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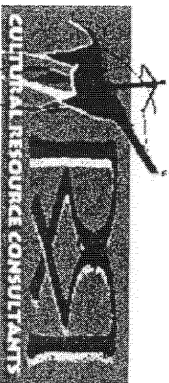
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Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment (Scoping & Evaluation)
Subdivision on the Farm BEJA 39LT (± 150ha): Albasini Dam
LIMPOPO PROVINCE

STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO HERITAGE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Location: refer to map South Africa 1:50 000 – 2330AA.
General co-ordinates: 23° 05' 58" E30° 04' 03"

The **Project Proposal** constitutes an activity that is listed in terms of the Environmental Conservation Act (Act No. 73 of 1989), for which an Environmental Impact Assessment is required to satisfy the requirements of the List of Activities and Regulation for EIA's – Government Gazette of 5 September 1997 - provided for in terms of sections 21, 22 and 26. The heritage component of the EIA is provided for in section 26 of the Environmental Conservation Act and endorsed by section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA - Act No. 25 of 1999). In addition the NHRA protects all structures and features older than 60 years (section 34), archaeological sites and material (section 35) and graves and burial sites (section 36).

In order to comply with legislation, the developer requires information on the heritage resources, and their significance that occur on the proposed terrain. This will enable the developer to take pro-active measures to limit the adverse effects that the development could have on any heritage resources.

The author was contracted to undertake a Phase 1 *Heritage Impact Assessment* of the surface area on the farm **Beja** where development has been proposed. The aim was to determine the presence of heritage resources such as archaeological and historical sites and features, graves and places of religious and cultural significance; to assess the impact of the proposed project on such heritage resources; and to submit appropriate recommendations with regard to the cultural resources management measures that may be required at affected sites / features.