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FIRST PHASE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AT JOUBERTS VALLEI 266, CLARENS, FREE STATE

INVESTIGATION

The site for the planned residential developments at the farm Jouberts Vallei 266 near Clarens, was visited on 3 March 2006 in the company of Dr Johan du Preez of MDA Environmental Consultants, Bloemfontein, and Jako Viviers of LMV Environmental Specialists, Kroonstad. At the farm we were directed by the owners Gregg and George Mousley.

The land 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

Residential developments are planned on the farm Jouberts Valley 266 near Clarens, Free State (Map 1).

The farm lies to the east of Clarens along the road to Golden Gate (Map 2). (Surveyor-General O.F.S. 1973).

The following GPS co-ordinates (Cape scale) were taken (2828CB).

28°32'03"S 028°29'23"E Altitude 1722m (Fig.1).

28°32'01"S 028°29'23"E Altitude 1770m (Fig.5).

28°31'55"S 028°29'25"E Altitude 1772m.

28°31'57"S 028°29'38"E Altitude 1784m.

28°31'53"S 028°29'21"E Altitude 1765m.

Bore hole 28°32'12"S 028°29'18"E Altitude 1767m (Fig.6).

28°31'53"S 028°29'21"E Altitude 1765m.

The area is covered with cultivated *Eragrostis* grazing (Figs.1&5).

FINDS

The residential developments will be erected on ploughed land (Fig.1) and on the cut-off strips along the rain water course (Fig.2).

The area does not contain any cultural or historical material.

No indication of any archaeological or historical material was found on the surface neither were any stone tools or ceramic ware found.

RECOMMENDATIONS

There is no reason to delay the commencement of further planning and development of the site.

I recommend that the proposed developments may proceed.

MITIGATION

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

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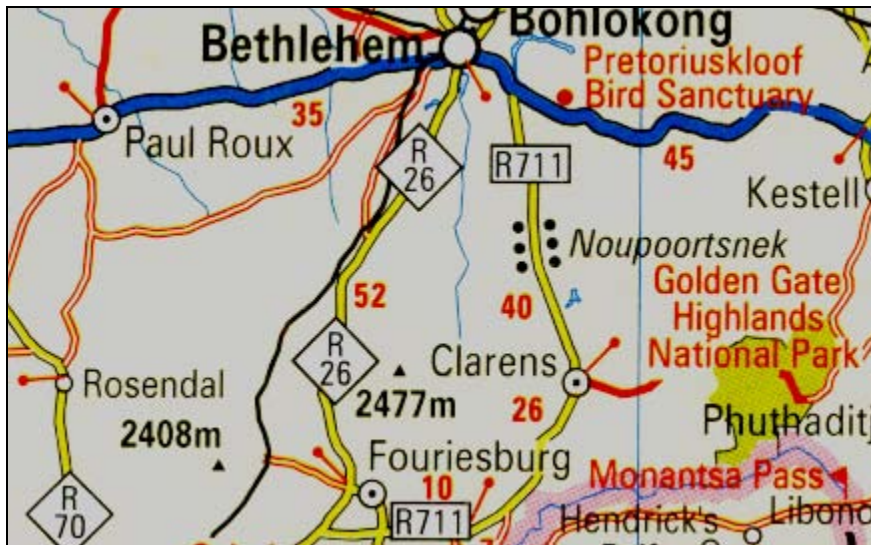
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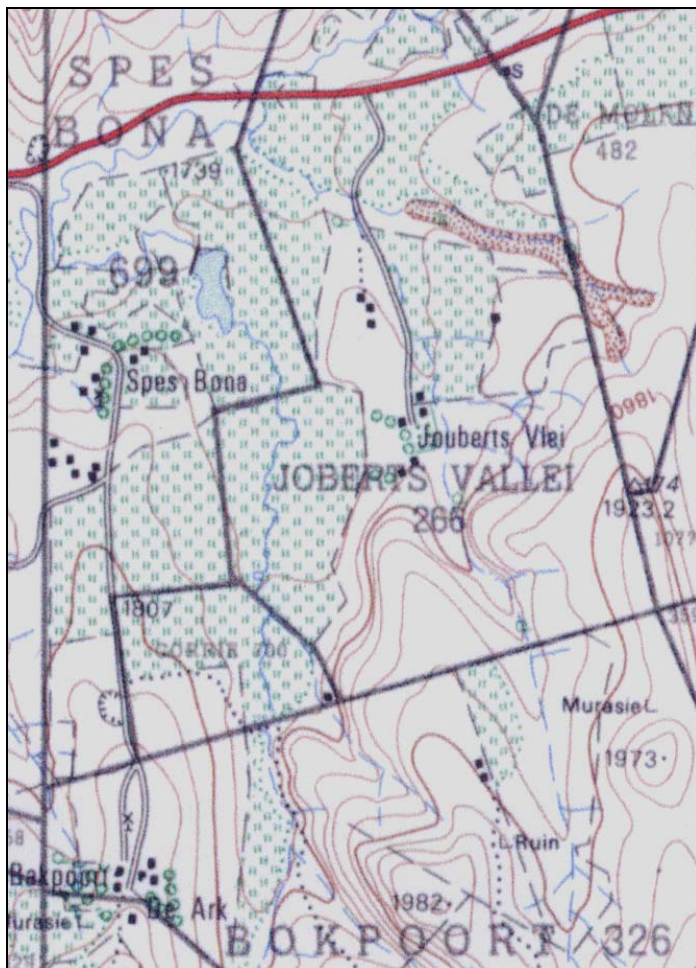
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Map 1 Locality of Clarens in relation to Fouriesburg, Bethlehem and Golden Gate.



Map 2 Locality of Jouberts Valleï 266, Clarens (2828CB).



Fig.1 View of the development area at Jouberts Vallei 266, Clarens.



Fig.2 The soil represents a sterile alluvial deposit.



Fig.3 Another test pit without any signs of cultural material.



Fig.4 View of the lower area adjacent to the donga.



Fig.5 View of the proposed area of development at Jouberts Vallei 266, Clarens.



Fig.6 The bore hole which will supply water to the residential developments.