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Dear Ms Gregory

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: LEEUDRIFT 89KT

As requested, we have investigated the site for the proposed development of portion 1 of the farm Leeudrift 89KR in the Waterberg municipal district of Limpopo Province. The site is located a few kilometres north west of the town of Vaalwater, on the Melkriver road (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 geology is made up of arenite, overlain with sand and the original vegetation is classified as Mixed Bushveld. The area surveyed is approximately 670 hectares. The area is very flat and no features that usually drew people to settle in a an area (e.g. hills, outcrops, river, rock shelters) occur in the study area

The site was visited on the 16th of November 2006. Currently the vegetation is very tall and dense, making the detection of heritage site very difficult.

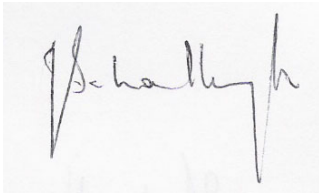
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Willem Prinsloo Agricultural/Landbou Museum

A small informal cemetery was identified. It contains approximately 15 graves of farm labourers. Only two graves have headstones with inscriptions, but unfortunately without dates. The cemetery is located at the following coordinates: S 24.27398; E 28.13367.

Apart from the above, no obvious features, sites or artefacts of cultural significance that could be impacted on by the proposed development were identified. From a heritage point of view, we therefore recommend that the proposed development can continue, on condition of acceptance of the following:

- The graves should be left in place, and the cemetery should be formalised by fencing it off, with suitable access. If that is not acceptable, the grave can be relocated, but only after consulting with the descendants and obtaining of all the necessary permits.
- If archaeological sites or graves 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

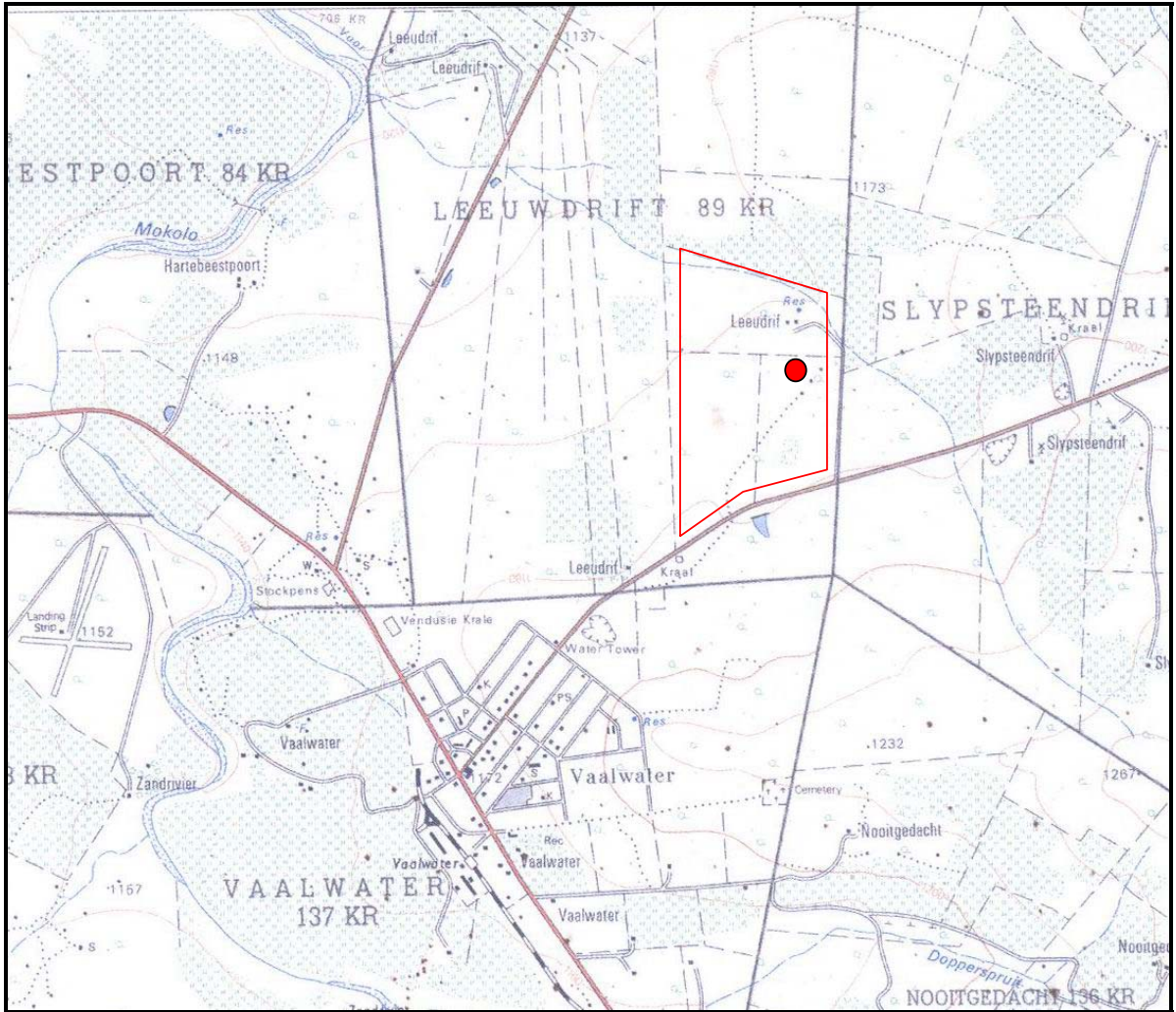


Figure 1. Showing the location of the study area and the identified cemetery (red dot).