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## **FIRST PHASE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL INVESTIGATION OF THE PROPOSED ERECTION OF A LATTICE MAST ON THE FARM MURASIE 542, BETHLEHEM FREE STATE**

### **INVESTIGATION**

The site for the proposed erection of a 35m lattice mast on the farm Murasie 542, Bethlehem, was visited and inspected on 22 June 2005. Dr Johan du Preez of Cebo Environmental Consultants, Bloemfontein, accompanied me to the site.

The area was examined for possible archaeological and historical material and to establish the potential impact on any cultural material that might be found. The Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is done in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), (25 of 1999) and under the Environmental Conservation Act, (73 of 1989).

### **LOCALITY**

The site is located on a barren sandstone hill (28°09'02"S. 028°28'02"E. Altitude 1766m) on the farm Murasie 542, Bethlehem (2828AB) (Map 2). The farm is situated along the R714 from Warden to Bethlehem (Map 1).

The area contains a scattered grass cover.

### **FINDS**

No indication of any archaeological or historical material or any stone tools or ceramic ware was found.

The locality is likewise not ideal for the occupation by people during prehistoric times.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

No obvious reasons could be found to delay the commencement of further planning and development of the site.

After examination by the archaeologist, it is recommended that the proposed developments may proceed.

### **MITIGATION**

Concerning the area for the proposed development, no mitigation measures are needed.

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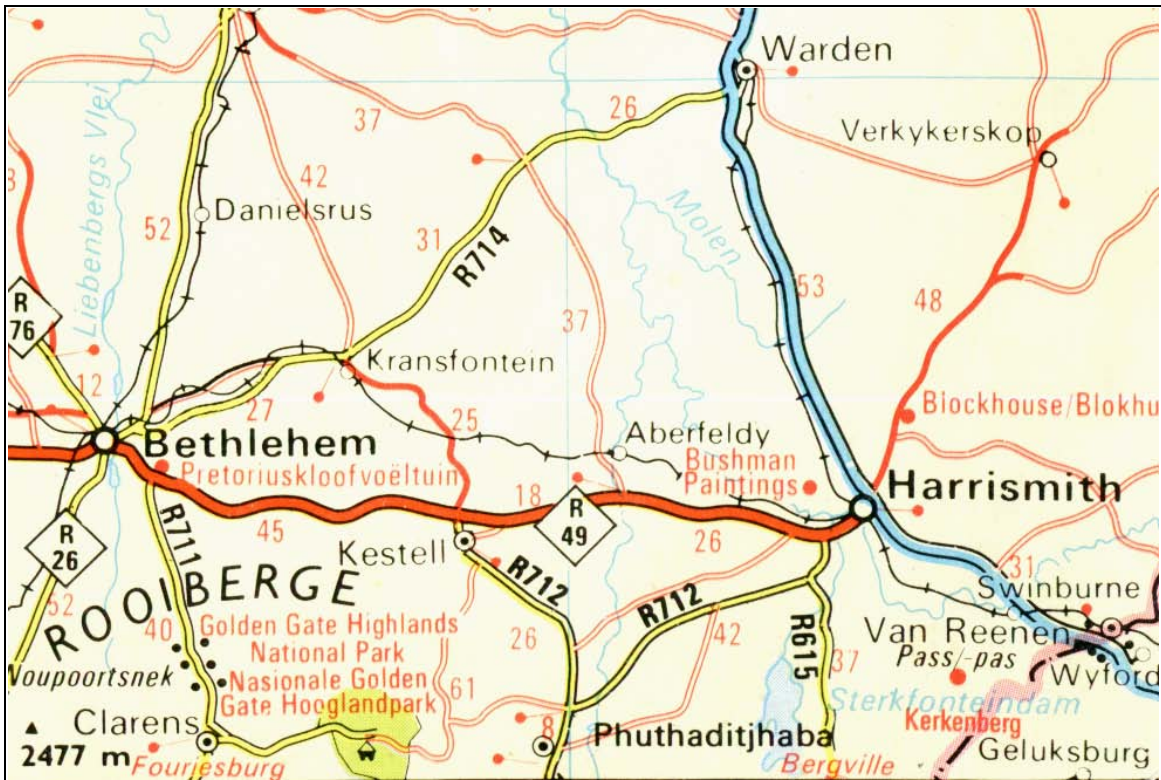
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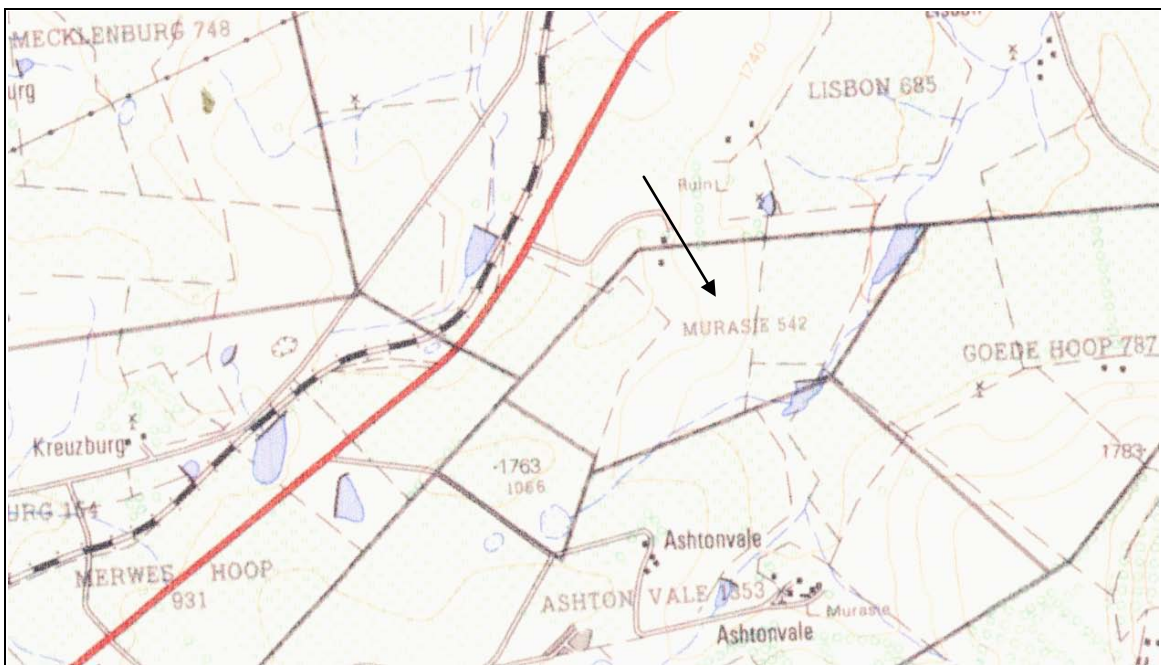
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Map 1 Locality of the R714 road from Warden to Bethlehem.



Map 2 Locality of the farm Murasie 542, Bethlehem (2828AB).