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**FIRST PHASE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE
INVESTIGATION OF THE PROPOSED WASTEWATER
RETICULATION SYSTEM, GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARK,
FREE STATE**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Extensions are proposed to the sewer and water reticulation system at Golden Gate National Park. The upgrading will include the installation of a 20mx20m bio-filter system.

The area produced no archaeological, cultural or historical material.

I recommend that further planning and development of the site could continue.

INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION

INVESTIGATION

The area for the proposed extensions to the existing waste water reticulation system was visited on 3 April 2008. Henk Hatting of South African National Parks took 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 proposed 20mx20m bio-filter installation will be placed near the entrance gate (Map 2) to the Golden Gate Highlands National Park (Map 1).

The following GPS coordinates (Cape scale) were taken (2828DA) (Surveyor-General O.F.S. 1973).

Bio-filter plant 28°30'06"S 028°34'41"E Altitude 1817m (Figs.).

Entrance Gate 28°30'03"S 028°34'45"E Altitude 1824m (Figs.).

RESULTS

FINDS

The area has already been disturbed by other waste water installations and road building.

No cultural, historical or palaeontological components were found during the investigation, nor were there any buildings, graves or burial grounds in the area.

ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT

I am convinced that the proposed developments will have no impact any cultural and historical heritage of the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that the planning of the proposed extensions to the existing wastewater treatment works at Golden Gate National Park may proceed.

MITIGATION

Concerning the area for the proposed developments, no mitigation measures will be required.

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

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LIST OF ILLUSTRATIONS:



Map 1 Locality of the proposed developments at Colesberg, Northern Cape.

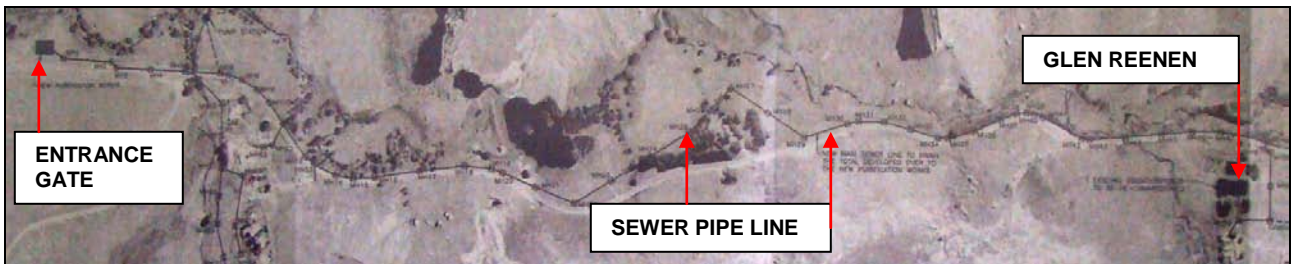


Fig.1 View of the area of development at Point A facing north.



Fig.2 Point A site of the bio-filter plant.



Fig.3 Point A site of the bio-filter plant.



Fig.4 Point B. Entrance Gate to Golden Gate National Highlands Park



Fig.5 Facing east from the Entrance Gate at Point B.