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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Residential developments are planned at Springfontein, Free State. The area of development lies adjacent to the existing township of Maphodi. The surroundings are clearly disturbed by domestic activities.

No archaeological or any cultural remains were found at the site.

Mitigation measures are not necessary and I recommend that the proposed developments and planning of the site may proceed.

INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION

INVESTIGATION

The site for the proposed residential developments at Springfontein was visited on 15 February 2007. 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 adjacent to the township of Maphodi, Springfontein, Free State (Map 2).

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

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| A (Cemetery) | 30°15'31"S. 025°43'31"E Altitude 1527m (Fig.1). |
| B | 30°15'26"S. 025°43'29"E Altitude 1528m (Fig.2). |
| C | 30°15'22"S. 025°43'15"E Altitude 1522m (Fig.3). |
| D | 30°15'16"S. 025°43'19"E Altitude 1525m (Figs.4-6). |

RESULTS

The planned developments are to extend the existing township of Maphodi, at Springfontein, Free State.

No archaeological or any cultural remains were found at the site during the investigation.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

MITIGATION

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

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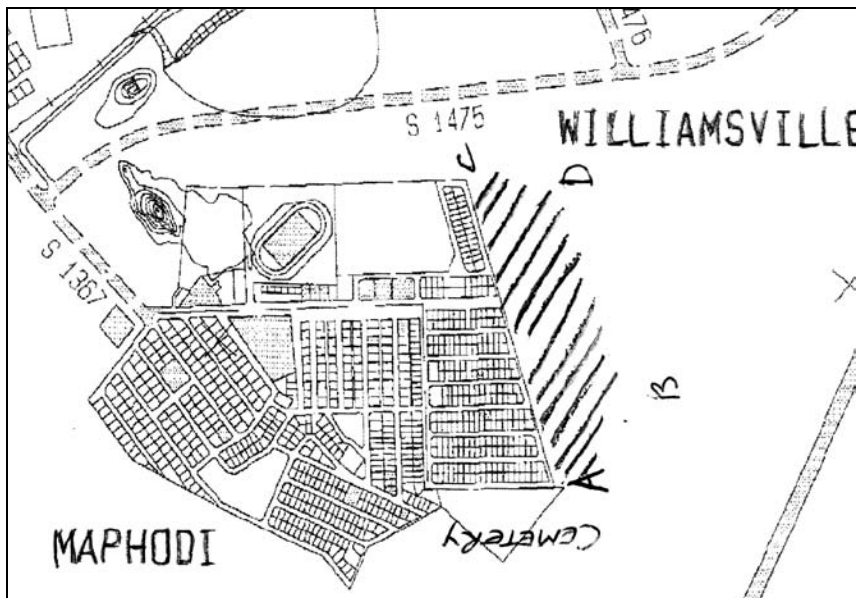
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LIST OF ILLUSTRATIONS:



Map 1 Springfontein along the N1 main road in relation to Bethulie and Gariep Dam.



Map 2 Placing of the residential developments at Maphodi, Springfontein.



Fig.1 View across the proposed site of development at Point A.



Fig.2 View towards the township of Williamsville at Springfontein.



Fig.3 View from point C along the outskirts of Maphodi, Springfontein.



Fig.4 View from point D along the area of development.



Fig.5 View of the site from point D. The N1 runs below the ridge at far left.



Fig.6 View from point D facing west. Shacks are erected in this area.



Fig.7 Household and building debris in the area of development.



Fig.8 Cattle byre just beyond the outer edge of the township.



Fig.9 Animals grazing on the outer reaches of town.