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7.8 Archaeology and History

The area was surveyed by an archaeologist of R & R Cultural Resource Development Consultants¹, Polokwane in March 2002. It was confirmed that the site of the additional stands had no surface indicators of archaeological, cultural or historical significance and the proposed development would not have a negative impact on any cultural or heritage resources. Two graves, which were pointed out to the development team at the start of the project, have been incorporated and respected in the layout by means of demarcated separate stands which will not be developed.

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7.9 Socio-economic Environment

7.9.1 Regional Economics

The nearest town to the study area is Giyani. The study area is located in Greater Giyani Municipality formerly the Lowveld Region of the Giyani Magisterial District. The Lowveld Region is mostly rural and is estimated to have 1.3 million people thus having the largest population density of the province. The largest district is Giyani with 244 079 estimated in the 1997 census and a growth rate of 2.4% (Agtec 1997). The density of people in this region is 17 to 113 people km² (DBSA 1998). Generally the Limpopo Province is considered to have a housing shortage and 37% of housing is in the form of shacks, hostels or traditional dwellings made from natural resources (DBSA 1998).

In Giyani there is moderate unemployment in relation to provincial figures. In 1994 it was estimated that between 17 600 to 30 600 people were unemployed. The Lowveld Region has the highest number of people in its labour force with no formal education (34%) or only primary schooling (25%). The agricultural sector employed 25% and 44% were employed in community and social services. Two percent growth in employment was reported particularly for the finance and service sectors. In 1994 the Bureau of Market Research estimated that the personal per capita income was R 2 288 for the province which was considerably lower than the national average of R 8 418. Of the potentially active population i.e. 15 to 64 year olds, 46% where

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