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Dear Mr Da Cruz

#### HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: SASOL FILLING STATION, RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD

As requested, we have investigated the site for the proposed development of a filling station on the premises of the Riverside Boulevard in the Vanderbijlpark district of Gauteng. The site is located south of Frikkie Meyer Boulevard and west of its junction with Hendrik van Eck Boulevard (Fig.1) It centres around the following coordinate (S 26.73414; E 27.84034) (see Fig. 1).

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 areas;
- 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 site was visited on 13 September 2006 and a number of transacted were walked over it. The area has been extensively disturbed (see Fig. 2) by previous construction activities, with most of the topsoil removed, in places up to at least 1,5 metres. This would effectively have destroyed any archaeological material that might have occurred here.

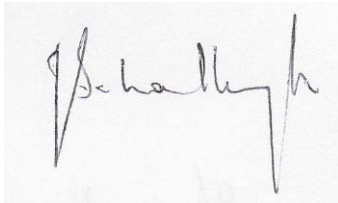
Archaeological sites are known to occur in the larger geographical region, e.g. Early Stone Age tools were found in the Vaal River gravels at Duncanville, as well as rock engravings some distance downstream in

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the Vaal River. However, subsequent analysis of the stone tools recovered in these gravels, indicated that they have been transported by the river and did not occur in a primary context anymore. As a result, tools found here in similar situations are viewed to have a very low significance.

We have found no obvious features, sites or artefacts of cultural significance that would be impacted on by the proposed development. We therefore recommend, from a heritage point of view, that the proposed development can continue. Due to the disturbed nature of the site, we think that a 'watching brief' is unnecessary, but would request that if archaeological features are exposed during construction work, 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

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J van Schalkwyk  
Principal Investigator

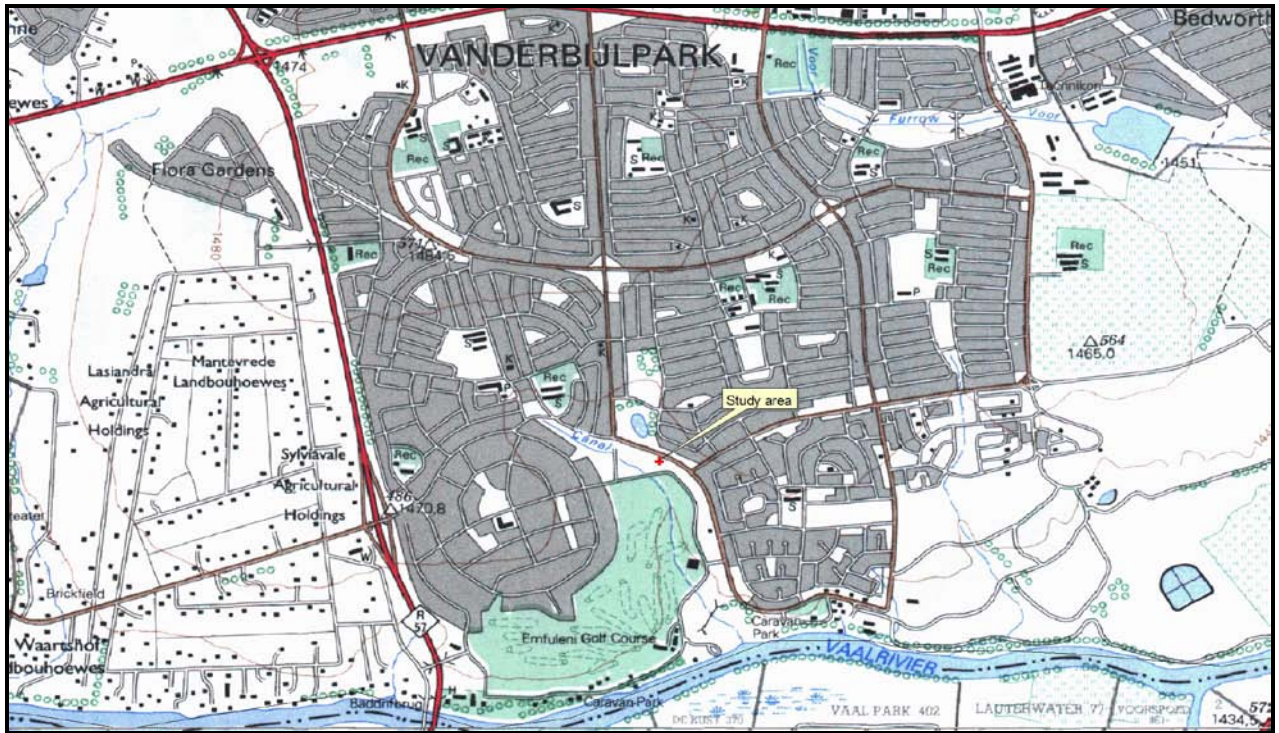


Figure 1. Showing the location of the study area (red cross). (Map, courtesy of the Government Printer.)



Figure 2. The site, showing the amount of excavation already done, by measuring it against the wall on the left hand side of the photograph.

