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**FIRST PHASE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE
ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED TOWNSHIP
DEVELOPMENTS AT (DIPELANANG) HOBHOUSE,
FREE STATE**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The new proposed residential developments are planned at Dipelanang, Hobhouse, Free State.

No archaeological and cultural remains were found in the proposed area of development.

The proposed developments and planning of the site may proceed.

INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION

INVESTIGATION

The site for the proposed residential developments at Dipelanang, Hobhouse, was visited on 14 December 2005. Mr Piet de Bie from Phethogo Consultants, Bloemfontein, gave directions 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 residential developments are planned at Dipelanang, Hobhouse, Free State (Map 1).

The proposed developments are located along the R26 main road from Hobhouse to Ladybrand (Map 2).

The area consists of heavily grazed grassland.

The following GPS coordinates (Cape scale) were taken (Surveyor-General 1973):

A Hill	29°30'16"S. 027°09'24"E Altitude 1530m (Fig.1).
B	29°30'04"S. 027°09'57"E Altitude 1541m (Fig.2).
C grave yard	29°30'32"S. 027°09'29"E Altitude 1514m (Fig.4).
D corner	29°30'32"S. 027°09'19"E Altitude 1510m (Fig.3).

RESULTS

The land proposed for further residential developments is located adjacent to the existing township.

An existing grveyard is situated very near the proposed area of development (Fig.4).

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

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The proposed residential developments at Dipelanang, Hobhouse, will have no impact on any archaeological or cultural heritage remains at the site.

RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no obvious reasons to delay the commencement of further planning and development of the site and I recommend that the proposed residential developments at Hobhouse should proceed.

MITIGATION

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

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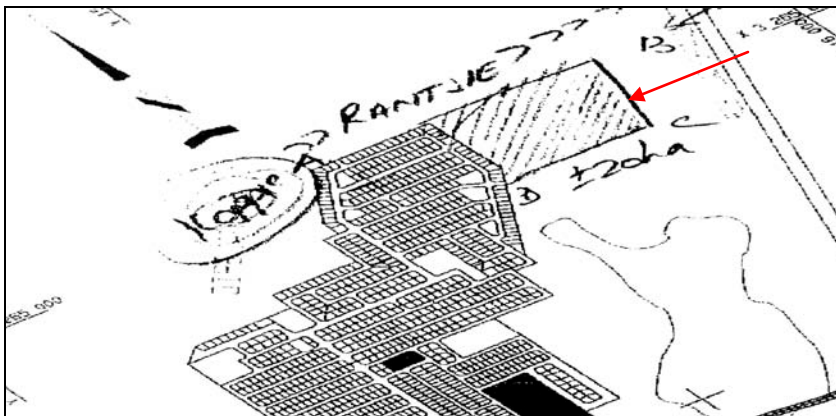
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Map 1 Locality of Hobhouse in relation to Thaba Nchu, Dewetsdorp and Wepener.



Map 2 Locality of the proposed housing developments at Hobhouse. GPS points indicated A-D.



Fig.1 View across the area of development towards the hill.



Fig.2 View from point B.



Fig.3 The area of development viewed from point D.



Fig.4 The graveyard at point C.