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ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL INVESTIGATION OF THE SITE FOR THE PROPOSED NEW MARUPING SPORT STADIUM, KURUMAN DISTRICT, NORTHERN CAPE

INVESTIGATION

The site for the proposed new Maruping Sport Stadium, 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 proposed site is located at Maruping in the district of Kuruman, Northern Cape. The land lies on the outskirts of the township of Maruping (Fig.3).

The soil in the area is very sandy (Figs.1-3). Vegetation consists of a short grass and shrub cover (Fig.4).

The following GPS (Cape scale) coordinates were taken.

27°21'37"S. 023°21'26"E. Altitude 1284m
27°21'49"S. 023°21'26"E. Altitude 1294m (Highest point).

FINDS

The area identified for the proposed new sport stadium 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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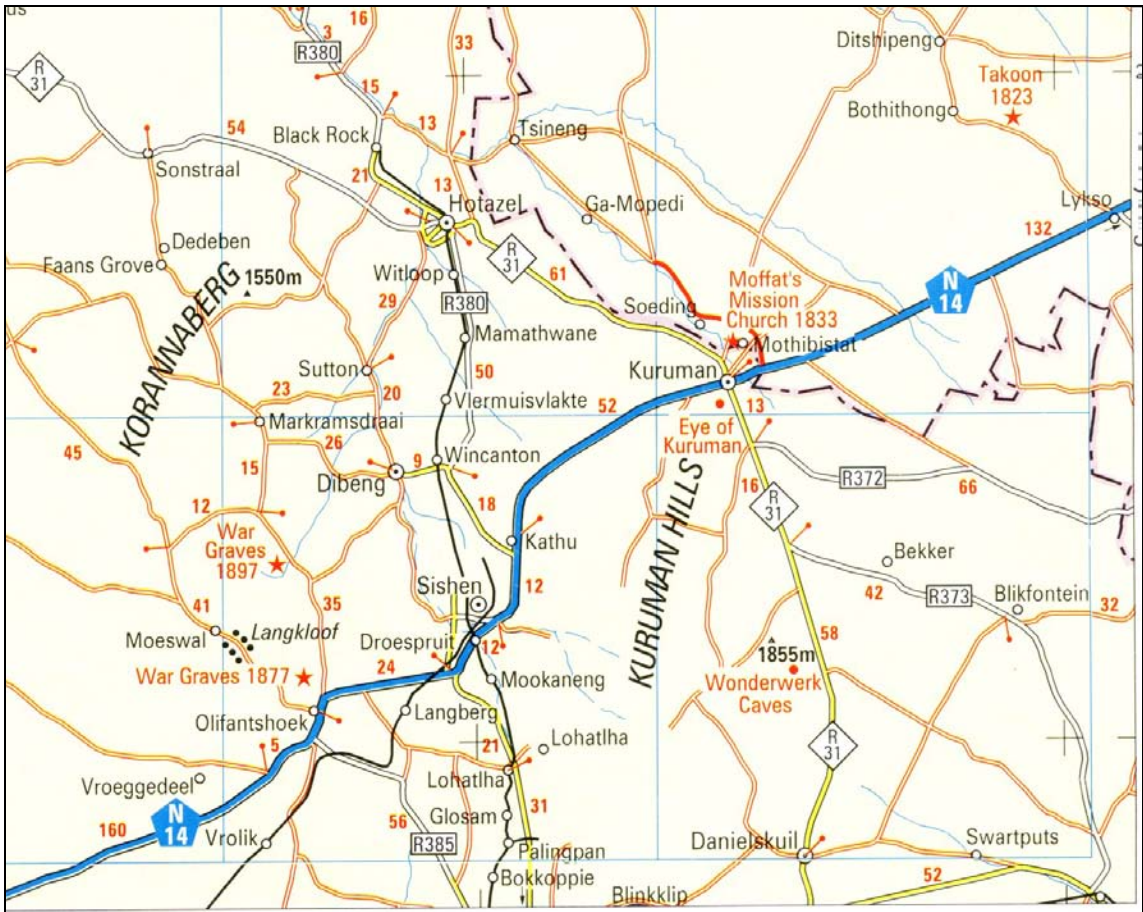
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Map 1.

LIST OF ILLUSTRATIONS:

Fig.1 General view across the proposed area at Maruping.



Fig.2 View across the proposed area for the sport stadium at Maruping.



Fig.3 The proposed area on the outskirts of the township of Maruping.



Fig.4 View from the highest point across the proposed area of development at Maruping.