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**The rondavel house with one of its gables**



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**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 ACT, Act. NO. 25 OF 1999**

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

- a. Structures or parts of structures older than 60 years
- b. Archaeological sites and objects
- c. Palaeontological sites
- d. Meteorites
- e. Ship wrecks
- f. Burial grounds
- g. Graves of victims of conflict
- h. Public monuments and memorials
- i. Structures, places and objects protected through the publication of notices in the Gazette and Provincial Gazette
- j. Any other places or object which are considered to be of interest or of historical or cultural significance
- k. Geological sites of scientific or cultural importance
- l. Sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa
- m. Objects to which oral traditions are attached
- n. Sites of cultural significance or other value to a community or pattern of South African history

**3. METHODOLOGY**

All relevant maps and documents on the site were studied. The site was visited and evaluated. The area was resurveyed on foot

**4. RESULTS**

The main house consists of a core, and then a number of added extras that covers several additions over time (S25° 45' 43.4" and E28° 25' 06.2"). The core is a typical "four linked rondavels" South African style house that was rather popular during the 1910 to 1920's. Two of the rondavels that face north as well as the two facing south are capped by an elegant Cape Dutch "hol bol" gable. The main house probably dates to the 1920/30s. To the east and more so towards the west several wings were added but are possibly younger than 60 years. The roof is thatched.

The house is fronted by three of the "Tuntankamen" type (Canary Island palm) trees. These palms were planted in several areas in Pretoria, especially along the Apies River as well as next to the University of Pretoria after the discovery of the well-known Egyptian tomb.

The property was also flanked on several sides with pine and other trees, a typical practise in the early years to form "windbrakes"

The core house is well maintained and preserved. The roof construction is of a high quality and in a good condition (see photographs-).

## **5. CONCLUSION**

This house and surrounding landscape is older than sixty years and very typical for its era. The house is worth preserving though the developer intends developing stands for light industry.

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The house with its four linked rondavels and gables is an excellent example of a 1920/30s farmhouse and worth preserving. It is recommended that:-

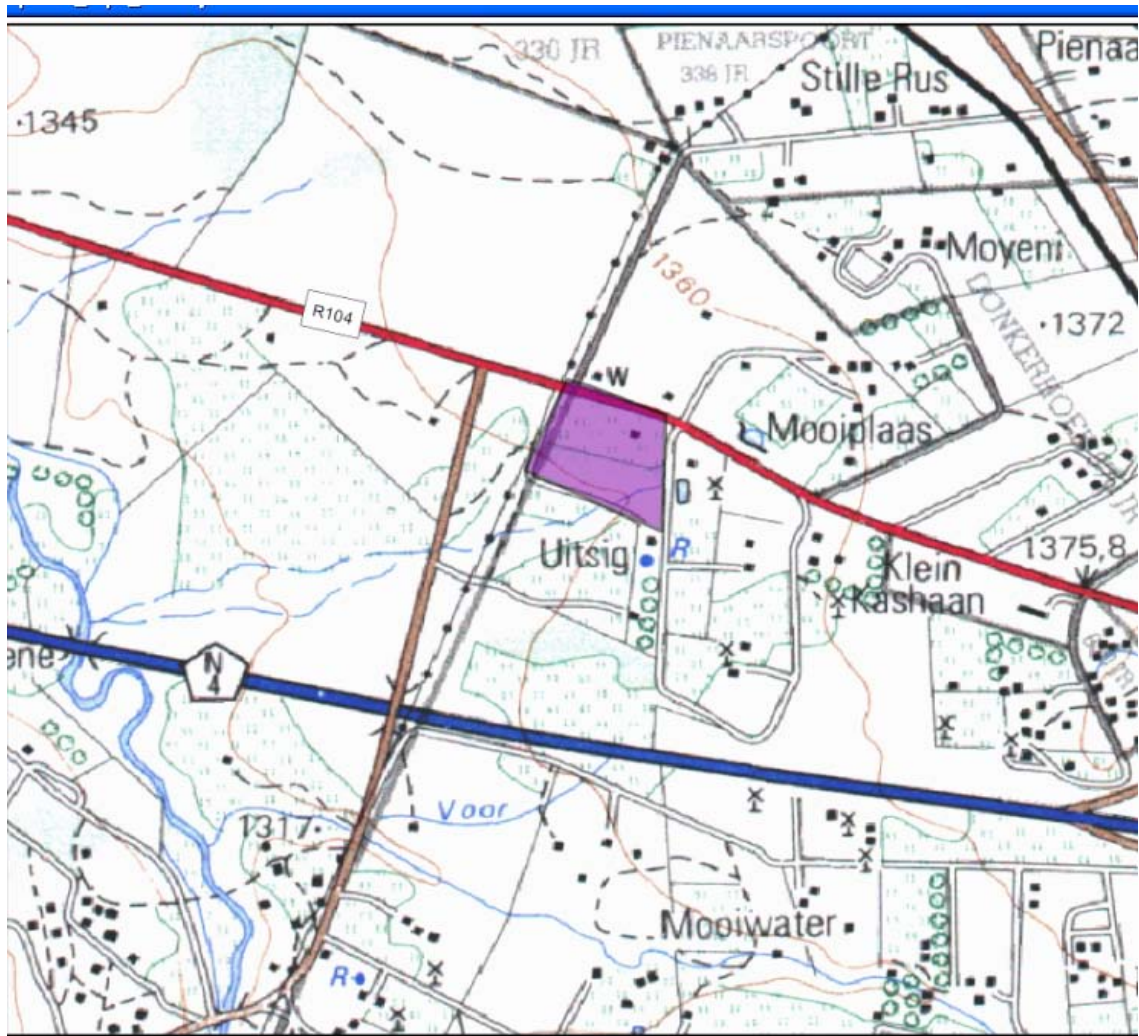
- The house and its surrounding landscape should be fully documented
- If possible the house should be preserved and used as an office or restaurant within the new development
- If the developer intends demolishing the building an application for destructing must be made to the Gauteng Provincial Heritage Resources Authority.

## **7. SITE INFORMATION**

Owners contact details:

<p><b>Developers contact details:</b>  Xanado Trade or Invest 101 (Pty) Ltd  P.O. Box 40967  ARCADIA,  0007  <b>Contact person:</b> Mr. Charles Fourie  <b>Tel:</b> 082 557-8614  <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:charles@sacramentospur.co.za">charles@sacramentospur.co.za</a></p>
<p><b>Consultants contact details:</b>  <b>Interdesign Landscape Architects</b>  Chérie Matebesi  P.O. BOX 74648  Lynnwood Ridge  0040   <b>Tel:</b> (012) 348-1922  <b>Fax:</b> (012) 348-7154</p>
<p><b>Type of development (e.g. low cost housing project, mining etc.)</b>   Light Industrial for warehouse purposes</p>
<p><b>Whether rezoning and/or subdivision of land is involved:</b>  Rezoning from Agriculture to Light Industrial</p>
<p><b>Full location of Province, Magisterial District/Local Authority, property (e.g. farm, erf name and number:</b>  Portion 254 (a portion of portion 17) of the farm Mooiplaats 367-JR  Property size: 11.23 ha  Local Municipality: Kungwini  District Municipality: Medsweding  Province: Gauteng   See locality map attached</p>
<p><b>Location map must have the polygon of the area to be surveyed on it and full geographical coordinates for all relevant points and where applicable indication of the area to be developed (footprint):</b>  Geographical co-ordinates of the site: 25°45'30" South  28° 26'00" East   The hard footprint of the proposed development will approximately be 80 000 square meters (has not yet been finalised in this early stage)</p>
<p><b>If possible an aerial photograph of the specific area showing the location of all site.</b>   See Orthophoto attached</p>

### MOOPLAATS LOCALITY MAP



**Figure 1 Mooplaats locality map.**



## PHOTOGRAPHS



The house and later editions on the right



The new kitchen added on the eastern side



**The later editions with the house in the background**



**Detail of the wooden roof construction**