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Dear Mr Kritzinger

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: MAHUBE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT

As requested, we have investigated portions of the farm Franspoort 332JR and Pienaarspoort 339JR, east of Mamelodi, Gauteng. The sites are approximately rectangular in shape and borders on the eastern side of Hans Strijdom Avenue (extension) and south and north of Tsamaya Road. The coordinates for the approximate centre of the areas are: S 25.70351, E 28.42311; S 25.69076, 28.42037

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 area;
- 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 survey was conducted by walking across the area in a number of parallel transects. Sections of the area is littered with building and other rubble, which makes it difficult to survey. The remains of a few small structures, possibly houses or homesteads, were identified. In all cases only the foundations remain.

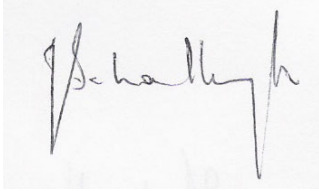
Some heritage sites are known to occur in the larger region. These range from Iron Age stone walled sites, to farmstead and old diamond diggings. None of these are close enough to be impacted on by the current development.

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National Cultural History Museum/Nasionale Kultuurhistoriese Museum
Transvaal Museum
National Museum of Military History/Nasionale Museum vir Militere Geskiedenis
Pioneer/Pionier Museum - Kruger Museum - Tswaing Crater/Krater Museum – Sammy Marks Museum –
Willem Prinsloo Agricultural/Landbou Museum

Based on what was found, we therefore recommend, from a heritage point of view, that the proposed development can continue and requests that if archaeological sites or graves are exposed during construction work, that 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 background. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'J van Schalkwyk'. The letters are connected, with a prominent 'J' at the start and a long, sweeping tail at the end.

J van Schalkwyk

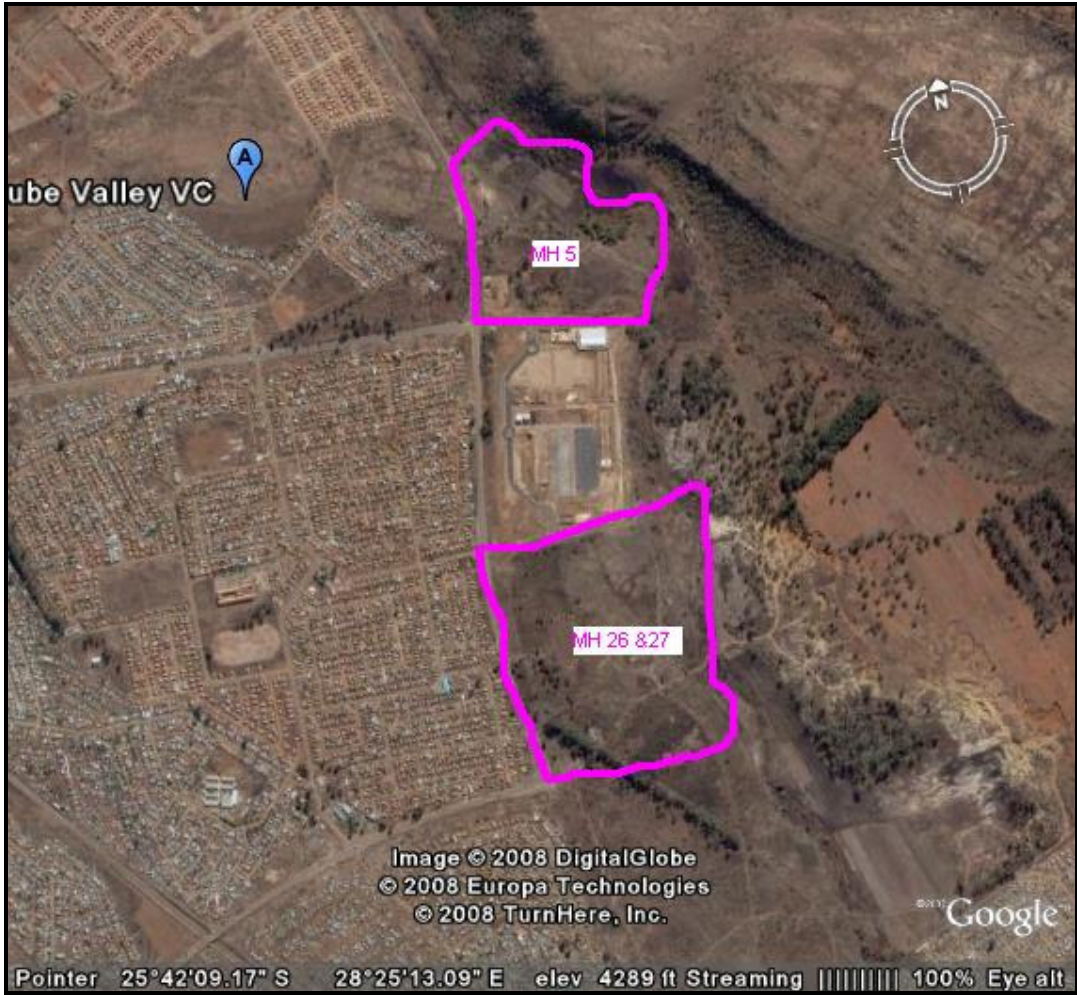


Fig. 1. Location of the study areas.

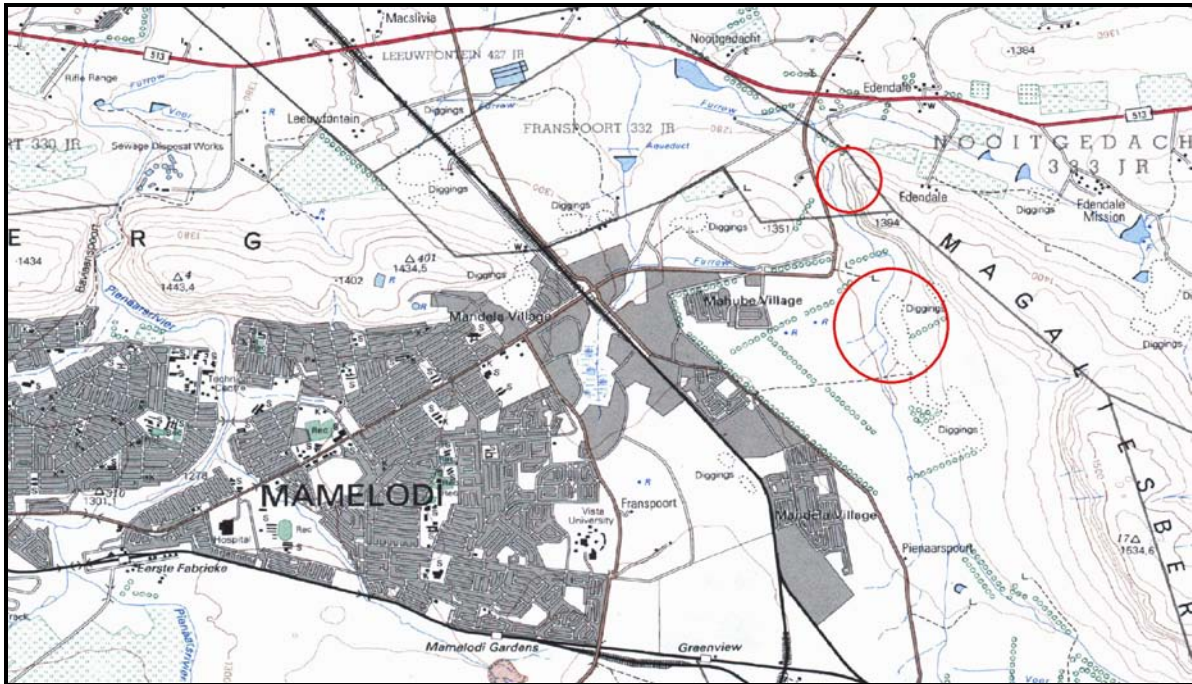


Fig. 2. Location of the study areas in a regional context (Map 2528CB, Government Printer, Pretoria).