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CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF PORTIONS 278, 279, 280, 282 & 344 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 mainly of old ploughed fields. This farming activity would have destroyed any possible archaeological sites. There are also no heritage structures older than 60 years present on the properties. No graves could be found.

5. CONCLUSION

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

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

- 1/50 000 Map 2527 DB
- Archaeological database of the National Cultural History Museum, Pretoria.
- Carruthers Vincent 2000 The Magaliesberg. Protea Book House Pretoria.
- Survey of Cultural Heritage resources of the Hartebeestpoort dam area Madibeng (Unpublished report).
- Küsel U.S. 2003 Survey of the Cultural Heritage Resources of the North West Province (Unpublished Report).

8. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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Type of development (e.g. low cost housing project, mining etc.)

Medium cost housing development

Whether rezoning and/or subdivision of land is involved:

Rezoning and subdivision is involved – town proclamation

Full location of Province, Magisterial District/Local Authority, property (e.g. farm, erf name and number:

Portions 278, 279, 280, 282 & 344 of the Farm Rietfontein 485 JQ, Madibeng Local Municipality, Northwest Province.

Location map must have the polygon of the area to be surveyed on it and full geographical coordinates for all relevant points and where applicable indication of the area to be developed (footprint):

Attached

If possible an aerial photograph of the specific area showing the location of all site.

Attached







