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## **FIRST PHASE HERITAGE / ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED RESEDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT PADLANGS 2145, BLOEMFONTEIN**

### **INVESTIGATION**

The proposed residential development is located on the farm Padlang 2145, north west of Bloemfontein along the R700 road to Bultfontein. The site was visited and inspected on 14 May 2004 in the company of Dr Johan du Preez and Niel Devenish from Cebo Environmental Consultants, Bloemfontein, together with the developers Wally Devinier and Bertus Jacobs.

The area was examined for possible archaeological and historical material to establish the potential impact on any cultural relics that might be present. 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).

The following observations were made.

### **LOCALITY**

The site for the proposed residential development is located on the farm Padlang 2145 (Portion 2 of subdivision 1 of the farm Tredenham 2153 Bloemfontein (Surveyor-General O.F.S. 1973).

The property lies east of the N1 main route and the R700 road to Bultfontein (2926AA 1993). The area of development lies against the west-facing slope of the hill, which runs down towards the main road. The highest point of development lies on the ridge (29°03'23"S. 026°13'54"E. Altitude: 1436m) just below the highest point containing the Trig beacon (MO / EK 96 29°03'22"S. 026°13'59"E. Altitude: 1464m). The area contains a scatter of large Acacia karoo

(Soetdoring), *Olea africana* (Wild Olive) and other indigenous species. Grass and shrubs cover the rocky soil surface.

## **FINDS**

The remains of two rondawels are found on the site (29°03'16"S. 026°13'51"E. Altitude: 1417m). Below these structures there is an earth dam wall (29°03'11"S. 026°13'51"E. Altitude: 1411m).

A concentration of stones (Fig.) (29°03'19"S. 026°13'49"E. Altitude: 1412m) was found towards the southern boundary of the land (29°03'26"S. 026°13'50"E. Altitude: 1415m) (Fig.). These stones were probably dumped at the site during the building of the road.

The wreckage of a Goggomobil motor vehicle dating from about 1960 was found near the two rondavels (Fig.).

No evidence of the remains of cultural or archaeological material was found on the site.

## **MITIGATION**

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

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