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## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL INVESTIGATION OF THE PROPOSED NEW SPORT STADIUM AT GEELBOOM, KURUMAN DISTRICT, NORTHERN CAPE**

### **INVESTIGATION**

The existing sports facilities at Geelboom, Kuruman district, Northern Cape (Map 1) was visited and inspected on 3 June 2005 in the company of Dr Johan du Preez of Cebo Environmental Consultants, Bloemfontein.

The area was examined for possible archaeological and historical material and to establish the potential impact on any cultural material that might be found. The Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is done in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), (25 of 1999) and under the Environmental Conservation Act, (73 of 1989).

### **LOCALITY**

The developments denote the upgrading of the existing sports facilities at Geelboom, Kuruman district, Northern Cape. The area falls under the jurisdiction of the Ga-Segonyana Municipality.

The sports field lies on the outskirts of the township of Geelboom (27°10'37"S. 023°10'29"E. Altitude 1124m).

The soil in the area is very sandy (Fig.1). Vegetation cover consists of a short grass cover (Figs.2-3).

## **FINDS**

The area around the existing sports facilities at Geelboom is sterile and completely bare of any cultural or historical material.

No indication of any archaeological or historical remnants was found in the inspected area.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

No obvious reasons could be found to delay the commencement of further planning and building of the sport stadium.

After examination by the archaeologist, it is recommended that the proposed developments may proceed.

## **MITIGATION**

Concerning the area for the proposed development, no mitigation is needed.

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**LIST OF ILLUSTRATIONS:**

Map 1.



Fig.1 View across the existing sports field at Geelboom.



Fig.2 Existing sports facility with brush on the periphery.



Fig.3 Existing sports field at Geelboom. Note the sandy soil.