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## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL INVESTIGATION OF THE PROPOSED NEW FILLING STATION AT, KROONSTAD, FREE STATE**

### **INVESTIGATION**

The site for the development of a filling station at, Kroonstad, was visited and inspected on 10 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 for the proposed development of a filling station is located to the west of the traffic circle opposite the Hacienda Hotel, Kroonstad (27°38'54"S. 027°13'52"E Altitude 1392m) (Fig.1&3). The filling station will become part of the existing shopping centre (Fig.2).

The area is part of a public park (Fig.1).

### **FINDS**

No remains of any archaeological or historical significance were found in the area at Kroonstad.

## **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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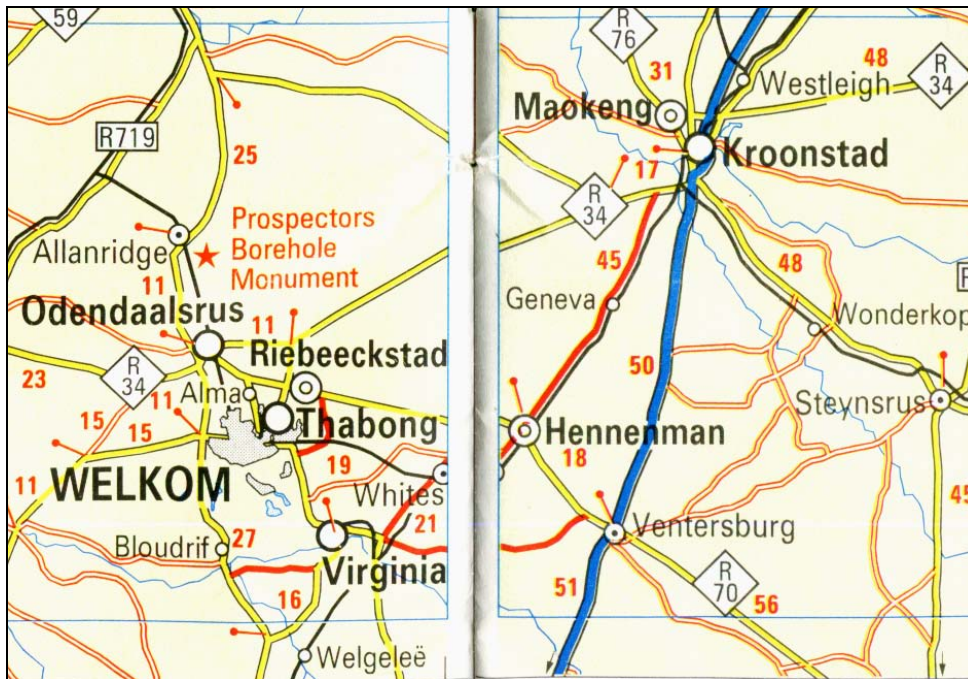
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Fig.1 View of the area proposed for the development of a filling station at Kroonstad.



Fig.2 The filling station will become part of the existing shopping centre in the back ground.



Fig.3 Traffic circle opposite the Hacienda Hotel, Kroonstad.