

**PHASE 1 HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT ON A  
PLANNED EXTENSION OF THE LAMBRECHTSDRIFT TOWNSHIP,  
SIYANDA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.**

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this study was to establish if any heritage sites were present on a proposed extension of the Lambrechtsdrift Township, Siyanda District Municipality, Northern Cape. Within that 1.8 ha area, Precambrian schists were noted to be thinly overlain by beige sand and calcrete rubble, on and in which no artefacts, fossil bones or early graves were seen. It is consequently considered that this property has no heritage significance and that its development would have no impact on the archaeological resources of the Northern Cape.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Ongoing expansion of lower Orange River vineyards and the consequent increase in related jobs has, together with rapid population growth, resulted in a huge demand for housing there. The present study was requested by M Geldenhuys of MEG Environmental Impact Studies, acting in association with Macroplan Town and Regional Planners based in the regional centre of Upington.

## **LOCAL ARCHAEOLOGY**

Little is known about the prehistory of this part of the Northern Cape, where one of the few recorded sites is the recently - located Victoria West occurrence on the farm Droogehout 422, some 30 km WNW of Upington, on the N 10 to Nakop.

## **PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

The 1.8 ha area that was examined lies on the north – west side of the current Lambrechtsdrift township, close to the N 10 from Groblershoop to Upington, and about 60 km away from the latter (Figs 1 & 2). The property is almost bereft of vegetation cover, and is flat, with a slight slope down to the Orange River, about 2 km away to the west (Fig 3). I spent half an hour walking over its full extent, which has a midpoint position of 28° 29' 20" S, 21° 41' 16" E, and an elevation of 844 m, on Monday 31 July 2006.

## **SUPERFICIAL GEOLOGY**

The sequence was seen to be bedrock of Precambrian schist overlain by remnant patches of calcrete, both covered by thin (< 5 cm) gritty beige sand.

## **HERITAGE FINDINGS**

My random search of this property produced no artefacts, palaeontological bones or graves of any age.

## CONCLUSIONS

The investigated area was bereft of any significant heritage material and its use for housing will therefore have no impact on the archaeological resources of the Northern Cape.

## NOTES

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- Provincial Game and Beacon .....
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- Standhoudende Rivier .....
- Nie-standhoudende Rivier .....
- Nie-standhoudende Water .....

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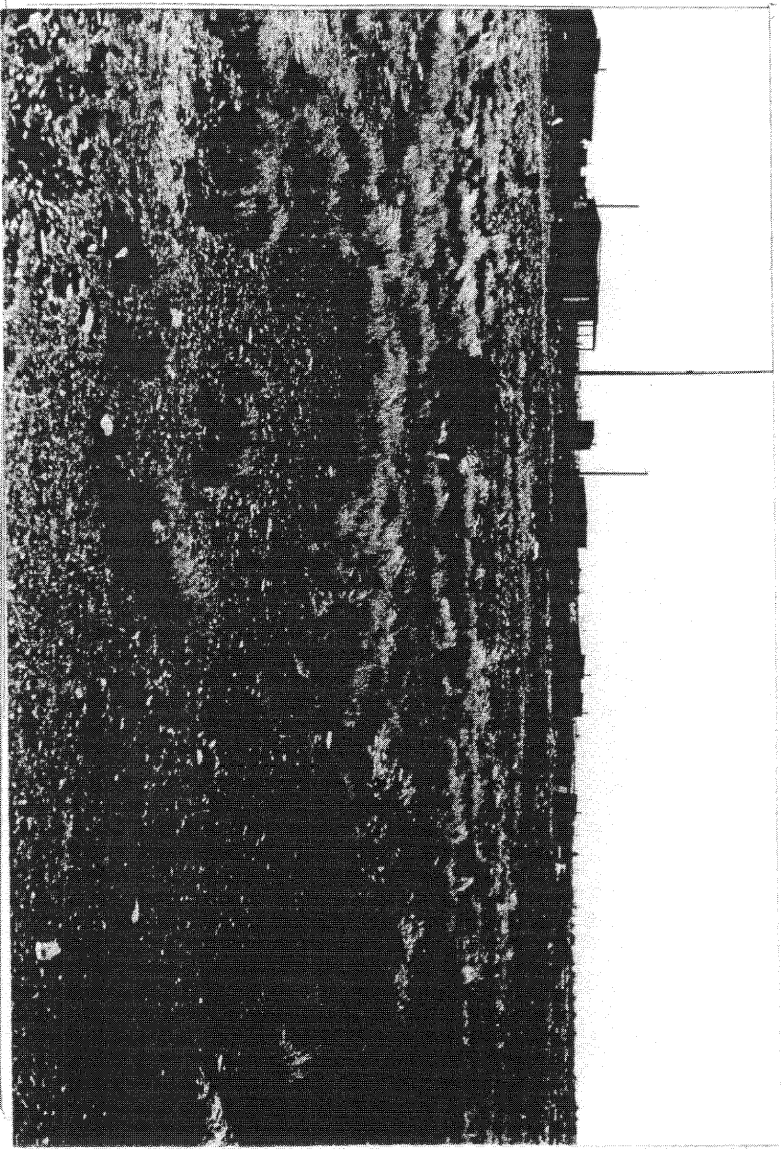


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