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ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL INVESTIGATION OF THE PROPOSED TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENTS AT MAOKENG, KROONSTAD, FREE STATE

INVESTIGATION

The site for the new township developments at Maokeng, Kroonstad, was visited and inspected on 3 April 2006. Dr Francois Retief, Environmental consultant from Potchefstroom 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 township developments is located on municipal land, known as Maokeng to the north west of Kroonstad. The land lies adjacent to the road to the Smaldeel Agricultural holdings.

The following GPS coordinates (Cape) were taken (2727CA):

A6	27°38'39"S. 027°12'27"E	Altitude 1395m (Fig.1).
Church	27°38'49"S. 027°12'15"E	Altitude 1398m (Fig.2).
School	27°38'42"S. 027°12'43"E	Altitude 1394m (Fig.3).
Hospital	27°38'38"S. 027°12'48"E	Altitude 1387m (Fig.4).
West	27°38'40"S. 027°12'17"E	Altitude 1402m (Fig.5).

Existing township 27°37'51"S. 027°12'08"E Altitude 1401m (Fig.6).

Brick works 27°38'11"S. 027°11'37"E Altitude 1379m (Fig.7).

The area is undeveloped and is adjacent to the existing township of Maokeng (Figs.1-4,6). The surrounding veld consists of a natural grass cover (Fig.5).

FINDS

No remains of any archaeological or historical significance were found in the Maokeng 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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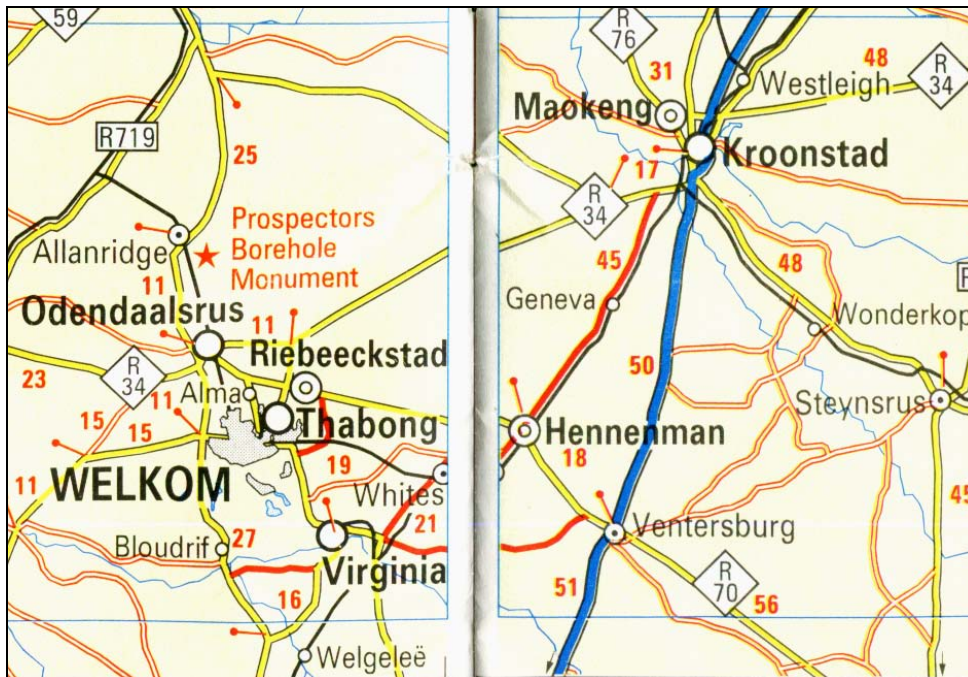
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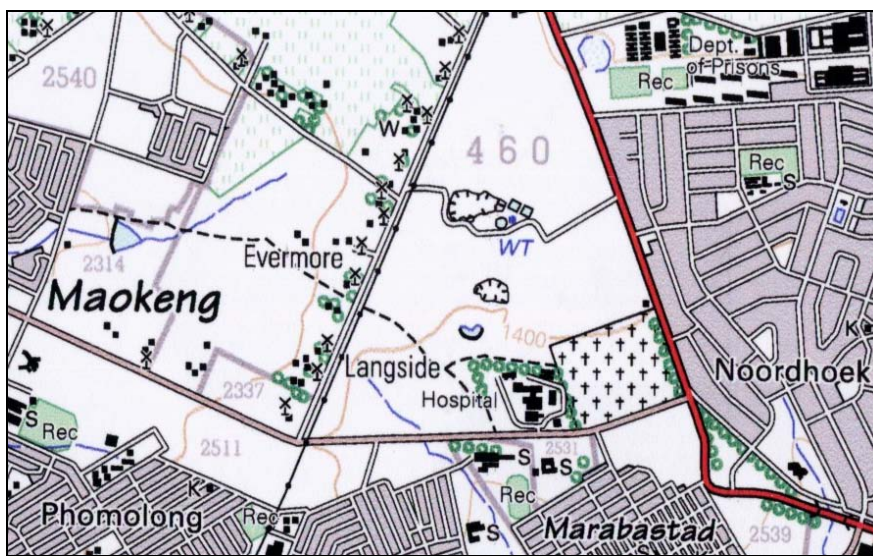
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Map 1 Locality of Kroonstad in relation to Welkom, Hennenman and Ventersburg.



Map 2 Locality of the land proposed for township developments at Maokeng (2727CA).



Map 3 Locality of the land proposed for development.



Fig.1 View at point A6 looking back towards Kroonstad.



Fig.2 Church in existing part of township of Maokeng.



Fig.3 School opposite Hospital.



Fig.4 View of the area adjacent to hospital.



Fig.5 view of the lang proposed for development at Maokeng, Kroonstad.



Fig.6 Existing township adjacent to proposed developments at Maokeng.



Fig.7 Brickworks in existing township at Maokeng.