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ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AT LELIEHOEK, LADYBRAND, FREE STATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

New residential developments are planned at Leliehoek, Ladybrand, Free State.

The developments will be the second phase of the extension of the residential area.

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

There is an old cemetery with the graves of several British soldiers who died during the Anglo-Boer War and other people who played a major role in the establishment of the town of Ladybrand. This graveyard borders on the new developments and should be fenced and maintained on a regular basis.

I recommend that the proposed developments and planning of the site may proceed.

INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION

INVESTIGATION

The site at Ladybrand, where extensions of the residential area are planned was visited on 5 June 2007.

The land 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 developments are planned on Dorpsgronden 451, to the west of the town of Ladybrand. (2927AB) (Map 2).

The old cemetery, which falls in the first phase of residential development, lies adjacent to Phase 2 (Map 3).

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

The points were spaced at random through the proposed developments.

Point A 29°11'58"S 027°26'52"E Altitude 1609m (Figs.1&2)

Point B 29°11'58"S 027°26'52"E Altitude 1619m (Figs.3&4).

Point c 29°09'17"S 027°28'20"E Altitude 1656m (Figs.5&6)

FINDS

The area does not contain any archaeological, cultural or historical remains.

No indication of any archaeological or historical material was found on the surface neither were any stone tools or ceramic ware found.

There is an old cemetery (Fig.7) which contains the graves of several British soldiers (Figs.9&10) who died during the Anglo-Boer War, as well as other people who played a major role in the establishment of the town of Ladybrand (Figs.8,11&12). This graveyard borders on the new developments and should be fenced and maintained on a regular basis.

RECOMMENDATIONS

No obvious reasons could be found to delay the commencement of further planning and development of the site.

I recommend that the proposed developments may proceed.

MITIGATION

Concerning the area for the proposed development, mitigation measures are only needed to protect the old cemetery.

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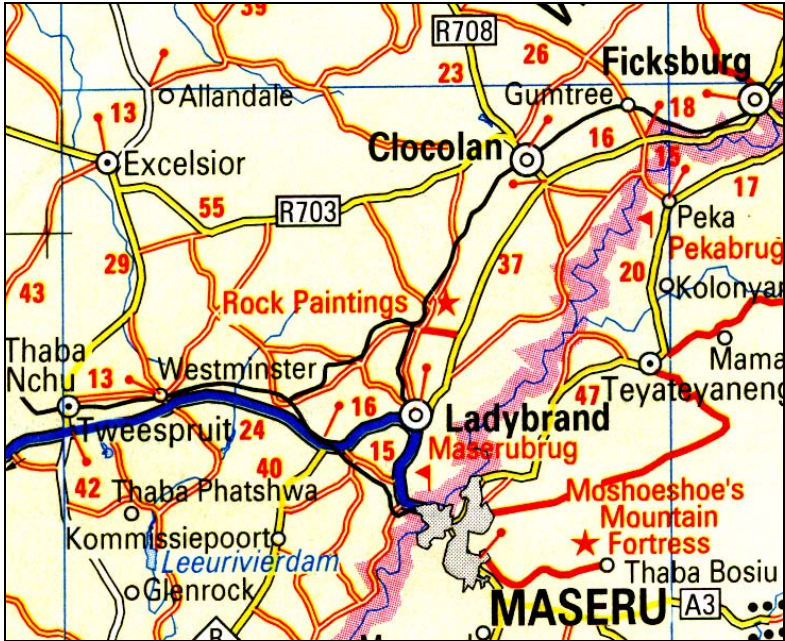
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LIST OF ILLUSTRATIONS:



Map 1 Locality of Ladybrand in relation to towns along the Free State – Lesotho border.



Map 2 Placing of the proposed developments at Leliehoek, Ladybrand (2927AB).



Map 3 Layout of Phase 2 residential developments at Leliehoek, Ladybrand. Locality of cemetery indicated by arrow.



Fig.1 Point A. General view of the proposed area facing towards Nursery Hoek.



Fig.2 Point A. View of the proposed area at Ladybrand facing north.



Fig.3 Point B. Facing north.



Fig.4 Point B facing south.



Fig.5 Point C showing the vegetation in the kloof.



Fig.6 Point C showing the Cape Oak trees in the kloof.



Fig.7 The Old Ladybrand cemetery contains several graves of British soldiers from the Anglo-Boer War and a number of people who played a prominent role in the establishment of the town.



Fig.8 The grave of John Dunn †1873.



Fig.9 Grave of a British soldier from the Anglo-Boer War.



Fig.10 The grave of three British soldiers. According to residents of Ladybrand, the cast iron metal crosses were stolen from the graves and were sold as scrap metal.



Fig.11 The inscription on the grave stone has deteriorated to an almost illegible state.



Fig.12 The grave of Sarah Margaret Coaker †1912 and Norwood Coaker †1931, prominent residents of old Ladybrand.