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REPORT ON REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI FROM ROCK ART PANEL AT
ESELJAGDPOORT, GEORGE DISTRICT, 10 JULY 1999

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On a visit to the well-known so-called "mermaid" site at Eseljagdpoort (33 47 33S 22.33.11E) in the George District on 10 July 1999, we noticed graffiti next to and over some of the paintings. The most concentrated section was immediately to the right of the "mermaid" panel. I was accompanied by Mr Peter Blaine and his daughter, Joanna Blaine, from Somerset West, and Melissa Heckler from New York.

The following names were decipherable:

Steyn 1999
J W Martin
Laszlo 1994
R Dyers
Dora Towle
Charl
Wouter
JHV
JSC
F Turreken
H T Hew

Most were in pencil with a few in green non-permanent felt-tipped pen. We took photographs, but the graffiti cannot be seen on them as the writing was small and faint. The graffiti were removed with a rolling poultice of cottonwool, and water from the nearby stream.