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Dear Ms Gregory

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: HENNOPSRIVER DEVELOPMENT

As requested, we have investigated the site for the proposed development on portion 61 & 63 of the farm Hennopsriver 489JQ and portion 20 of the farm Doornrandje 386JR in the Pretoria municipal district of Gauteng. The site is located south of Hartebeespoortdam and south-east of Pelidaba (Fig. 1). It lies between the following coordinates: S 25.84219; E 27.98311 and S 25.86876; E 27.98712.

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 dolomite and the original vegetation is classified as Rocky Highveld Grassland. The topography of the area is classified as undulating hills. A few features, e.g. hills, outcrops or rock shelters that usually drew people to settle in its vicinity, occurs in the study area. The Hennops River forms the northern border of the study area.

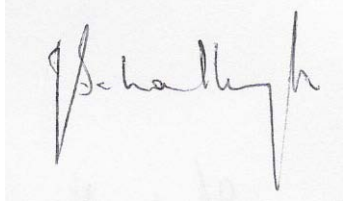
No reference to previous surveys or research in the area was found. The site was visited on the 19 April 2007 and a number of transects were walked across it. In some sections the grass was quite tall, making the location of sites difficult.

A few modern buildings, part of small-holdings, occur in the area. These consist invariably of a main house, with different outbuildings (e.g. garage and servant quarters), as well as stables/pigsties/fowl runs, etc. 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 written in a cursive style and appears to read 'J van Schalkwyk'.

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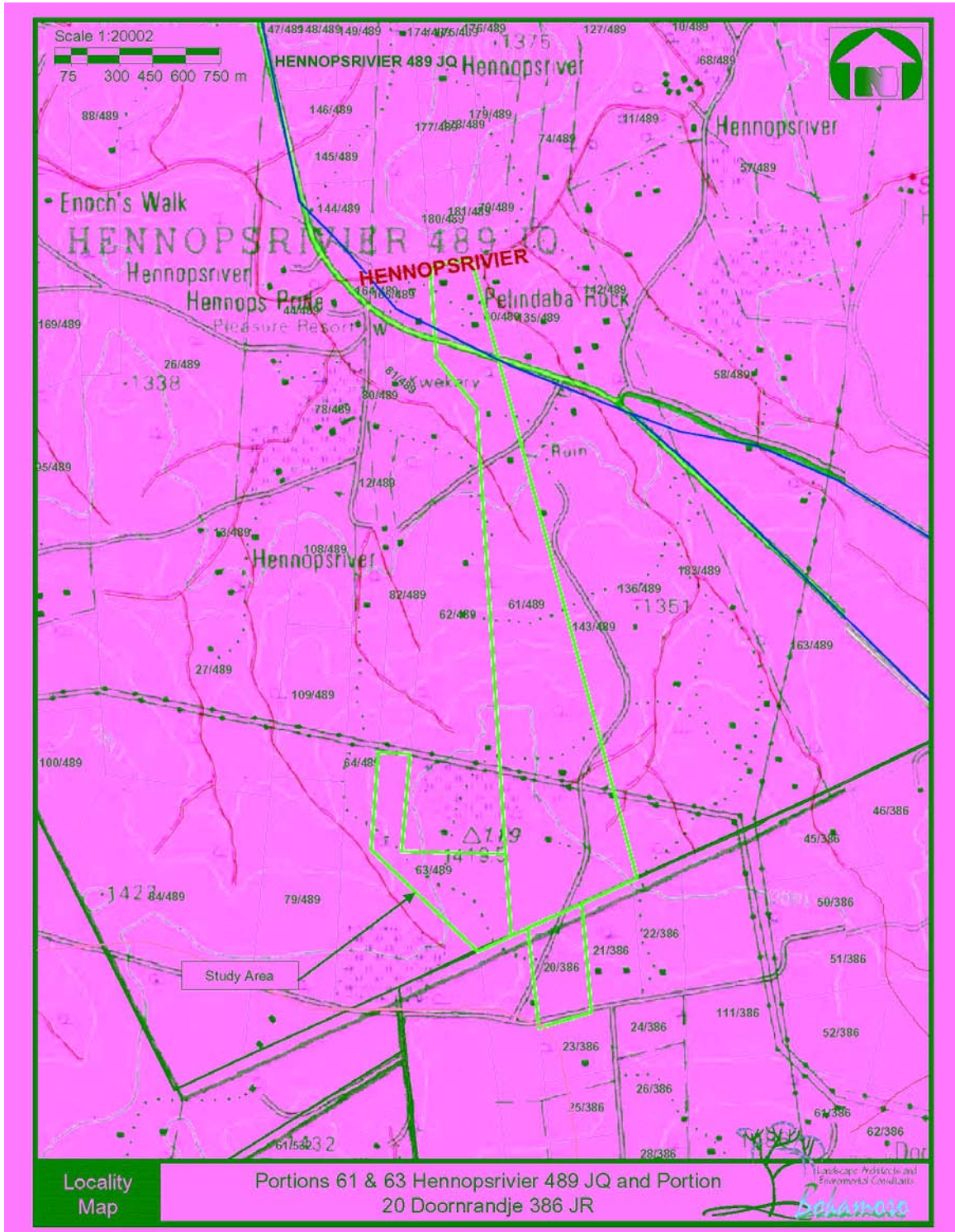


Fig. 1. Location of the study area (outlined in red). (Map, courtesy of the Government Printer)