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### **CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE FARM KOEDOEKOP 664 IQ 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 lies between small koppies formed by the Vredefort impact. The vegetation is dense bushveld.

The proposed new development lies against a steep slope of one of the koppies. This area was too steep for Iron Age settlement.

No archaeological sites or graves are present on the proposed development site.

About two kilometres to the south east of the development area on a saddle between two koppies is a Later Iron Age stonewall site (S26° 50' 33.7" & E27° 23' 20.1"). The site is some 50 metres in diameter and consists of a number of circular stonewalls of which some are still more than a metre high (see photograph 1 & 2).

The site is a typical Later Iron Age site associated with early Sotho settlements and is similar to sites in the Vredefort Dome recorded by Anton Pelsler (2006). These sites are far away from the proposed development area and will not be affected by the development.

### **5. CONCLUSION**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

There is no objection to the proposed development on Koedoeokop 664 IQ 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.

The recorded archaeological site is important and should be preserved for possible future research and development. No visitors should be allowed on the site unless it has been developed for visitors in accordance with guidelines of the South African Heritage Resources Authority (SAHRA)

## 7. REFERENCES

- 1/50 000 Map 2627 CD
- Huffman T.N. 2007. Handbook of the Iron Age
- Küsel U.S. 2006. Survey of Cultural History Sites in the Vredefort Dome area.
- Pelser A. 2006. Archaeological survey of the Vredefort Dome area.

## 8. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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Type of development (e.g. low cost housing project, mining etc.)	
<b>The change of land use so that the property may be utilized for approximately 6 self-catering guesthouse units.</b>	

Whether rezoning and/or subdivision of land is involved:

**Change of land use from "Agriculture" to "Business Rights".**

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

**The farm Koedoekop 664, Registration Division I.Q., 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 farm Koedoekop 664 I.Q. is situated along the Venterskroon Road, approximately 21km outside of Potchefstroom and 8km from Parys. It is approximately 2km south from the T-junction of the Venterskroon Road with the Potchefstroom-Parys Road (R53).**

## 9. PHOTOGRAPHS



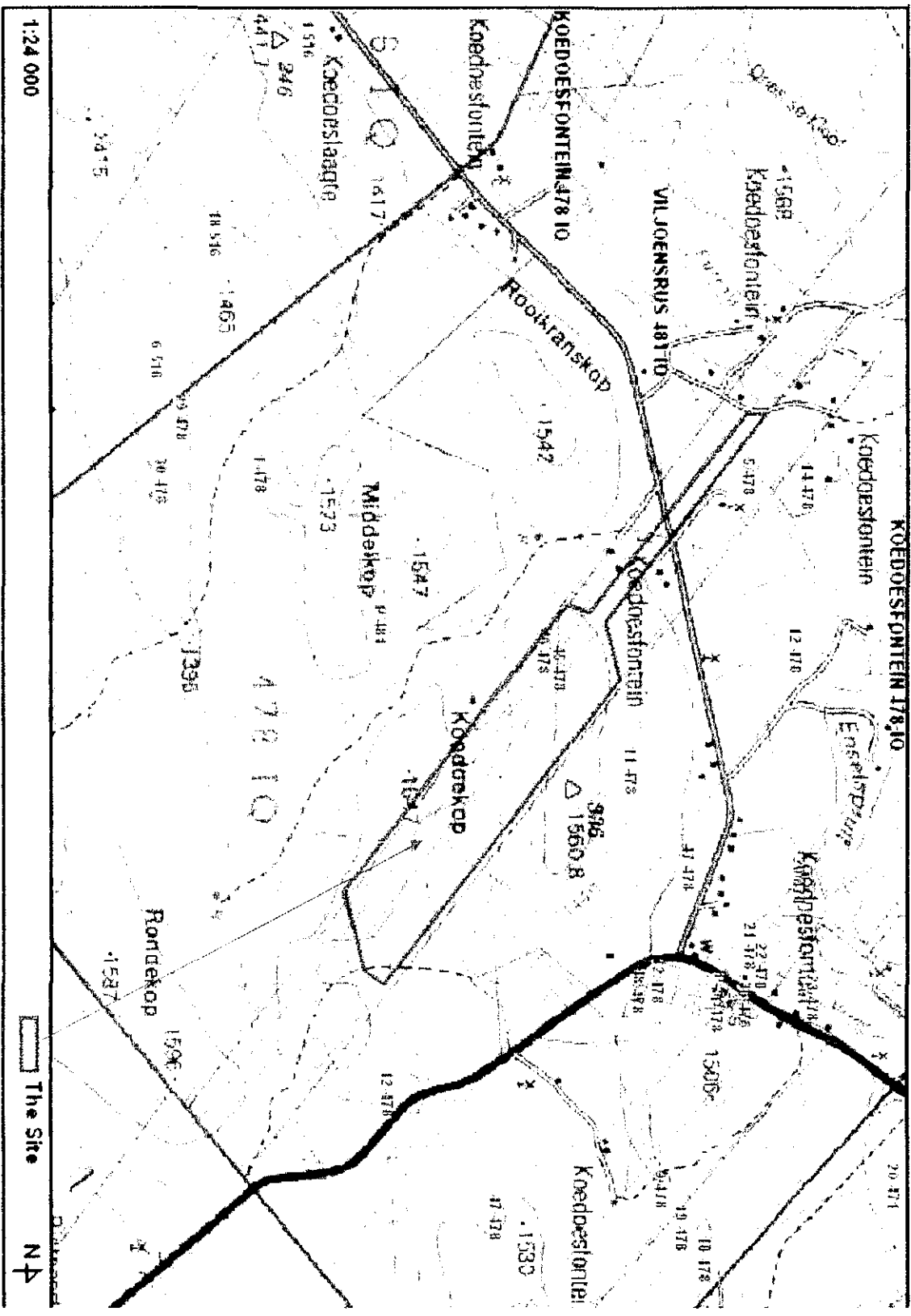
**No. 1 Partially collapsed stonewalling**

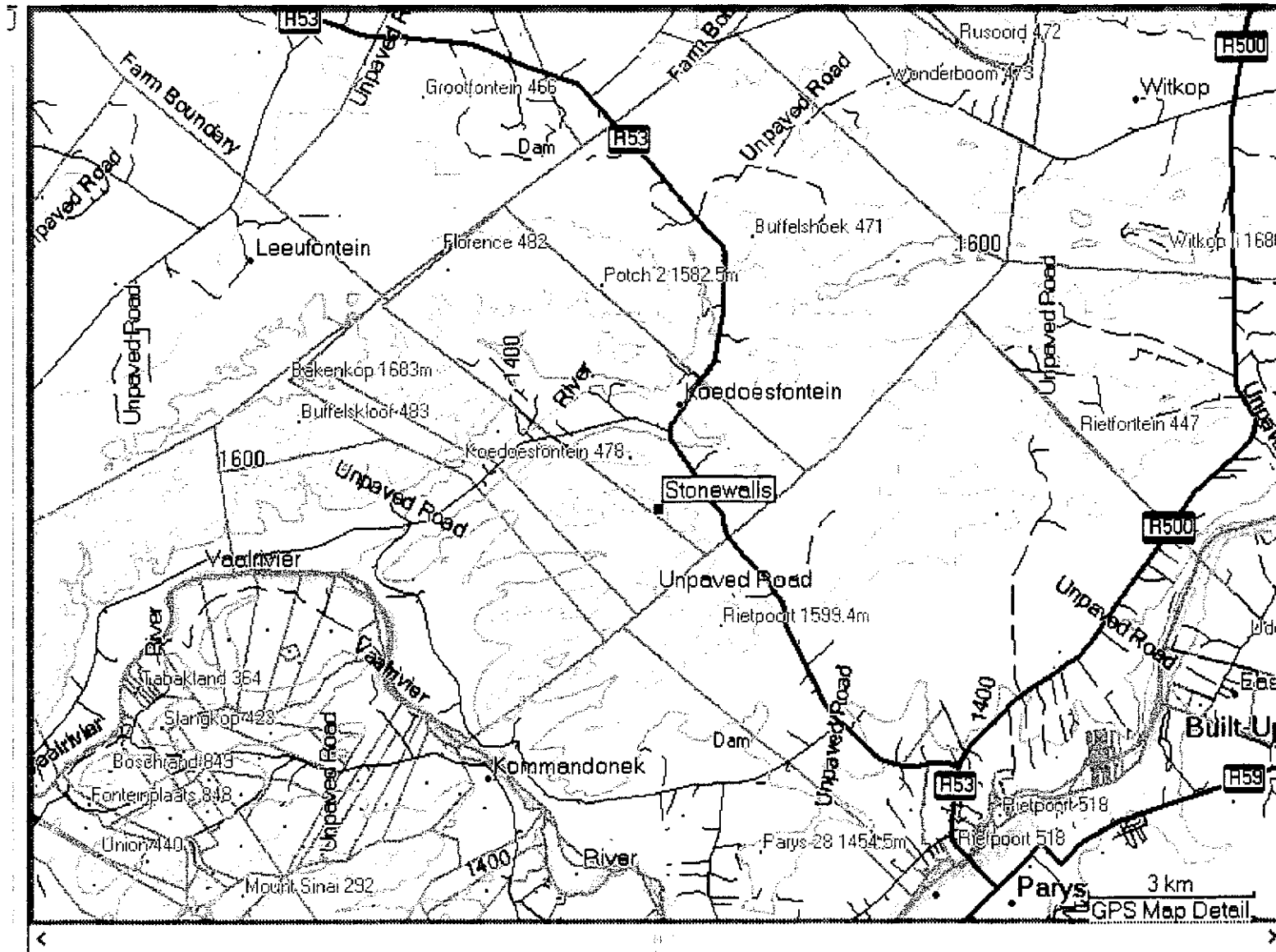


**No. 2 Well preserved stonewall with lintel and entrance opening**

**10. MAP**

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