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**ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDY
REMAINDER OF PORTION 3 (PORTION
OF PORTION 1) OF THE FARM NO. 62
TWEË RIVIERES DRIFT
CERES**

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Executive summary

No archaeological remains were located during a baseline study of Portion 3 (Portion of Portion 1) of the Farm No. 62, Twee Riviers Drift, Ceres.

The proposed Berg en Dal development comprises 13 units on stands of approximately 300 m² in size, with exclusive use of an area of 2 ha.

The impact of the proposed development on archaeological remains is considered to be low to negligible.

The probability of locating significant archaeological sites during implementation of the project is also considered to be low.

With regard to the proposed development of Portion 3 (Portion of Portion 1) of the Farm No. 62, Twee Riviers Drift, the following archaeological recommendations are made.

- No archaeological mitigation is required.
- No further detailed studies are required.
- The development should be allowed to proceed as planned.

The above recommendations are subject to the approval of the South African Heritage Resource Agency Plans Committee.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background and brief

EnviroAfrica has requested that the Agency for Cultural Resource Management undertake an archaeological study of Portion 3 (Portion of Portion 1) of the Farm No. 62, Twee Riviers Drift, Ceres.

The proposed Berg en Dal development comprises 13 units on stands of approximately 300 m² in size, with exclusive use of an area of 2 ha.

The aim of the study is to locate, identify and map archaeological remains that may be negatively impacted by the planning, construction and implementation of the proposed development, and to propose measures to mitigate against the impact.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference for the archaeological study were:

1. to determine whether there are likely to be any archaeological sites of significance;
2. to identify and map any sites of archaeological significance;
3. to assess the sensitivity and conservation significance of archaeological sites;
4. to assess the status and significance of any impacts resulting from the proposed development, and
5. to identify mitigatory measures to protect and maintain any valuable archaeological sites that may exist.

3. THE STUDY SITE

The study site for the proposed development is illustrated in Figure 1.

The site is situated in the Koue Bokkeveld, about 28 kms south-east of Citrusdal. Road access to the farm is via either Ceres or Citrusdal, approximately 4.5 kms off the R303. The farm is located along the southern bank of the Twee Riviers River.

4. STUDY APPROACH AND DOCUMENTATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

The approach used in the archaeological study entailed a ground survey of the proposed 13 sites. This involved searching the building footprint, plus the access routes to the sites. In addition, the ± 2 ha area around the building footprint was also searched for archaeological sites/remains.

5. RESULTS OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDY

No archaeological remains were located during a baseline study of Portion 3 (Portion of Portion 1) of the Farm No. 62, Twee Riviers Drift, Ceres.

6. IMPACT STATEMENT

The impact of the proposed development Portion 3 (Portion of Portion 1) of the Farm No. 62, Twee Riviers Drift, Ceres, on archaeological sites or remains is considered to be low to negligible.

The probability of locating significant archaeological sites during implementation of the project is also considered to be low.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

With regard to the proposed development of Portion 3 (Portion of Portion 1) of the Farm No. 62, Twee Riviers, Ceres, the following archaeological recommendations are made.

1. No archaeological mitigation is required.
2. No further detailed studies are required.
3. The development should be allowed to proceed.

The above recommendations are subject to the approval of the National Monuments Council Plans Committee.