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CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED NEW DEVELOPMENT ON FARM RIETSPRUIT 594 JQ MONNAKATO EXTENTION 5 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 ACT, Act. NO. 25 OF 1999

The following are the most important sites and objects protected by the National Heritage Act:

- a. Structures or parts of structures older than 60 years
- b. Archaeological sites and objects
- c. Palaeontological sites
- d. Meteorites
- e. Ship wrecks
- f. Burial grounds

- g. Graves of victims of conflict
- h. Public monuments and memorials
- i. Structures, places and objects protected through the publication of notices in the Gazette and Provincial Gazette
- j. Any other places or object which are considered to be of interest or of historical or cultural significance
- k. Geological sites of scientific or cultural importance
- l. Sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa
- m. Objects to which oral traditions are attached
- n. Sites of cultural significance or other value to a community or pattern of South African history

3. METHODOLOGY

All relevant maps and documents on the site were studied. The site was visited and evaluated. A number of local people were also interviewed. Visual inspection and evaluation gave rise to the results below. Google Earth was consulted for aerial information.

From Google Earth it is clear that people living in state provided housing in fact already occupy a large portion of the proposed to be developed land.

4. RESULTS

- 1. The vegetation cover consists of poor grass coverage as well as pioneer *acacia* species. The soils are derived from quartzite granites and are not suitable for farming practises. Therefore it would not have been preferred habitation for any of the early, or the later, farmers of the area.
- 2. Visual inspection also then conformed the above, that there were no visible cultural remains aboveground on the property reviewed.
- 3. Interviews with locals, and especially with one Johannes Maponyane that lived in the area for the last 25 years, confirmed that there are no graves or interment sites present on the property under investigation.

5. CONCLUSION

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

6. RECOMMENDATION

There is no objection to the proposed development from a cultural heritage resources point of view.



QUARRY

CONSTRUCTION
SITE

Position of the property on Google Earth eye level 4,1 km

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.

7. REFERENCES

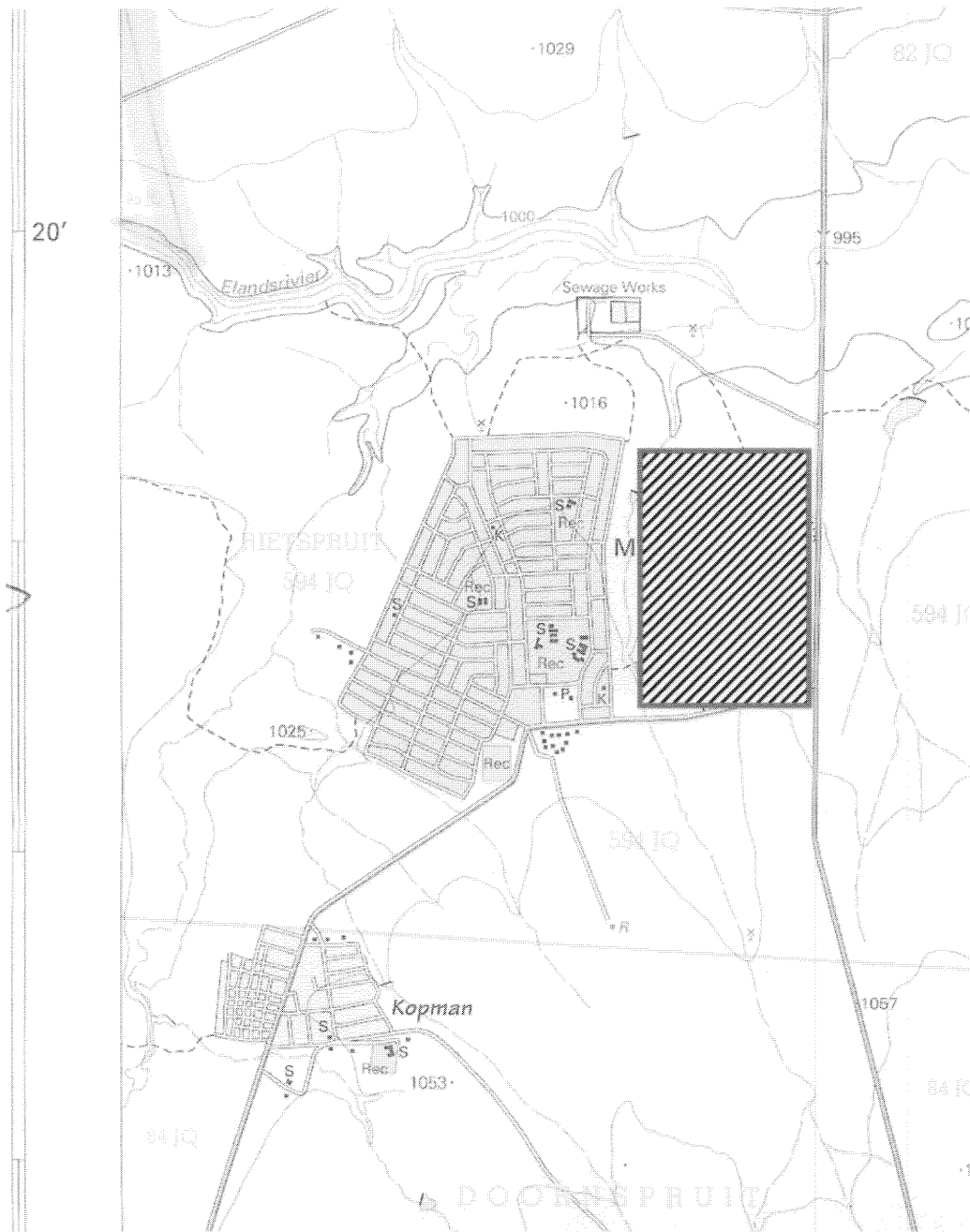
- 1/50 000 Map 2527 AD
- Archaeological data base of the National Cultural History Museum
- Küsel U.S. 2005 Survey of Cultural Heritage Resources in the North West Province (Unpublished report)

8. SITE INFORMATION

- i. **OWNERS.**
Rustenburg Local Municipality.
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- ii. **DEVELOPERS.**
EPS Consulting.
Nolte Ekker. 014 597 2001.
- iii. **CONSULTANTS.** Nemai Consulting cc.
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- iv. **DEVELOPMENT OF LOW COST HOUSING.**
- v. **SITE TO BE REZONED.**
From agricultural to residential.
- vi. **Farm Rietspruit 594 JQ, Rustenburg, Northwest Province.**

Position of the property under investigation.

<i>1</i>	<i>25 21 32,63 South</i>	<i>27 17 01,24 East</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>25 21 29,36 South</i>	<i>27 17 17,17 East</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>25 20 40,79 South</i>	<i>27 17 15,06 East</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>25 20 41,61 South</i>	<i>27 16 56,43 East</i>



Position of the property on 1 : 50 000 map 2527 AD MONNAKATO as indicated by the brief.