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FIRST PHASE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AT ARLINGTON, FREE STATE

INVESTIGATION

The land for the proposed residential developments on the farm Port Arlington 114 at Arlington, Free State, was visited on 11 April 2006 in the company of Dr Francois Retief, Environmental Consultant from Potchefstroom.

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 residential developments will be established as an extension of the existing township of Leratswana on a sub-division of the Remainder of the farm Port Arlington 114 near Arlington, Free State (Surveyor-General 1973) (Map 1). The proposed developments will cover about 19 hectares and will consist of 250 erven.

The land is located to the west of the R707 road between Lindley and Senekal (Map 2)

The following GPS co-ordinate was taken (Cape scale) (2827BB).

Graves 28°00'00"S 027°51'00"E (Figs.2-4).

FINDS

The whole area had been part of the farm land and consists of the houses of farm labourers.

The graves of about 15 farm labourers are found near the existing houses. Otherwise, the site do not have any cultural or historical material.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

There is no obvious reason to delay the commencement of further planning and development of the site.

After examination by the archaeologist, I recommend that the proposed developments may proceed.

MITIGATION

Concerning the area for the proposed development, mitigation measures are needed only in the case of the graves.

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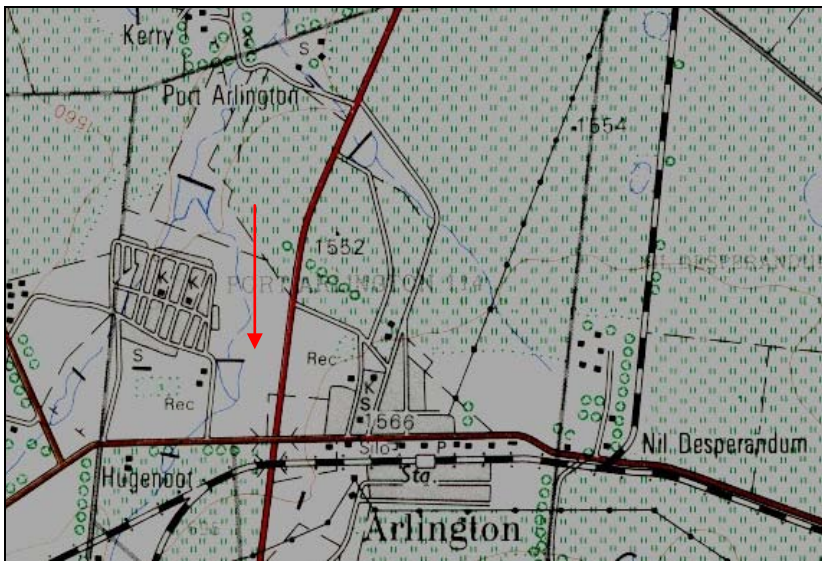
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Map 1 Locality of Arlington in relation to Kroonstad, Lindley and Ventersburg.



Map 2 Locality of the proposed residential developments at Port Arlington 114, Arlington (2827BB).



Fig.1 Entrance to the proposed area of residential development on Port Arlington114.



Fig.2 Grave yard at Port Arlington 114, Arlington.



Fig.3 Grave at Port Arlington 114, Arlington.



Fig.4 Another grave at Port Arlington 114.