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Dear Mr Gouws

HERITAGE ASSESSMENT: EBOTSE GOLF AND COUNTRY ESTATES

As requested, we have investigated the area where the proposed golf and country estate is to be developed in the Rynfield area of the Benoni district of Gauteng.

The area under discussion is a strip of land located on both sides of the Vanryn dam. The eastern side is relatively flat and undisturbed. In contrast to this, the western side was heavily impact on by mining/quarrying activities. The latter area is densely covered by grass and wattle trees, making the identification of heritage resources very difficult.

No heritage resources were identified in either of the two areas (east and west) of the river/dam. However, it is our experience at similar sites that there might be individual graves hidden away under the dense vegetation. It is therefore recommended that the proposed development can continue, on acceptance of the following recommendation:

- The developer should be notified that if archaeological sites, especially graves, are exposed during construction work, it should immediately be reported to a museum, preferably one at which an archaeologist is available, so that an investigation and evaluation of the finds can be made.

Yours sincerely

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