty) Ltd's Gedex Project in Brakpan, Gauteng. No heritage sites were uncovered during this study.
- VAN DER WALT, J. 2014. Archaeological Impact Assessment For the proposed Brakpan Memorial Park development, Gauteng Province. – Several historical heritage sites and a burial ground were located during this study.

# 3.4 Historical Background

#### 3.4.1 Brakpan

Brakpan began originally as a farming community with farmers moving into the area during the 1840s and declared farms for themselves. Brakpan developed rapidly after the discovery of coal in the area and due to the increase of geological knowledge, by 1905 the Brakpan Mines Company had sunk its 1st two gold mine shafts (Gaigher 2015).

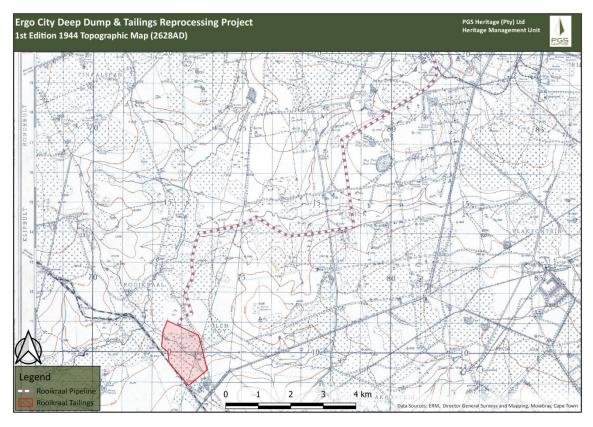


Figure 8 - 1st Edition 1944 Topographic Map (2628AD)

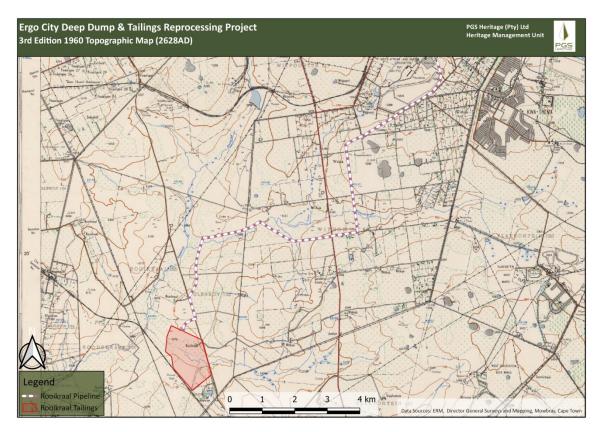


Figure 9 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition 1960 Topographic Map (2628AD)

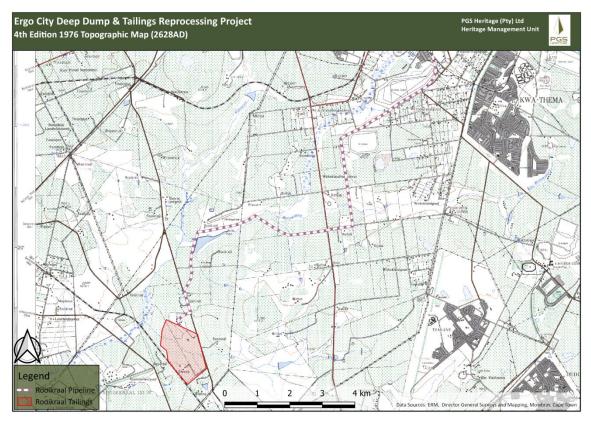


Figure 10 – 4<sup>th</sup> Edition 1976 Topographic Map (2628AD)

#### 3.5 Findings of heritage screening

The findings can be compiled as follows and have been combined to produce a heritage sensitivity map for the project based on the desktop assessment (**Figure 11**).

### 3.5.1 Heritage

The sensitivity maps were produced by overlying:

- Satellite Imagery;
- Current Topographical Maps; and
- First edition Topographical Maps dating from the 1940s to 1960s.

This enabled the identification of possible heritage sensitive areas that included:

- Dwellings;
- Clusters of dwellings (homesteads and farmsteads);
- · Archaeological Sensitive areas; and
- Structures/Buildings.

By superimposition and analysis it was possible to rate these structure/areas according to age and thus their level of protection under the NHRA. Note that these structures refer to possible tangible heritage sites as listed in *Table 2*.

Table 2: Tangible heritage site in the study area

Name	Description	Legislative protection
Archaeology - Iron Age Sites	Older than 100 years	NHRA Sect 3 and 35
Architectural Structures	Possibly older than 60 years	NHRA Sect 3 and 34

Additionally, evaluation of satellite imagery has indicated the following areas that may be sensitive from a heritage perspective. The analysis of the studies conducted in the area assisted in the development of the following landform type to heritage find matrix in **Table 3**.

Table 3: Landform type to heritage find matrix

LANDFORM TYPE	HERITAGE TYPE				
Crest and foot hill	LSA and MSA scatters, LIA settlements				
Crest of small hills	Small LSA sites – scatters of stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell, pottery and beads				
Watering holes/pans/rivers	LSA sites, LIA settlements				
Farmsteads	Historical archaeological material				
Ridges and drainage lines	LSA sites, LIA settlements				
Forested areas	LIA sites				

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Based on the analysis and possible extent of the mitigation that could be required to enable development in the areas of heritage sensitivity, a sensitivity rating was given to each area (**Figure 12**). This rating scale is based on **Table 3** & **Table 4**.

Table 4: Sensitivity ratings and weighting

Sensitivity Rating	Description	Weighting	Preference
Least Concern	The inherent feature status and sensitivity is already degraded. The proposed development will not affect the current status and/or may result in a positive impact. These features would be the preferred alternative for mining or infrastructure placement.	-1	Preferrable
Low/Poor	The proposed development will have not have a significant effect on the inherent	0	Negotiable
High	feature status and sensitivity.  The proposed development will negatively influence the current status of the feature.	+1	
Very High	The proposed development will negatively significantly influence the current status of the feature.	+2	Restricted

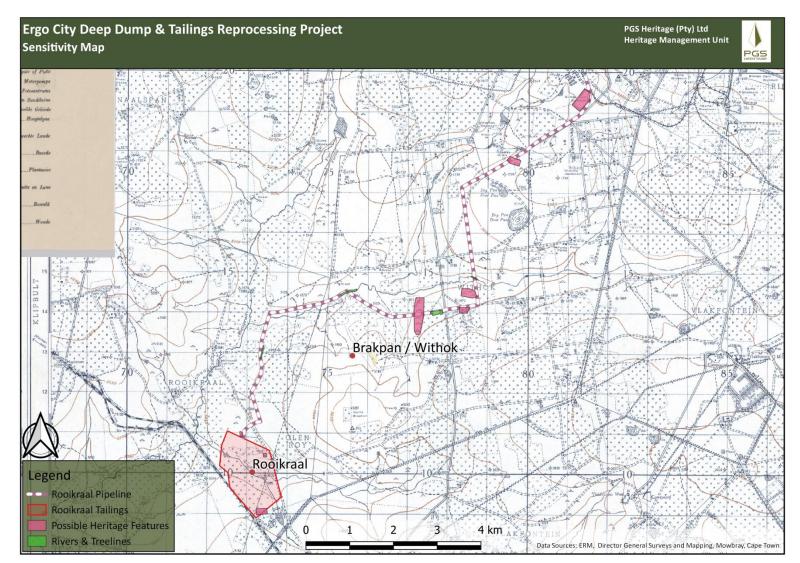


Figure 11 – Heritage sensitivity map indicating possible sensitive areas for Rooikraal area

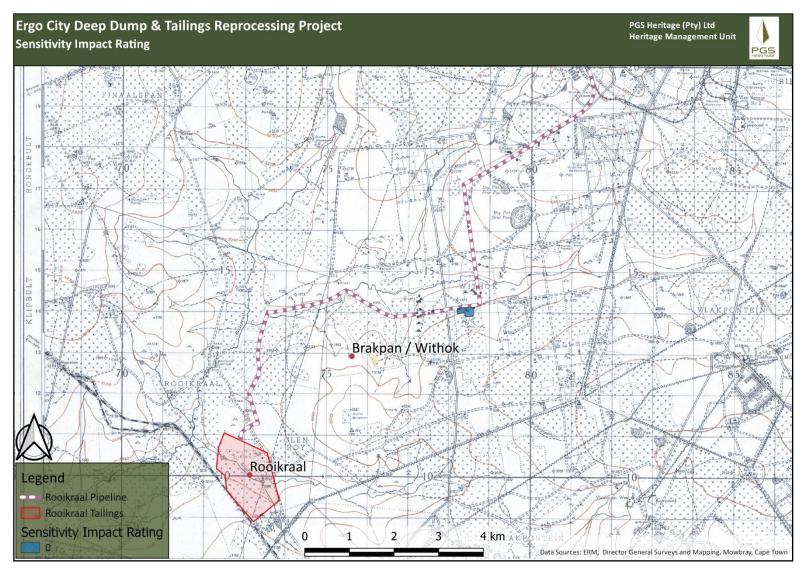


Figure 12 – Heritage sensitivity map indicating sensitivity impact rating for the Rooikraal area

#### 4 FIELDWORK AND FINDINGS

A controlled surface survey was conducted on foot and vehicle over a period of one day by one archaeologist from PGS. The fieldwork was conducted on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The track logs (in orange) for the survey are indicated in **Figure 13**.

Heritage resources identified during the fieldwork component of this HIA is described in **Table 5** and their positions shown in **Figure 25**.

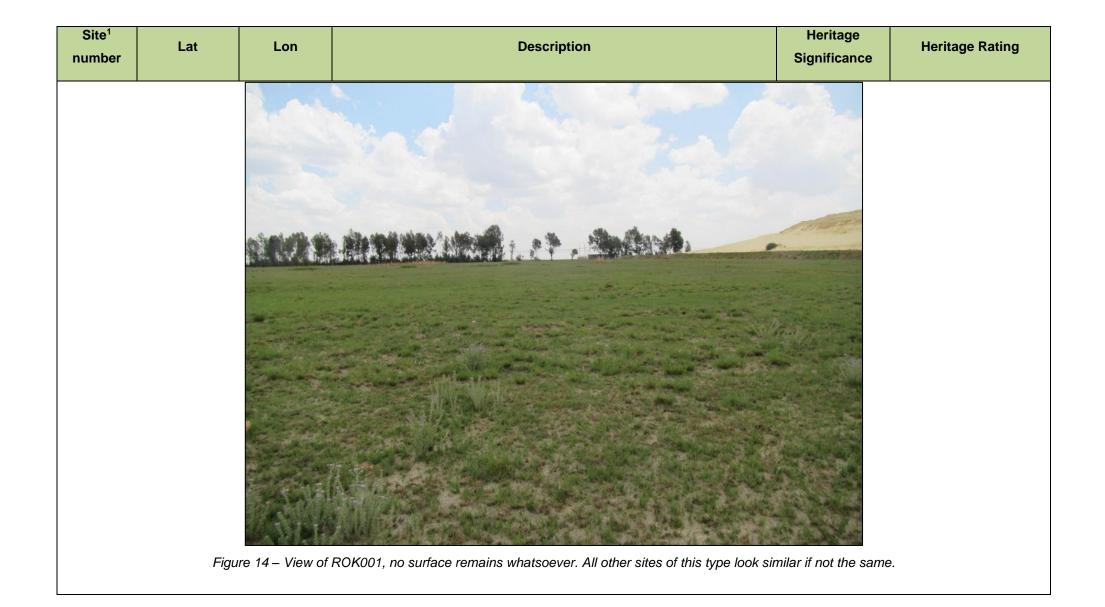


Figure 13 – Track log recordings from site visits (16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 & 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018). Note that portions of the proposed pipeline were not surveyed due to inaccessibility and the fact that the entire pipeline already exists

Table 5 – Possible infant burial sites identified during heritage survey

Site <sup>1</sup> number	Lat	Lon	Description	Heritage Significance	Heritage Rating
ROK001	S 26.37043°	E 28.29812°	The site comprises the marked location of a "hut", as shown on the historical topographic maps. Even though there are no physical remains on the surface, it is evident that it could have been the previous location of a black homestead from the historic to recent past. Experience has shown that in terms of black African culture, infants and stillborn babies were frequently buried under the floors of the homesteads, or against its walls. As these graves were frequently unmarked, the possibility exists for these types of burials to also occur at this site. <b>The structure measures 10m x 10m.</b>	Medium/High	GP.A (See <b>Table 11</b> under Appendix A)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Site in this context refers to a place where a heritage resource is located and not a proclaimed heritage site as contemplated under s27 of the NHRA. Ergo Rooikraal HIA Report



Site <sup>2</sup> number	Lat	Lon	Description	Heritage Significance	Heritage Rating
ROK002	S26.33334°	E28.33348°	Same description as ROK001. The site measures 10m x 10m.	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK003	S26.33180°	E28.33354°	Same description as ROK001. The site measures 10m x 10m.	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK005	S26.33057°	E28.33338°	Same description as ROK001. The site measures 10m x 10m.	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK006	S26.33029°	E28.33397°	Same description as ROK001. The site measures 10m x 10m.	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK007	S26.32981°	E28.33314°	Same description as ROK001. The site measures 10m x 10m.	Medium/High	GP.A

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Site <sup>1</sup> number	Lat	Lon	Description	Heritage Significance	Heritage Rating
ROK008	S26.32904°	E28.33391°	Same description as ROK001. <b>The site measures 10m x 10m.</b>	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK009	S26.32749°	E28.33372°	Same description as ROK001. <b>The site measures 10m x 10m.</b>	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK010	S26.32751°	E28.33318°	Same description as ROK001. The site measures 10m x 10m.	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK011	S26.32696°	E28.33403°	Same description as ROK001. The site measures 10m x 10m.	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK012	S26.32637°	E28.33363°	Same description as ROK001. The site measures 10m x 10m.	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK013	S26.32985°	E28.33575°	Same description as ROK001. <b>The site measures 10m x 10m.</b>	Medium/High	GP.A

Site <sup>1</sup> number	Lat	Lon	Description	Heritage Significance	Heritage Rating
ROK014	S26.32942°	E28.33676°	Same description as ROK001. <b>The site measures 10m x 10m.</b>	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK017	S26.32881°	E28.34590°	Same description as ROK001. The site measures 10m x 10m.	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK018	S26.32576°	E28.34742°	Same description as ROK001. The site measures 10m x 10m.	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK019	S26.32593°	E28.34628°	Same description as ROK001. The site measures 10m x 10m.	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK020	S26.32557°	E28.34598°	Same description as ROK001. The site measures 10m x 10m.	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK021	S26.32517°	E28.34554°	Same description as ROK001. <b>The site measures 10m x 10m.</b>	Medium/High	GP.A

Site <sup>1</sup> number	Lat	Lon	Description	Heritage Significance	Heritage Rating
ROK022	S26.32558°	E28.34402°	Same description as ROK001. <b>The site measures 10m x 10m.</b>	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK024	\$26.32006°	E28.34716°	Same description as ROK001. <b>The site measures 10m x 10m.</b>	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK025	S26.31242°	E28.34463°	Same description as ROK001. The site measures 10m x 10m.	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK026	S26.30656°	E28.34494°	Same description as ROK001. The site measures 10m x 10m.	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK027	S26.29896°	E28.35558°	Same description as ROK001. The site measures 10m x 10m.	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK028	S26.29769°	E28.35419°	Same description as ROK001. <b>The site measures 10m x 10m.</b>	Medium/High	GP.A

Site <sup>1</sup> number	Lat	Lon	Description	Heritage Significance	Heritage Rating
ROK031	S26.29607°	E28.36044°	Same description as ROK001. The site measures 10m x 10m.	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK032	S26.29557°	E28.36047°	Same description as ROK001. The site measures 10m x 10m.	Medium/High	GP.A
ROK033	S26.29355°	E28.36493°	Same description as ROK001. The site measures 10m x 10m.	Medium/High	GP.A

Table 6 - Other heritage sites

Site <sup>3</sup> number	Lat	Lon	Description	Heritage Significance	Heritage Rating
ROK015	S26.32942°	E28.33676°	The site comprises the remains of several structures, presumably forming an old farmstead, as shown on the historical topographic maps. It is clear that there is at least one main farmhouse and several farm utility structures. There were the remains of 5 structures in total.  In addition, these structures appear to date from the historic to recent past due to its design and the construction materials employed. The structures measure 10-15m x 10-15m each.	Low	GP.C



Figure 15 – View of the main homestead at ROK15



Figure 16 – Interior view of one of the rooms of the man homestead

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Site in this context refers to a place where a heritage resource is located and not a proclaimed heritage site as contemplated under s27 of the NHRA.

Site<sup>3</sup> number Lat Lon Description Heritage Significance Heritage Rating

Figure 17 – View of the remains of one the other structures at ROK015



Figure 18 – As one can see, the other structures mostly consist of foundations

Site <sup>4</sup> number	Lat	Lon	Description	Heritage Significance	Heritage Rating
ROK016	S26.32898°	E28.34259°	The site comprises an old farmstead as shown on the historical topographic maps. It is still currently in use. There are multiple farming related structures on the property. In addition, these structures appear to date from the historic to recent past due to its design and the construction materials employed. The main homestead structure measures 40mx10m.	Low	GP.B



Figure 19 – Main homestead at site ROK016

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Site <sup>5</sup> number	Lat	Lon	Description	Heritage Significance	Heritage Rating
ROK029	S26.29740°	E28.35400°	The site comprises the remains of a small, stone-built house as shown on the historical topographic maps. The site most likely is related to the structure at ROK030. It dates to the historic to recent past due to its shape and the construction materials employed. The structure measures 5mx5m.		GP.B



Figure 20 – View of the structure at ROK029



Figure 21 – One can see the relatively good preservation of the structure

Site <sup>6</sup>	Lot	Lan	Description	Heritage	Heritage Deting
number	Lat	Lon	Description	Significance	Heritage Rating

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Site <sup>5</sup> number	Lat	Lon	Description	Heritage Significance	Heritage Rating
ROK030	S26.29743°	E28.35359°	The site comprises the remains of a fairly large, stone built milking shed with a concrete foundation as shown on the historical topographic maps. The site most likely is related to the structure at ROK029. It dates to the historic to recent past due to its shape and the construction materials employed. The structure measures 25mx10m.		GP.B

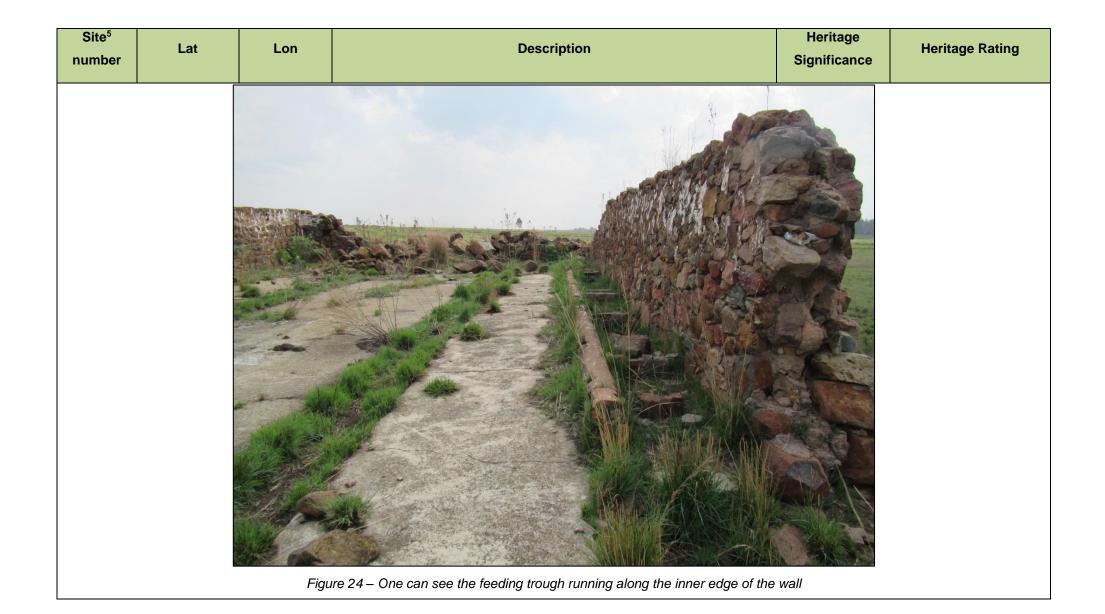


Figure 22 – View of the structure at ROK030



Figure 23 – View of the interior of the milking shed

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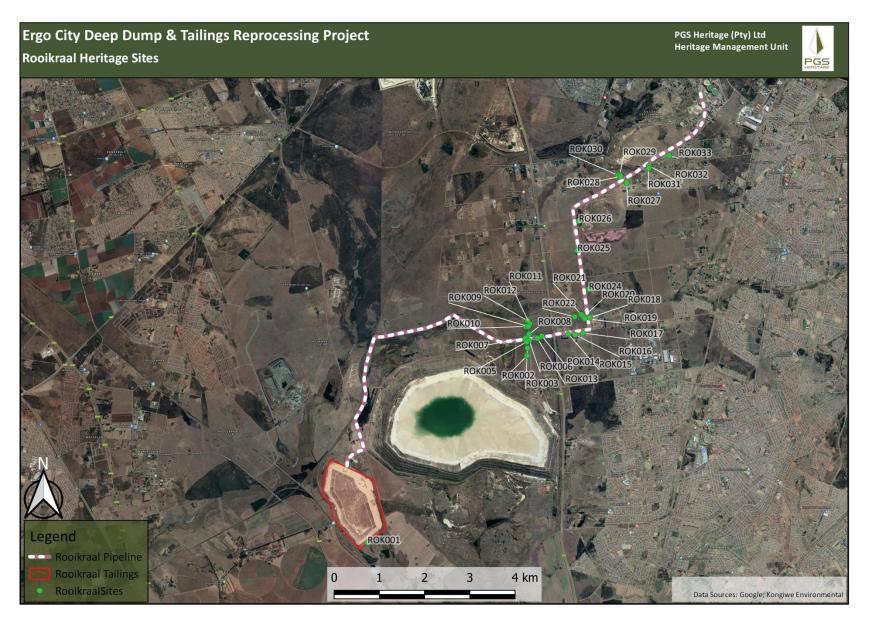


Figure 25 - Heritage sites identified during field survey

#### 5 PALAEONTOLOGY

Banzai Environmental was appointed to do a Palaeontological Desktop Assessment and found that:

The proposed Rooikraal Tailings facility is underlain by the Malmani Subgroup (High Palaeontological Sensitivity), Dwyka Group (Moderate Palaeontological Sensitivity), Vryheid Formation (High Palaeontological Sensitivity) and Karoo Dolerite Suite (Zero Palaeontological Sensitivity) (**Table 7**).

Supergroup	Group	Subgroup	Formation	Palaeontological Sensitivity					
Karoo				Zero					
Karoo	Ecca		Vryheid	High					
Karoo	Dwyka			Moderate					
Transvaal	Chuniespoort	Malmani		High					
Supergroup	Group								
Witwatersrand	Central Rand	Turffontein		Zero					
Witwatersrand	Central Rand	Johannesburg		Zero					
Ventersdorp	Klipriviersberg			Zero					

Table 7 - Underlying geology of study area

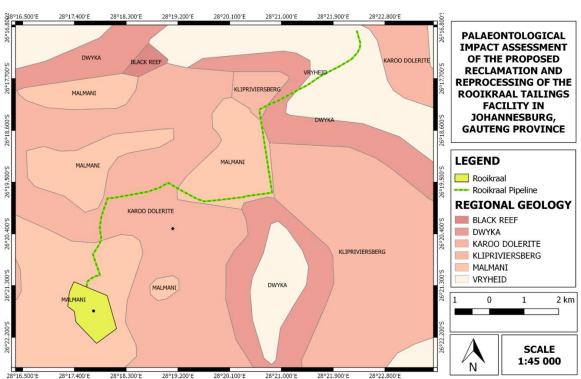


Figure 26 - Surface geology of the proposed Rooikraal Tailings facility in Johannesburg, Gauteng Province. The proposed development is underlain by the Malmani Group, Klipriversberg Dwyka and Vryheid Formation. Map drawn by QGIS Desktop 2.18.18.

Considering that the proposed mining activities will not involve any invasive, ground penetrating activities that could potentially affect the underlying geology as well as the fact that the pipeline is already existing, it is thus recommended that no further palaeontological assessments will be required and the proposed development may be authorised from a palaeontological perspective.

#### **6** IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The following section provides the impact of the proposed development on identified heritage resources.

#### 6.1 Heritage Impacts

#### 6.1.1 Pipeline

Considering the fact that the pipeline already exists, no sites will be directly affected by it.

#### 6.1.2 Mine Dumps

The reclamation activities involved with the Rooikraal TSF will have no direct impact on the heritage resources in the area.

#### 6.1.3 Potential Impacts

However, in terms of potential infant burial sites, the following recommendations are made for all sites excluding ROK016, ROK017, ROK029 & ROK030:

- Due to the potentially delicate nature of the possible infant burial sites, a 20m buffer zone should be adhered to for each of these sites if any future developments are going to occur within a concerning range of these sites;
  - This is done as a precautionary measure, for everyone working on the project to be aware of these sites. The buffer zones will not require physical barricades, just an awareness that a heritage site is in close proximity, thus requiring a certain degree of caution.
- If this buffer zone is not able to be maintained, then appropriate mitigation measures will need to be implemented.

In terms of historical remains found at sites ROK016, ROK017, ROK029 & ROK030, the following recommendations are made:

- A minimum of a 20m buffer zone should be implemented around each site;
  - This is done as a precautionary measure, for everyone working on the project to be aware of these sites. The buffer zones will not require physical barricades, just an awareness that a heritage site is in close proximity, thus requiring a certain degree of caution.
- If this buffer zone is not able to be maintained, then appropriate mitigation measures will need to be implemented.

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# 6.2 Palaeontological Impacts

Due to the nature of the proposed development in the area, that it will not involve any invasive, ground penetrating activities that could potentially affect the underlying geology as well as the fact that the pipeline already exists, thus there are no potential impacts on palaeontological resources.

# 6.3 Impact Assessment Table

Table 8 - Impact Assessment Table

	Affected	Activity	Impact				BEFORE MITIGATION			Cumulative Impact	Mitigation measures / Recommendations	AFTER MITIGATION					
No.	Environment	Activity	Description	Magnitude	Duration	Spatial Scale	Consequence	Probability	SIGNIFICANCE			Magnitude	Duration	Spatial Scale	Consequence	Probability	SIGNIFICANCE
	Construction																
1	Possible Infant Burial Sites	Operation	Destruction of heritage	Moderate -	Long Term > 5 years	Site or Local	Medium	Unlikely	Low	No	- Implement 20m buffer around site  o The buffer zones will not require a physical barricade, just an awareness that a heritage site is in close proximity, thus requiring a certain degree of caution.  - If buffer zone cannot be maintained then appropriate mitigation measures will need to be implemented.	Moderate -	Long Term > 5 years	Site or Local	Medium	Unlikely	Low
2	Historical Sites	Operation	Destruction of heritage	Minor -	Long Term > 5 years	Site or Local	Low	Unlikely	Low	No	- Implement 20m buffer around site  - The buffer zones will not require a physical barricade, just an awareness that a heritage site is in close proximity, thus requiring a certain degree of caution.  - If buffer zone cannot be maintained then appropriate mitigation measures will need to be implemented.  - Erect fencing around tailings facility.	Minor -	Long Term > 5 years	Site or Local	Low	Unlikely	Low

#### 6.4 Management recommendations and guidelines

#### 6.4.1 Construction phase

The project will encompass a range of activities during the construction phase, including ground clearance, establishment of construction camp areas and small-scale infrastructure development associated with the project.

It is possible that cultural material will be exposed during construction and may be recoverable, keeping in mind delays can be costly during construction and as such must be minimised. Development surrounding infrastructure and construction of facilities results in significant disturbance, however foundation holes do offer a window into the past and it thus may be possible to rescue some of the data and materials. It is also possible that substantial alterations will be implemented during this phase of the project and these must be catered for. Temporary infrastructure, such as construction camps and laydown areas, is often changed or added to the project as required. In general, these are low impact developments as they are superficial, resulting in little alteration of the land surface, but still need to be catered for.

During the construction phase, it is important to recognize any significant material being unearthed, making the correct judgment on which actions should be taken. It is recommended that the following chance find procedure should be implemented.

## 6.4.2 Chance find procedure

- A heritage practitioner / archaeologist should be appointed to develop a heritage induction program and conduct training for the ECO as well as team leaders in the identification of heritage resources and artefacts.
- An appropriately qualified heritage practitioner / archaeologist must be identified to be called upon in the event that any possible heritage resources or artefacts are identified.
- Should an archaeological site or cultural material be discovered during construction (or operation), the area should be demarcated and construction activities halted.
- The qualified heritage practitioner / archaeologist will then need to come out to the site
  and evaluate the extent and importance of the heritage resources and make the
  necessary recommendations for mitigating the find and the impact on the heritage
  resource.
- The contractor therefore should have some sort of contingency plan so that operations could move elsewhere temporarily while the materials and data are recovered.
- Construction can commence as soon as the site has been cleared and signed off by the heritage practitioner / archaeologist.

## 6.5 Timeframes

It must be kept in mind that mitigation and monitoring of heritage resources discovered during construction activity will require permitting for collection or excavation of heritage resources and lead times must be worked into the construction time frames. **Table 9** gives guidelines for lead times on permitting.

Table 9: Lead times for permitting and mobilisation

ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMEFRAME
Preparation for field monitoring and	The contractor and service provider	1 month
finalisation of contracts		
Application for permits to do necessary	Service provider – Archaeologist	2 month
mitigation work	and SAHRA	
Documentation, excavation and	Service provider – Archaeologist	3 months
archaeological report on the relevant site		
Handling of chance finds -	Service provider – Archaeologist	2 weeks
Graves/Human Remains	and SAHRA	
Relocation of burial grounds or graves in	Service provider – Archaeologist,	6 months
the way of construction	SAHRA, local government and	
	provincial government	

# 6.6 Heritage Management Plan for EMPr implementation

Table 10: Heritage Management Plan for EMPr implementation

AREA AND SITE NO.	MITIGATION MEASURES	PHASE	TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE PARTY FOR IMPLEMENTATION	MONITORING PARTY (FREQUENCY)	TARGET	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (MONITORING TOOL)	COST
Possible finds								
Rooikraal	Implement chance find procedures in case where possible heritage finds are uncovered	Construction	During construction	Applicant ECO Heritage Specialist	ECO (weekly)	Ensure compliance with relevant legislation and recommendations from SAHRA under Section 36 and 38 of NHRA	ECO Monthly Checklist/Report	R20 000
Known sites								
Possible infant burial sites	- Implement design elements to exclude the burial grounds with a 20-metre buffer.  O However unlikely it may be for the proposed development, if it is not possible to maintain the buffer zone, a detailed grave relocation process must be implemented as required under the	Construction through to Operational	During construction	Applicant ECO	Applicant ECO	Ensure compliance with relevant legislation and recommendations from SAHRA under Section 36 and 38 of NHRA	ECO Monthly Checklist/Report	

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AREA AND SITE NO.	MITIGATION MEASURES	PHASE	TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE PARTY FOR IMPLEMENTATION	MONITORING PARTY (FREQUENCY)	TARGET	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (MONITORING TOOL)	COST
	NHRA and National Health Act regulations.							
Heritage sites (historical structures)	<ul> <li>Implement design elements to exclude the site with a 20-metre buffer.</li> <li>However unlikely it may be for the proposed development, if it is not possible to maintain the buffer zone, a detailed mitigation process must be implemented as required under the NHRA. This includes application for relevant destruction permits from SAHRA including the possibility of compulsory destruction monitoring.</li> <li>Basic archival research before destruction</li> </ul>	through to Operational	During construction	Applicant ECO	Applicant	Ensure compliance with relevant legislation and recommendations from SAHRA under Section 36 and 38 of NHRA	ECO Monthly Checklist/Report	R20 000

#### **7 CONCLUSIONS**

The HIA has shown that the study area and surrounding area has some heritage resources situated within the proposed development boundaries. Through data analysis and a site investigation the following issues were identified from a heritage perspective.

#### 7.1 Archaeological Heritage

The data analysis has enabled the identification of possible heritage sensitive areas that included:

- Dwellings;
- Clusters of dwellings (homesteads and farmsteads);
- Archaeological Sensitive areas (based on historical descriptions); and
- Structures.

The fieldwork for the HIA identified four (4) confirmed heritage sites with different heritage significance ratings, all of which are dated to historical period. Despite this potential risk, it must be noted that the proposed development <u>will not</u> have any impact on these sites and any proposed mitigation measures for these particular sites are simply enacted as a precautionary measure.

However, the desktop-based component of this HIA identified a further twenty-seven (27) heritage sites with the same heritage significance rating. Even though the field-survey revealed no physical remains on the surface at these sites, it is evident that they could have been the previous locations of black homesteads from the historic to recent past. Experience has shown that in terms of black African culture, infants and stillborn babies were frequently buried under the floors of the homesteads, or against its walls. As these graves were frequently unmarked, the possibility exists for these types of burials to also occur at these sites. Despite this potential risk, it must be noted that the proposed development will not have any impact on these sites and any proposed mitigation measures for these particular sites are simply enacted as a precautionary measure.

The impact significance before mitigation on the heritage resources is LOW negative. Implementation of the recommended mitigation measures will modify this impact rating to an <a href="mailto:acceptable">acceptable</a> LOW negative.

The management and mitigation measures as described in Section 6 of this report have been developed to minimise the project impact on heritage resources.

#### 7.2 Palaeontology

Due to the nature of the proposed development in the area, that it will not involve any invasive, ground penetrating activities that could potentially affect the underlying geology as well as the fact that the pipeline already exists, thus there are no potential impacts on palaeontological resources. It is thus recommended that no further palaeontological assessments will be required and the proposed development may be authorised from a palaeontological perspective.

#### 7.3 General

It is the author's considered opinion that overall impact on heritage resources is LOW and **after** the implementation of the recommended mitigation measures is acceptably low or can be totally mitigated to the degree that the project can be approved from a heritage perspective.

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# Appendix A

# Heritage Assessment Methodology

The applicable maps, tables and figures are included, as stipulated in the NHRA (Act No 25 of 1999) and NEMA (Act No 107 of 1998). The HIA process consisted of three steps;

Step I – Literature Review - The background information to the field survey relies greatly on the Heritage Background Research.

Step II – Physical Survey - A physical survey was conducted predominantly by foot within the proposed areas by two qualified archaeologists, which aimed at locating and documenting sites falling within and adjacent to the proposed development footprint.

Step III – The final step involved the recording and documentation of relevant archaeological resources, the assessment of resources in terms of the HIA criteria and report writing, as well as mapping and constructive recommendations.

The significance of identified heritage sites are based on four main criteria -

- Site integrity (i.e. primary vs. secondary context),
- Amount of deposit, range of features (e.g., stonewalling, stone tools and enclosures),
- Density of scatter (dispersed scatter)
  - o Low <10/50m2
  - Medium/High 10-50/50m2
  - High >50/50m2
- Uniqueness; and
- Potential to answer present research questions.

Management actions and recommended mitigation, which will result in a reduction in the impact on the sites, will be expressed as follows -

- A No further action necessary;
- B Mapping of the site and controlled sampling required;
- C No-go or relocate development activity position;
- D Preserve site, or extensive data collection and mapping of the site; and
- E Preserve site.

Impacts on these sites by the development will be evaluated as follows -

# Site Significance

Site significance classification standards prescribed by the SAHRA (2006) and approved by the ASAPA for the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region, were used for the purpose of this report (Error! Reference source not found.).

Table 11 - Site significance classification standards as prescribed by SAHRA.

Field rating	Grade	Significance	Recommended mitigation		
National Significance (NS)	Grade 1		Conservation; National Site nomination		
Provincial Significance (PS)	Grade 2		Conservation; Provincial Site nomination		
Local Significance (LS)	Grade 3A	High Significance	Conservation; Mitigation not advised		
Local Significance (LS)	Grade 3B	High Significance	Mitigation (Part of site should be retained)		
Generally Protected A (GP.A)		High / Medium/High Significance	Mitigation before destruction		
Generally Protected B (GP.B)		Medium/High Significance	Recording before destruction		
Generally Protected C (GP.C)		Low Significance	Destruction		

# Appendix B

# The Significance Rating Scales for the Proposed Prospecting Activities on Heritage Resources

The impact significance rating process serves two purposes: firstly, it helps to highlight the critical impacts requiring consideration in the management and approval process; secondly, it shows the primary impact characteristics, as defined above, used to evaluate impact significance.

The impacts will be ranked according to the methodology described below. Where possible, mitigation measures will be provided to manage impacts. In order to ensure uniformity, a standard impact assessment methodology will be utilised so that a wide range of impacts can be compared with each other. The impact assessment methodology makes provision for the assessment of impacts against the following criteria:

Significance;
Spatial scale;
Temporal scale;
Probability; and

Degree of certainty.

A combined quantitative and qualitative methodology was used to describe impacts for each of the aforementioned assessment criteria. A summary of each of the qualitative descriptors along with the equivalent quantitative rating scale for each of the aforementioned criteria is given in (Table 1).

**Part A**: Define impact consequence using the three primary impact characteristics of magnitude, spatial scale/ population and duration;

**Part B**: Use the matrix to determine a rating for impact consequence based on the definitions identified in Part A; and

**Part C**: Use the matrix to determine the impact significance rating, which is a function of the impact consequence rating (from **Part B**) and the probability of occurrence.

PART A: DEFINING					•	AND SPATIAL		
Impact characteristics	mpact Definition		Criteria					
	Major -	Major -		Substantial deterioration or harm to receptors; receiving environment has an inherent value to stakeholders; receptors of impact are of conservation importance; or identified threshold often exceeded				
	Modera	te -	Moderate/measurable deterioration or harm to receptors; receiving environment moderately sensitive; or identified threshold occasionally exceeded					
MAGNITUDE	Minor -		Minor deterioration (nuisance or minor deterioration) or harm to receptors; change to receiving environment not measurable; or identified threshold never exceeded					
	Minor +		Minor improvement; change not measurable; or threshold never exceeded					
	Modera	te +	Moderate improvement; within or better than the threshold; or no observed reaction					
	Major +	Major +		Substantial improvement; within or better than the threshold; or favourable publicity				
	Site or lo	Site or local		Site specific or confined to the immediate project area				
SPATIAL SCALE OR POPULATION	1	Regional		May be defined in various ways, e.g. cadastral, catchment, topographic				
	Internati	National/ International		Nationally or beyond				
DURATION		Short term Medium term		Up to 18 months. 18 months to 5 years				
DOMANION		Long term		Longer than 5 years				
PART B: DETERM								
Rate consequence	ce based on	definition	of magnitu					
				Site or Local	Regional	National/ internation al		
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PART C: DETERMINING SIGNIFICANCE RATING								
Rate significance based on consequence and probability								
		CONSEQU						
		Low	Medium	High				
PROBABILITY (o	f exposure	Definite		Medium	Medium	High		
to impacts)	-	Possible Unlikely		Low	Medium Low	High Medium		
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# Appendix D

# Project team CV's

#### **ILAN SMEYATSKY**

## **Professional Archaeologist**

#### **Personal Details**

Name: Ilan

Surname: Smeyatsky

- Identity Number: 9109275072080

- **Date of Birth:** 27-09-1991

- Citizenship: South African

Gender: Male
 Marital Status: Single
 Languages Spoken: English

## **Education History**

2010-2013: BSc Bachelors Degree

# University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

- Archaeology
- Psychology
- Statistics
- Research Design and Analysis
- 67% Pass (2:1 Qualification)

# 2014: BSc (Hons) in Archaeology

# **AWARDS:**

- Received the 2014 Center of Excellence in Palaeoscience award Bursary to the value of ZAR 30000 ≈ \$2500
- Received the Post-Graduate Merit Award in 2015 for academic merit for my Honours academic results - Bursary to the value of ZAR 25000 ≈ \$1800

# University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

- Archaeology
- Excavation techniques
- Theory
- 69% Pass (2:1 Qualification)
- **Distinction** received for thesis entitled: "Stylistic variation in Later Stone Age tanged arrowheads: a pilot study using geometric morphometrics"

# 2015-2017: MSc by Research (Archaeology)

University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

- Archaeology
- Statistical analysis
- GIS (Geographic Information Systems)
- Thesis entitled: "Discerning and explaining shape variations in Later Stone Age tanged arrowheads, South Africa"

#### Aug 2016 -

Jan 2017: Semester of Archaeology Masters

**AWARD:** Received the 2016 AESOP+ full Masters scholarship to study at Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden – **Scholarship to the value of ZAR 160,000** ≈ **\$11,000** Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

- Archaeological theory
- GIS (Geographic Information Systems)
- Invitational research

# **Employment History**

Part time employment as a student:

- 2009-2013: Part-Time Electrician Apprentice: Assisting in home electrical repair jobs.
- 2014-2015: Lab Research Assistant: Analysing and classifying lithic artefacts, Data capturing, Mentoring trainee research assistants.

#### Experience in the field of archaeology:

- 2013-2015: Fieldwork/Excavator Responsibilities: Feature detection, excavation, sieving, sorting, analysis, soil sampling, field documentation, 'dumpy' operation, Total Station operation, DGPS operation, rock art tracing and photography, engraving tracing and photography.
  - South African excavations:
    - Early Stone Age excavation at Maropeng World Heritage Site in Gauteng
       (1 Week August 2015)
    - Pig cadaver exhumation as part of forensic experiment near Pretoria, Gauteng (1 Week – December 2014) - Praised for having the determination of returning for each subsequent excavation day as it was performed on a purely volunteer basis and the work conditions were particularly strenuous - Dr. Coen Nienaber

- Iron Age excavation at Komati Gorge, Mpumalanga (1 Week August 2014) - Praised for being exceptionally "methodical and proficient" with my excavation techniques – Dr. Alex Schoeman
- Rock art fieldwork at Komati Gorge, Mpumalanga (1 Week August 2014)
- Underwater archaeology site mapping Komati Gorge, Mpumalanga (1 Week – August 2014)
- Early Stone Age excavation at Maropeng World Heritage Site in Gauteng
   (2 Weeks September 2013) Personally uncovered some of the only stone tools (~1.8 million years old) found during that digging season.
- 2016: Excavation Supervisor Responsibilities: Supervision of two junior excavators, site detection, decision of excavation grid placement, excavation, sieving, sorting, soil sampling, field documentation.
  - Historical (farm site) excavation at Graaff-Reinet, Eastern Cape, South Africa (2 Weeks)
  - Completed dig 1 week ahead of schedule aided by my efficient direction, drive and support to the excavators under my supervision.
- April 2017 April 2018: Intern Archaeologist PGS Heritage: Heritage Impact assessments, background research, report writing, permit applications, collections management, stakeholder engagement and grave relocation.
- April 2018 PRESENT: Archaeologist PGS Heritage: Heritage Impact assessments, background research, report writing, permit applications, collections management, stakeholder engagement and grave relocation.

## **Professional Body Membership:**

- Professional Archaeologist Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA) - Professional Member
- CRM Accreditation (ASAPA) -
  - Field Supervisor Stone Age, Iron Age & Grave Relocations

#### **WOUTER FOURIE**

Professional Heritage Specialist and Professional Archaeologist and Director PGS Heritage

#### **Summary of Experience**

Specialised expertise in Archaeological Mitigation and excavations, Cultural Resource Management and Heritage Impact Assessment Management, Archaeology, Anthropology, Applicable survey methods, Fieldwork and project management, Geographic Information Systems, including *inter alia* -

Involvement in various grave relocation projects (some of which relocated up to 1000 graves) and grave "rescue" excavations in the various provinces of South Africa

Involvement with various Heritage Impact Assessments, within South Africa, including -

- Archaeological Walkdowns for various projects
- Phase 2 Heritage Impact Assessments and EMPs for various projects
- Heritage Impact Assessments for various projects
  - Iron Age Mitigation Work for various projects, including archaeological excavations and monitoring
  - Involvement with various Heritage Impact Assessments, outside South Africa, including -
- Archaeological Studies in Democratic Republic of Congo
- Heritage Impact Assessments in Mozambique, Botswana and DRC
- Grave Relocation project in DRC

# **Key Qualifications**

BA [Hons] (Cum laude) - Archaeology and Geography - 1997

BA - Archaeology, Geography and Anthropology - 1996

Professional Archaeologist - Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA) - Professional Member

Accredited Professional Heritage Specialist – Association of Professional Heritage Practitioners (APHP)

CRM Accreditation (ASAPA) -

- Principal Investigator Grave Relocations
- Field Director Iron Age
- Field Supervisor Colonial Period and Stone Age
- Accredited with Amafa KZN

# **Key Work Experience**

2003- current - Director - Professional Grave Solutions (Pty) Ltd

2007 - 2008 - Project Manager - Matakoma-ARM, Heritage Contracts Unit, University of the Witwatersrand

2005-2007 - Director - Matakoma Heritage Consultants (Pty) Ltd

2000-2004 - CEO- Matakoma Consultants

1998-2000 - Environmental Coordinator - Randfontein Estates Limited. Randfontein, Gauteng
 1997-1998 - Environmental Officer - Department of Minerals and Energy. Johannesburg,
 Gauteng

Worked on various heritage projects in the SADC region including, Botswana, Mozambique and the Democratic Republic of the Congo