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Dear Ms Gregory

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PORTION 37 ROOIKOPJES 483JR

As requested, we have investigated the site for the proposed development on portion 37 of the farm Rooikopjes 483JR in the Cullinan municipal district of Gauteng. The site is located north of the town of Rayton and east of the R515 (Fig. 1). It centres around the following coordinates: S 25.72548; E 28.53430.

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.

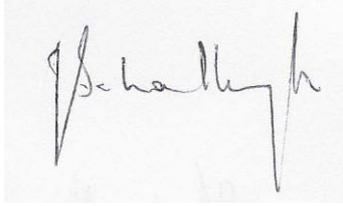
The geology is made up of quartzite in the western half and shale in the eastern half of the study area. The original vegetation is classified as Rocky Highveld Grassland, but has been changed due to agricultural activities. The area is very flat and no features (e.g. hills, outcrops, streams or rock shelters) that usually drew people to settle in its vicinity, occurs in the study area.

No reference to previous surveys or research in the area was found. The site was visited on the 7 April 2007 and a number of transects were walked across it. In some sections the grass was quite tall, making the location of sites difficult.

A few modern buildings, which served as house and outbuildings (e.g. garage and servant quarters) occur on the site (Fig. 2). It is currently abandoned. None of the buildings are very old, nor have they any interesting or unique features and are accordingly viewed to have a low significance.

No features, sites or artefacts of cultural significance that could be impacted on by the proposed development were identified. From a heritage point of view we therefore recommend that the proposed development can continue. However, we request that if archaeological sites or 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

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'J van Schalkwyk'.

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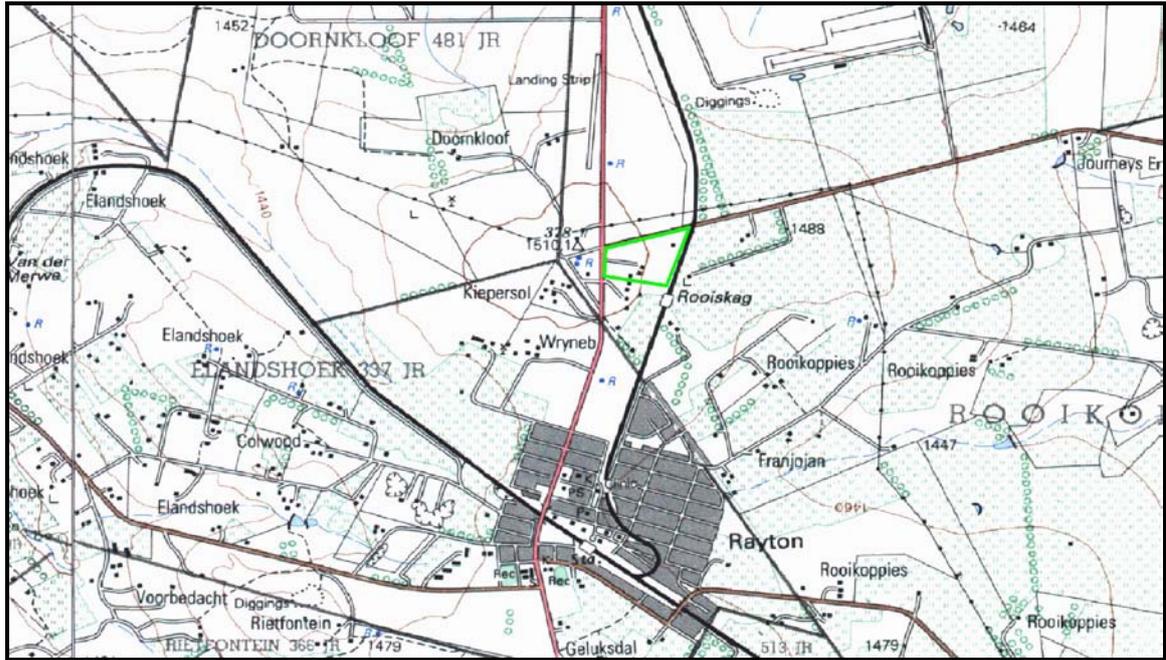


Fig. 1. Location of the study area (outlined in green). (Map, courtesy of the Government Printer)



Fig. 2. The old homestead on the property.