

9/2/084/d66

*This is in Somerset West!*

**HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT  
HELDERSPRUIT RESORT  
STELLENBOSCH**

Prepared for

**DOUG JEFFERY ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS**

By

Agency for Cultural Resource Management  
Specialists in Archaeological Studies & Heritage Resource Management  
P.O. Box 159  
Riebeeck West  
7306  
Ph/Fax: 022 461 2755  
Cellular: 082 321 0172  
E-mail: [acrm@waccess.co.za](mailto:acrm@waccess.co.za)

NIB

NOT AN HIA!



**JULY  
2001**

## **Executive summary**

No heritage remains were located during a heritage impact assessment of a portion of the farm Helderspruit No. 713, in Stellenbosch.

The proposed Helderspruit Resort development comprises a private resort on about 2 ha of land.

Some modern dwellings occur on the property, which is for the most part overgrown with a large number of Bluegum trees.

The buildings are not considered to be historically significant.

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

The receiving environment is not considered to be archaeologically or historically sensitive, vulnerable or threatened.

With regard to the proposed Helderspruit Resort development, the following heritage recommendations are made.

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

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Background**

Doug Jeffery Environmental Consultants have requested that the Agency for Cultural Resource Management undertake a heritage impact assessment (HIA) of a portion of the farm Helderspruit No. 713 in Stellenbosch.

The proposed Helderspruit Resort development comprises a private resort on about 2 ha of land.

Existing buildings on the property will be upgraded and 11 timber chalets will be constructed.

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.

Some modern buildings occur on the property, which is for the most part overgrown with a large number of Bluegum trees.



#### **4.0 LEGISLATION**

Buildings, structures and features over 60 years of age are protected under the National 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 historical and archaeological material or object, without a permit issued by the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA).

#### **5.0 STUDY APPROACH AND DOCUMENTATION OF HERITAGE SITES**

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

#### **6.0 RESULTS OF THE HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

No archaeological or heritage remains were located during the study.

A number of modern dwellings are located on the property. These include the main house, three bachelor flats and manager's cottage.

The buildings are not considered to be historically significant.

#### **7.0 IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

#### **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 Helderspruit Resort development, the following heritage management recommendations are made.

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