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Dear Mr Krizinger

#### HERITAGE SCOPING ASSESSMENT: DOORNKOP TOWNSHIP

As requested, we have investigated the site for the proposed township development on Portion 12 of the farm Doornkop 246JS, in the Middelburg district of Mpumalanga. The site is located approximately 15 km north of the town of Middelburg, on the western side of the N11 (Fig. 1). It centres around the following coordinates: S 25.62368; E 29.43245.

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 site was visited on 7 September 2006 and the survey was done by walking and driving a number of transects over the study area. In most areas, the grass cover is very tall and dense, making the detection of heritage features difficult.


In the study area, the geology is made up of arenite, with an intrusion of norite running through it and the original vegetation is classified as Rocky Highveld Grassland. No features (e.g. hills, outcrops, streams or rock shelters) that usually drew people to settle in its vicinity, occurs in the study area. The site is part of an

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 National Museum of Military History/Nasionale Museum vir Militêre Geskiedenis  
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 Willem Prinsloo Agricultural/Landbou Museum

informal settlement, with a number of dwellings that occur sporadically in the area. Some modern houses have also been erected here.

We have found no obvious features, sites or artefacts of cultural significance that would be impacted on by the proposed development. We therefore recommend, from a heritage point of view, that development can continue. We furthermore 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



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