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### **CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF PORTION 46 OF THE FARM ELANDSHEUWEL 436 IQ (PORTIONS ADJACENT AND TO THE WEST OF LOOPSPRUIT), TLOKWE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY 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 site lies near the Loopspruit in deep sedimentary soils. The area has been intensively farmed over a long period of time that would have destroyed any possible archaeological sites.

Just west of the dirt road at S26° 43' 59.3" and E27° 06' 51.5" is an old farm settlement. The settlement has been neglected over a long period of time and is at present used as accommodation for farm labourers. The old home dates to 1857 that makes it one of the oldest surviving farmhouses north of the Vaal River. According to Adrian Mokgale who lives in the house the original owners of the house were the Grimbeek family after whom one of Tlokwe's suburbs is named namely Grimbeek Park.

The house has been altered over many generations and extended to make provision for a growing family. The original yellowwood beams were at one stage replaced with oregon pine. The ceilings and floors are now of imported oregon pine. The walls were built of lightly fired red clay bricks (see photographs 1 – 4).

Next to the house are also some dilapidated ruins of outbuildings.

### **5. CONCLUSION**

The old farm house is an important cultural heritage resource of at least provincial importance and should be preserved and restored. No other important cultural heritage resources or graves are present.

## 6. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- The old farmhouse and surrounding ruins be fully documented in a phase II survey
- The old farmhouse be restored and preserved as a heritage structure.
- The rest of the surrounding ruins be demolished.

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.

## 8. REFERENCES

- Map 1/50 000 2627CA
- Archaeological database of the National Cultural History Museum Pretoria
- Potchefstroom Museum database

## 9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

**In filling of the floodplain (portions adjacent and to the west of the Loopspruit).**

Whether rezoning and/or subdivision of land is involved:

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

**Proposed infilling of Portions of the eastern side of Portion 46 of the farm Elandsheuvel 436 IQ (Portions adjacent and to the west of the Loopspruit), Tlokwe Local Municipality, North West 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):

**The proposed site is situated on Portion 46 of the farm Elandsheuvel 436 IQ, to the east of the R501, approximately 500m south of the R53 and to the west of Loopspruit.**

## 9. PHOTOGRAPHS

See photographs page 5 - 6

## 10. MAPS

See maps page 7 - 8

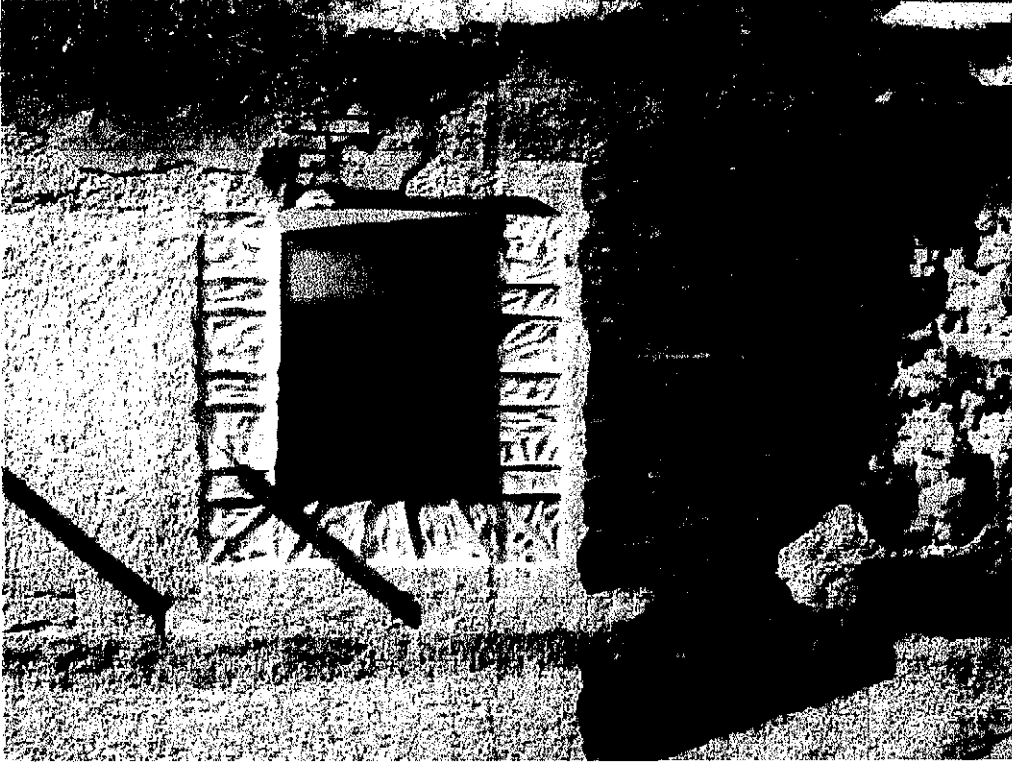


**No. 1 The old house as seen from the northern side**



**No. 2 Eastern view of the house with the veranda, which was parsley, closed in**

No. 4 Detail of window and brickwork



No. 3 The date above the front door

