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CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF PORTIONS 259, 260, 266 AND 267 OF THE FARM RIETFONTEIN 485 JQ MADIBENG NORTH WEST PROVINCE.

1. DEFINITION

The broad generic term *Cultural Heritage Resources* refers to any physical and spiritual property associated with past and present human use or occupation of the environment, cultural activities and history. The term includes sites, structures, places, natural features and material of palaeontological, archaeological, historical, aesthetic, scientific, architectural, religious, symbolic or traditional importance to specific individuals or groups, traditional systems of cultural practice, belief or social interaction.

2. PROTECTED SITES IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT, ACT NO. 25 OF 1999

The following are the most important sites and objects protected by the National Heritage Act:

- 2.1 Structures or parts of structures older than 60 years.
- 2.2 Archaeological sites and objects.
- 2.3 Palaeontological sites.
- 2.4 Meteorites.
- 2.5 Ship wrecks.
- 2.6 Burial grounds.
- 2.7 Graves of victims of conflict.
- 2.8 Public monuments and memorials.

- 2.9 Structures, places and objects protected through the publication of notices in the Gazette and Provincial Gazette.
- 2.10 Any other places or object, which are considered to be of interest or of historical or cultural significance.
- 2.11 Geological sites of scientific or cultural importance.
- 2.12 Sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa.
- 2.13 Objects to which oral traditions are attached.
- 2.14 Sites of cultural significance or other value to a community or pattern of South African history.

3. METHODOLOGY

The site was visited and inspected on foot. All appropriate documents on the area were studied.

4. RESULTS

The proposed development area consists of a flat area with thorn trees and old agricultural fields, which have been ploughed for a long period of time. The ploughing would have destroyed any possible archaeological sites. There are also no graves or structures older than 60 years present on the development site.

5. CONCLUSION

There are no important cultural heritage resources or graves on the proposed development site.

6. RECOMMENDATION

There is no objection to the proposed development from a cultural heritage resources point of view.

If during construction any cultural heritage resources or graves are unearthed all work has to be stopped until the site has been inspected and mitigated by a cultural heritage practitioner.

7. REFERENCES

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8. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

9. MAPS

