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Dear Mr Smart

#### HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PUTFONTEIN PORTION 102

As requested, we have investigated the above portion of the farm Putfontein 261R, located in the Benoni district of Gauteng. The site is located east of the R51 and north of Davyton (see Figure 1).

The scope of work consisted of conducting a Phase I archaeological survey of the site in accordance with the requirements of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999). This included:

- Conducting a desk-top investigation of the area
- A visit to the proposed development site

The objectives were to

- Identify possible archaeological, cultural and historic sites within the proposed development areas;
- Evaluate the potential impacts of construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed development on archaeological, cultural and historical resource;
- Recommend mitigation measures to ameliorate any negative impacts on areas of archaeological, cultural or historical importance.

The geology is made up of shale and the original vegetation of the area is classified as Moist Cool Highveld Grassland. The area is currently used as agricultural smallholdings, resulting in a number of homesteads occurring in the area. None of these are older than 60 years of architectural merit or historical significance. The surrounding open areas have been subjected to agricultural activities (ploughing), which would have negatively impacted on any cultural remains in the area. No features (eg. hills, outcrops or rock shelters) that usually drew people to settle in its vicinity, occurs in the area.

We have found no obvious features, sites or artefacts of cultural significance that would be impacted on by the proposed development. However, the grass cover is currently very dense, making it difficult to identify any possible hidden features. We therefore recommend, from a heritage point of view, that the proposed development can continue and requests that if archaeological sites or graves are exposed during

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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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