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Dear Mr Serrurier

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: LEEUPAN

As requested, we have investigated a portion of land in the Benoni area of Gauteng. The site is circular in shape and is located west of the R23, north of the suburb of Leachville and east of Wattville (see Fig. 1).

The scope of work consisted of conducting a Phase 1 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 resources;
- 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 basically consists of a large pan, which holds water for the most part of the year. In recent years, an informal settlement was established on the northern and western edges of the pan.

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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Pioneer/Pionier Museum - Kruger Museum - Tswaing Crater/Krater Museum - Sammy Marks Museum -

Willem Prinsloo Agricultural/Landbou Museum

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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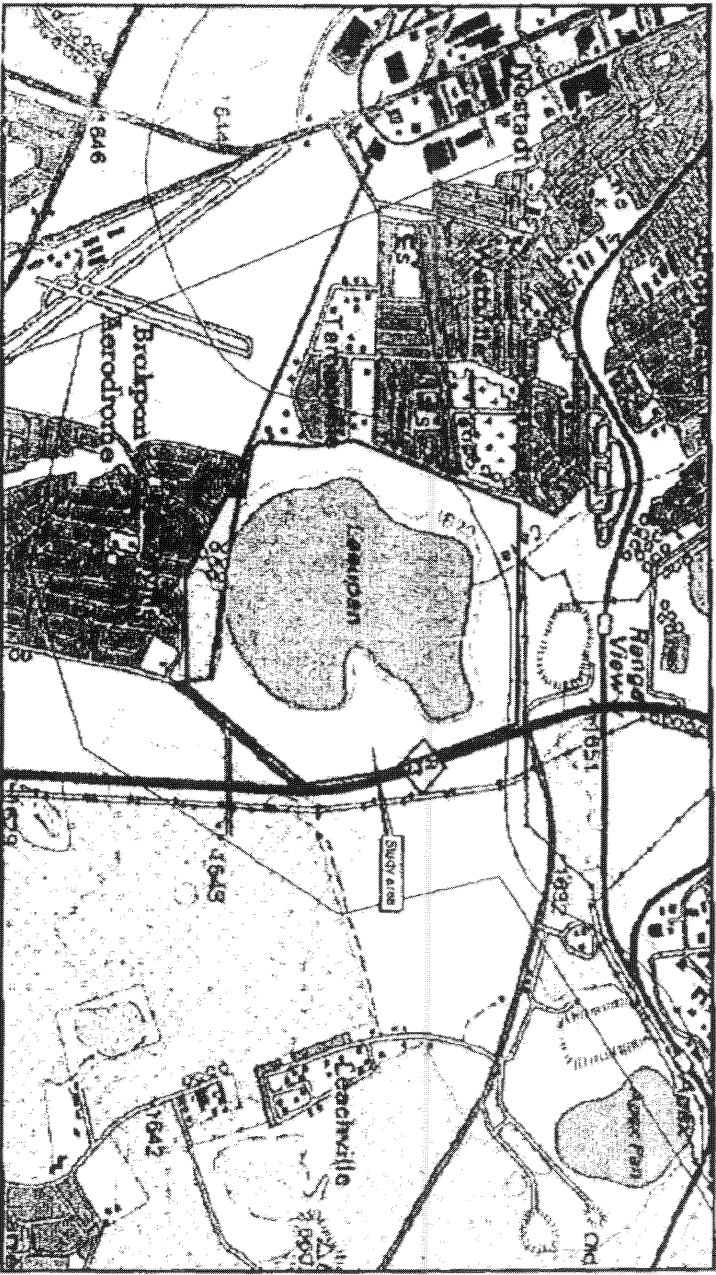


Fig. 1. Location of the study area.