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CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED SECUNDA EXTENSION 40 TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHMENT ON A PART OF THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM DRIEHOEK 275 IS SECUNDA MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

1. DEFINITION

The broad generic term *Cultural Heritage Resources* refers to any physical and spiritual property associated with past and present human use or occupation of the environment, cultural activities and history. The term includes sites, structures, places, natural features and material of palaeontological, archaeological, historical, aesthetic, scientific, architectural, religious, symbolic or traditional importance to specific individuals or groups, traditional systems of cultural practice, belief or social interaction.

2. PROTECTED SITES IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT, ACT. NO. 25 OF 1999

The following are the most important sites and objects protected by the National Heritage Act:

- Structures or parts of structures older than 60 years.
- Archaeological sites and objects.

- Palaeontological sites.
- Meteorites.
- Shipwrecks.
- Burial grounds.
- Graves of victims of conflict.
- Public monuments and memorials.
- Structures, places and objects protected through the publication of notices in the Gazette and Provincial Gazette.
- Any other places or object, which are considered to be of interest or of historical or cultural significance.
- Geological sites of scientific or cultural importance.
- Sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa.
- Objects to which oral traditions are attached.
- Sites of cultural significance or other value to a community or pattern of South African history.

3. METHODOLOGY

The site was visited and inspected, on foot since this is the most effective method of finding archaeological sites. All appropriate documents on the area were studied.

4. RESULTS

The site is typical highveld grassland. Extensive illegal dumping has taken place on the site. No indications of any important cultural heritage resources could be found on the site.

5. CONCLUSION

There are no visible cultural heritage resources on the site of the proposed township on the farm Driehoek 275 IS.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

There is no objection to the proposed township development from a cultural heritage point of view.