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**FIRST PHASE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE
INVESTIGATION OF THE PROPOSED TOWNSHIP
DEVELOPMENTS ON SUBDIVISION 1 OF PLOT 16,
BLOEMSPRUIT 305, BLOEMFONTEIN**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed township developments are planned on Subdivision 1 of Plot 16, Bloemspruit 305, Bloemfontein.

The area is made up of old plough lands and irrigation fields and contains no cultural or historical material.

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

INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION

INVESTIGATION

The site for the proposed township developments on Subdivision 1 of Plot 16 on the farm Bloemspruit 305, Bloemfontein, was visited on 5 October 2006. I was taken to the property by Dr Johan du Preez of MDA Environmental Consultants, Bloemfontein.

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 for the proposed township developments is described as Subdivision 1 of Plot 16 on the farm Bloemspruit 305, Bloemfontein (2926AB) (Map 1) (Surveyor-General O.F.S. 1973). The land is located at the corner of Rose Avenue and Eeufees Road, Bloemspruit (Map 2).

The following GPS co-ordinates (Cape scale) were taken:

Cr. Eeufees Rd/Rose Ave 29°08'42"S. 026°16'31"E. Altitude 1377m (Figs.1-2).

Eeufees Road 29°08'39"S. 026°16'30"E. Altitude 1384m (Fig.3).

Border Eeufees Rd 29°08'36"S. 026°16'30"E. Altitude 1360m (Figs.4-5)

Rose Avenue 29°08'38"S. 026°16'41"E. Altitude 1374m (Fig.6-7).

The area consists of old cultivated fields and residential stands on the smallholdings, while other parts resemble old plough lands. The residential buildings are mostly in a neglected or dilapidated state. In some places, houses and outbuildings are demolished leaving heaps of building rubble in the veld.

RESULTS

FINDS

The area of development on Subdivision 1 of Plot 16, Bloemspruit 305, is covered with old plough lands and irrigation fields (Fig.5) and contains no cultural or historical material.

No indication of any archaeological or historical material was found in the inspected area.

Enquiries about old and or historical buildings or graves or graveyards produced nothing of value. No cultural material or places of cultural or historical significance were found.

ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT

The site has already been disturbed by the ploughing and irrigation of the fields and other farm activities over many years.

The development of a residential area will have no impact on the archaeological, cultural or historical heritage of the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

No obvious reasons could be found to delay the commencement of further planning and development of the site and I recommend that the proposed residential developments at Subdivision 1, Bloemspruit 305, may proceed.

MITIGATION

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

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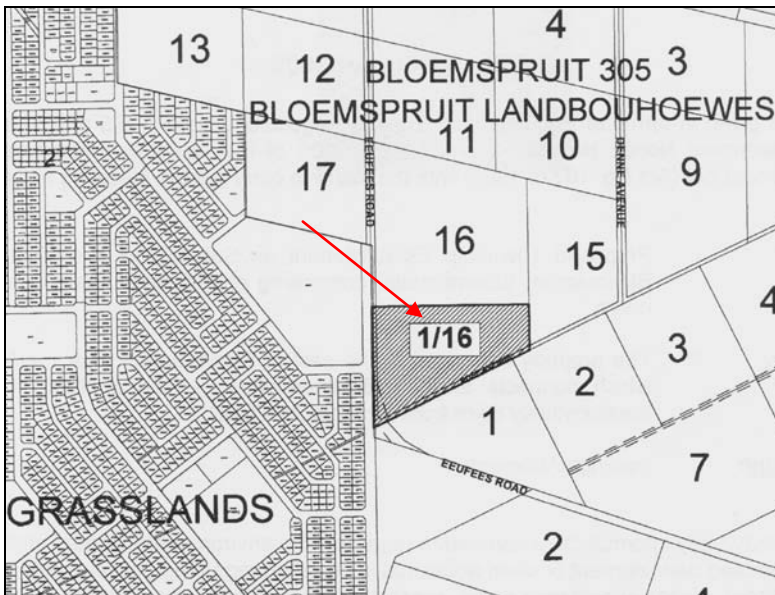
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Map 1 Locality of the site Bloemspruit 305, Bloemfontein (2926AB).



Map 2 Locality of Plot 16, Bloemspruit 305.



Fig.1 Corner of Eeufees Road & Rose Avenue.



Fig.2 Corner of Eeufees Road & Rose Avenue.



Fig.3 Eeufees Road.



Fig.4 Border of property in Eeufees Road.



Fig.5 Border of property in Eeufees Road..



Fig.6 Plot 16A Rose Avenue.



Fig.7 Plot 16A Rose Avenue.