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**HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
PORTION 311/7 & 311/64 OF THE FARM  
LANGEBERG  
BRACKENFELL**

Prepared for

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### **Executive summary**

No significant archaeological or heritage remains were located during a heritage impact assessment of portion 311/7 and 311/64 of the farm Langeberg, in Brackenfell.

The proposed development of the property envisages a shopping centre, filling station and restaurant, on about 3.6 ha of land.

The site is presently undeveloped, but two labourer's cottages (one in the proposed R300 road reserve) occur in the southern portion of the property.

The cottages are fairly recent structures and are not considered to be historically significant.

One damaged Middle Stone Age flake was found among an eroding conglomerate of quartzite and gavel in the western portion of the study site. The single tool has no archaeological or scientific value.

In general, the receiving environment is not considered to be archaeologically or historically sensitive, vulnerable or threatened.

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

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

With regard to the proposed development of portion 311/7 and 311/64 of the farm Langeberg in Brackenfell, the following heritage recommendations are made.

- No mitigation is required.
- No further detailed studies are required.

The above recommendations are subject to the approval of the South African Heritage Resources Agency.

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Background**

Hendrik van der Hoven Landscape Architect and Environmental Planners in Association, have requested that the Agency for Cultural Resource Management undertake a heritage impact assessment (HIA) of portion 311/7 and 311/64 of the farm Langeberg in Brackenfell.

The proposed development of the property envisages a shopping centre, filling station and restaurant, on about 3.6 ha of land.

The aim of the HIA is to locate, identify and map archaeological and historical 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.

### **2.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The terms of reference for the HIA were:

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

### **3.0 THE STUDY SITE**

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

The site is presently undeveloped and fairly well vegetated. Some informal footpaths, earthworks (test pits) and dumping of refuse and rubble also occur on the property.

#### 4.0 STUDY APPROACH AND DOCUMENTATION OF HERITAGE SITES

The approach used in the HIA entailed a detailed ground survey of the property.

#### 5.0 LEGISLATION

Archaeological sites and buildings over 60 years of age are protected under the National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999). The Act came into effect on 01 April 2000, and replaces the National Monuments Act (No. 28 of 1969).

It is an offence to destroy, damage, excavate, alter, or remove from its original position, or collect, any archaeological material or object, without a permit issued by the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA).

#### 6.0 RESULTS OF THE HERITAGE STUDY

Two labourers cottages (one in the proposed R300 road reserve) occur in the southern portion of the property alongside De Bron Road (Figures 2 & 3) and west of the Glen Garry Substation (Figure 1).

The cottages comprise fairly recent structures. Constructed of modern bricks and plaster, they have metal corrugated roofs and metal window frames.

Significance of finds: **low**

Suggested mitigation: **none required**

#### 6.1 Other finds

One damaged Middle Stone Age<sup>1</sup> flake was found among an eroding conglomerate of quartzite and gavel in the western portion of the property close to a small dam. The single tool has no archaeological or scientific value.

Significance of finds: **low**

Suggested mitigation: **none required**

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<sup>1</sup> A term referring to the period between 200 000 and 20 000 years ago.

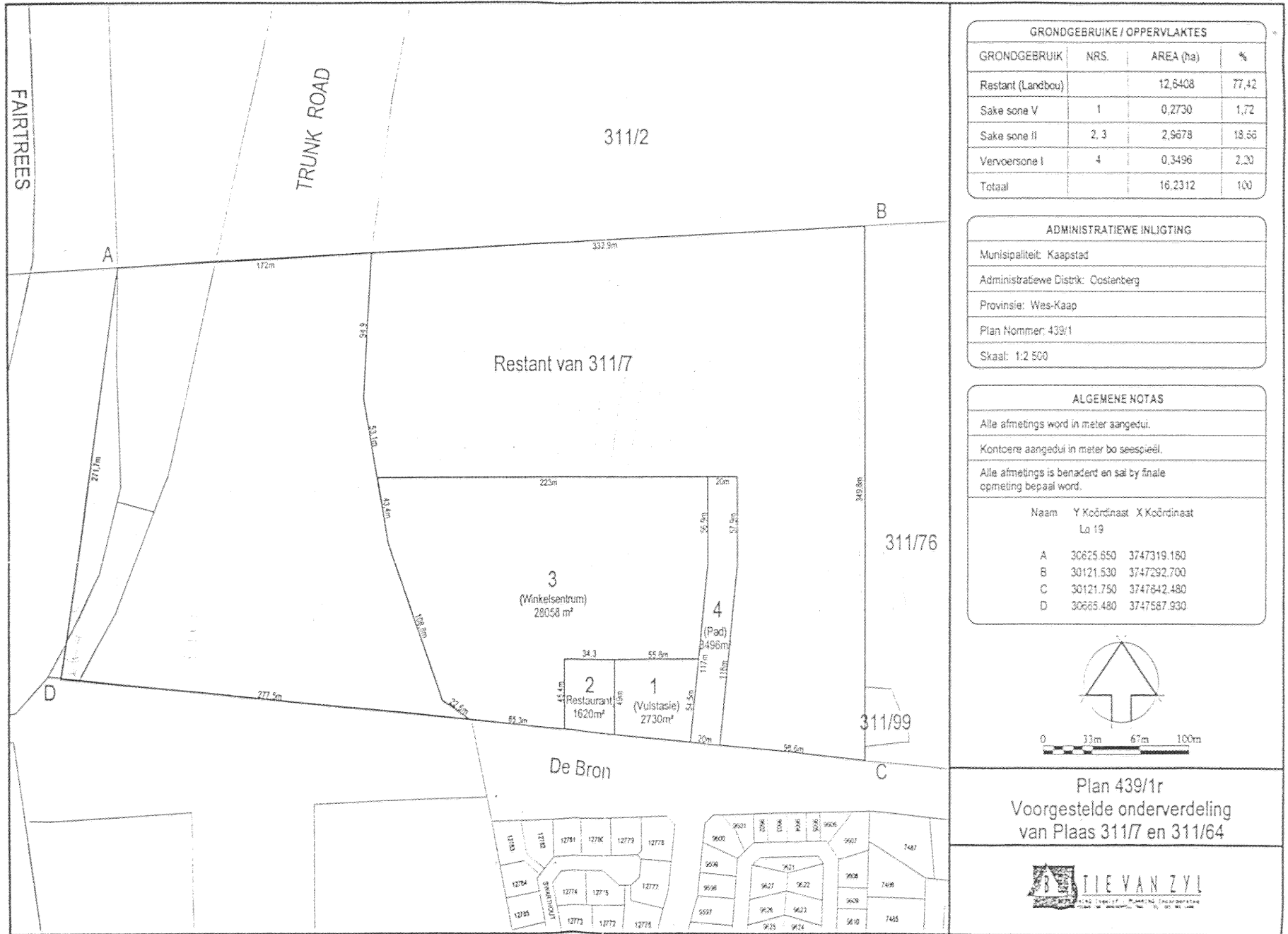


Figure 1. Heritage Impact Assessment, portion 311/7 and 311/64 of the farm Langeberg, Brackenfell. Study site

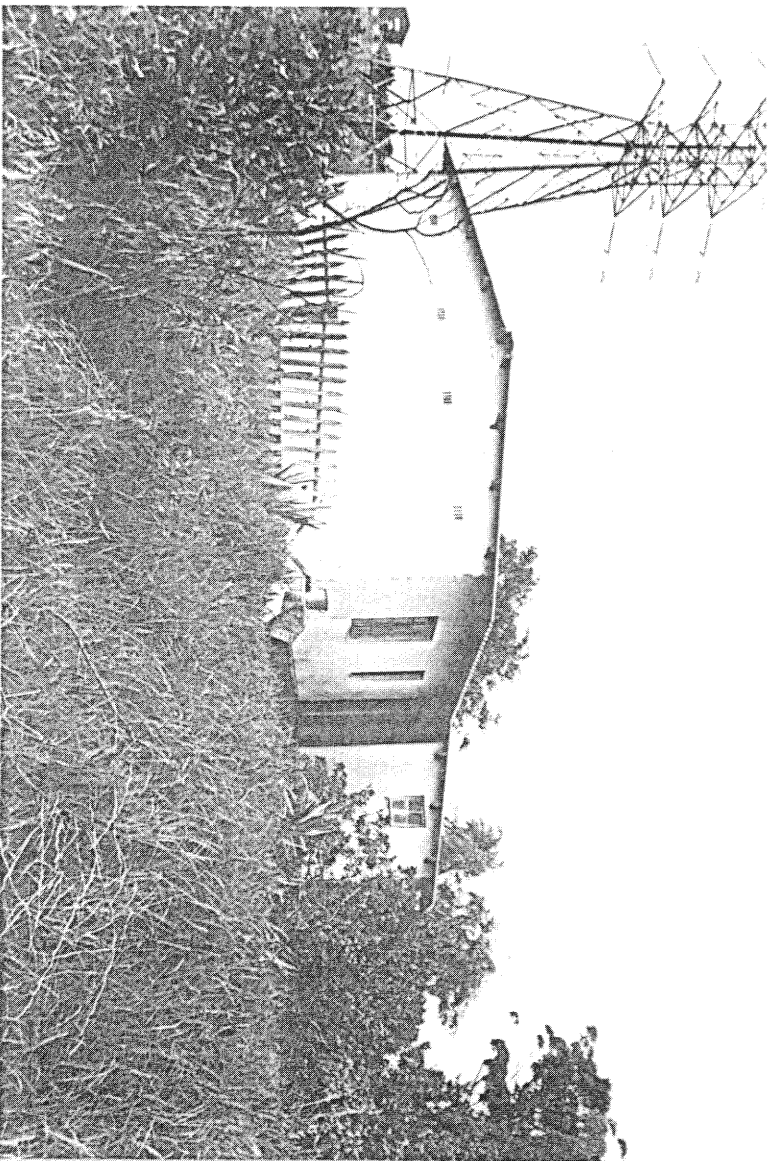


Figure 2. Heritage Impact Assessment, portion 311/7 and 311/64 of the farm Langeberg, Brackenfell. Labourer's cottage.

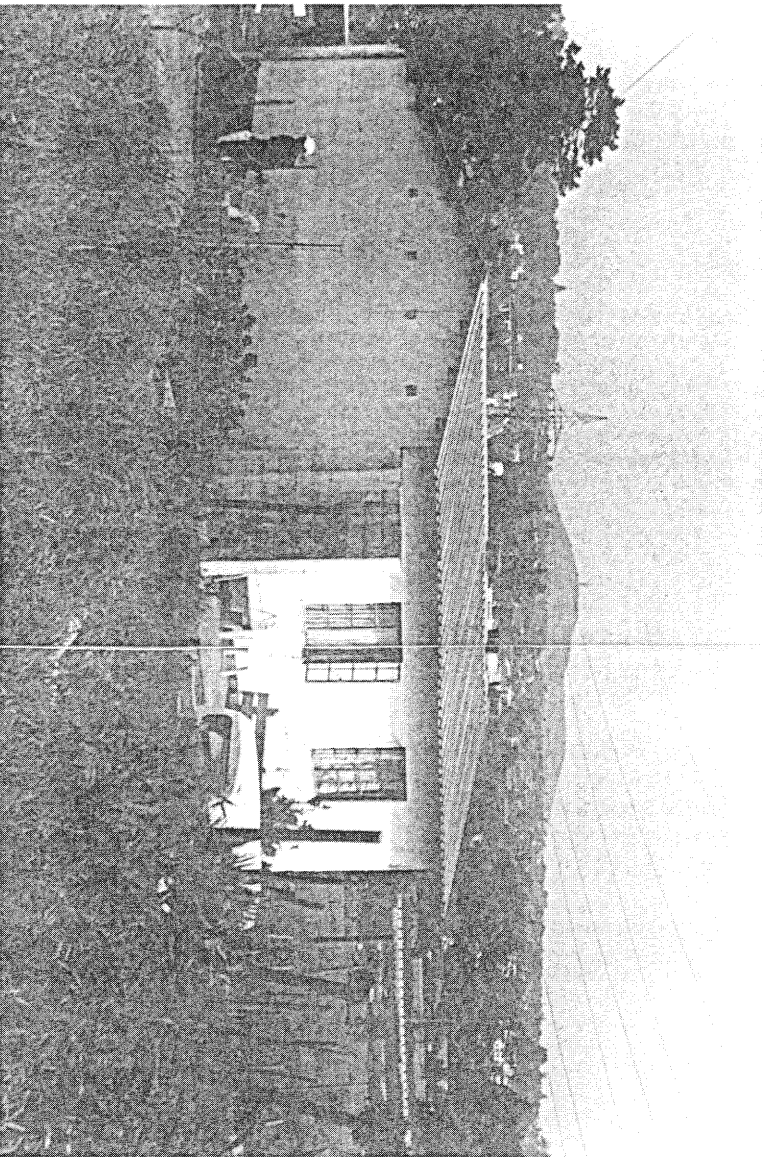


Figure 3. Heritage Impact Assessment, portion 311/7 and 311/64 of the farm Langeberg, Brackenfell. Labourer's cottage.

## **7.0 IMPACT STATEMENT**

The impact of the proposed development on heritage sites/remains is considered to be low to negligible.

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

## **8.0 CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

In general, the receiving environment is not considered to be archaeologically or historically sensitive, vulnerable or threatened.

## **9.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

With regard to the proposed development of portion 311/7 and 311/64 of the farm Langeberg, in Brackenfell, the following heritage management recommendations are made.

1. No mitigation is required.
2. No further detailed studies are required.

The above recommendations are subject to the approval of the South African Heritage Resources Agency.