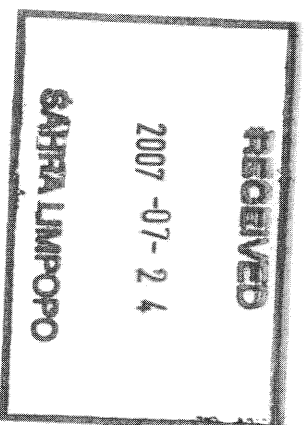




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Heritage Impact Assessment

Heritage Impact Assessment for Proposed
Muswubi entertainment centre: Bennde-Mutale
lodge near Kruger national park, Vhembe district,
in the Limpopo Province.



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Management Summary

Site name and location: Proposed Bennde-Mutale lodge (Muswubi entertainment centre), near Kruger national park phafuri gate, Vhembe district municipality in the Limpopo province

Magisterial district: Vhembe District Municipality

Developer: Mr. Joseph Nkhumeleni Munyamela

Consultant: AINP, PO Box 7296, Thohoyandou, 0950, South Africa

Date development was mooted: April 07

Date of Report: 23 July 07

Proposed date of commencement of development: September 07

Findings:

No site-specific actions or any further heritage mitigation measures are recommended as no heritage resource sites or finds of any value or significance were notice in the indicated study area. The proposed development of an entertainment Facility (lodge) at Bennde-Mutale area can continue from a heritage point of view.

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Heritage Impact Assessment

Muswubi entertainment centre: Bennde-Mutale lodge, near Kruger national park Phafuri gate, Vhembe District municipality, in the Limpopo Province.

Introduction

Archaeo-Info Northern Province (AINP) was contracted by Mvuso Environmental Consultants cc to conduct Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) on the proposed development of Bennde-Mutale lodge (Muswubi entertainment) at Bennde -Mutale village near Kruger national park Phafuri gate, under Vhembe district municipality in the Limpopo Province.

This HIA forms part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as required, chapter five of the regulation in the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) 107 of 1998, the Minerals & Petroleum Resources Development Act, 28 of 2002 and the Development Facilitation Act (DFA), 67 of 1995. The HIA is performed in accordance with section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), 25 of 1999 and is intended for submission to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA).

Qualified personnel from AINP conducted the assessment. The team comprised a Principal Investigator with a minimum of an Honours degree in an applicable science as well as at least five years of field experience in heritage management assisted by a fieldworker with at least a BA degree in an applicable science. All of our employees are also registered members of the Association of South African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA).

A member of AINP performed the assessment on 22 July 07.

The extent of the proposed development sites was determined as well as the extent of the areas to be affected by secondary activities (access route, construction of the lodge and site camp, etc.) during the development. The site was plotted using a Global Positioning System (GPS) and photographed digitally. The sites were surveyed on foot.

All results will be relayed in this report, firstly outlining the methodology used and then the results and recommendations for the identified resources.

Proposed Project

Mr. Joseph Nkhumeleni Munyamela has proposed to develop and construct a lodge with entertainment facilities and gravel access road at Bennde-Mutale village near Kruger national park phafuri gate in the Limpopo Province. The proposed project covers area of five hector and the proposed development include construction of the access route from the main Masisi to Phafuri gate tare road, three (3) conference hall, dining and kitchen room, staff and visitors parking bays, restaurant, thirty chalets and a reception office. Purpose of this study was to determine if the proposed area was suitable for the development of a lodge facility from a heritage point of view.

After researching the National Archive records as well as the SAHRA records it was determined that no previous archaeological or historical studies have been performed in the demarcated study area.

The project was tabled during August 07 and the developer intends to commence construction as soon as possible after receipt of the ROD from the Department of Environmental Affairs

	which contribute to the overall significance.	
Little significance	Alterations detract from significance. One of many. Alterations detract from significance.	1
Intrusive	Damaging to the item's heritage significance.	0

Table 1. Site significance

Site Evaluation

The following information was accessed in the evaluation of possible sites. Evaluative testing, surface collecting, direct consultation and documentary research. In the event of a site being identified the testing procedure will include unit sampling or selection, test frequencies, unit dimensions, mapping, recording and data recovery. Surface collection will encompass sampling design, recording and the process of collection.

The sites will be evaluated as to their significance according to their ranking in the significance table listed above. Where necessary, professional expertise will be sought.

The investigation of sites for heritage components should not only look at the material remains that are found on sites, but there should also be looked at the intangible aspects of cultural importance for the local communities. Furthermore there should also be looked at the possibility of culturally important areas being found in the study area. These could include graves, places of power or initiation schools and any other area that is seen as culturally sensitive to the local communities.

Resource Inventory

This section will contain the results of the heritage site inventory. Any identified sites will be indicated on the accompanying map plotted using the *OziExplorer* Geographic Information System (GIS).

Bennde-Mutale lodge

After intensive investigations, no sites or finds of any heritage potential were identified. No structures were evident on the surface and none of the areas investigated showed any indications of having any historic deposits.

Resource Evaluation

Bennde-Mutale lodge

No heritage resources, or remains of any heritage resource, were identified within the indicated study area.

Impact Identification and Assessment

Bennde-Mutale lodge

No impacts on cultural resources are anticipated as no resources were identified in the study area.

Resource Management Recommendations

Bennde-Mutale lodge

No recommendations can be given as no sites of any heritage potential were identified within the proposed study area. The construction of a lodge at Bennde -Mutale village can continue from a heritage point of view.



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APPENDIX A

PHOTOGRAPHS





Photo 1. View of the proposed access road from the main fare road running to the south toward the Mutale River where the proposed lodge site is situated.



Photo 2. The proposed area for muswubi entertainment, Bennde- Mutale lodge.

APPENDIX B

Location Map



Musvybi entertainment centre: Beninde- mutale toode

