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**FIRST PHASE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE
INVESTIGATION OF THE PROPOSED FILLING STATION
DEVELOPMENTS AT HARMONIA 867, WINBURG,
FREE STATE**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

New filling station developments are planned along the N1 main road on the farm Harmonia 867, outside Winburg, Free State.

The area had been used previously as ploughing fields for cultivated grazing and shows damage caused during maintenance of the N1 main road.

An investigation of the site produced no indication of any cultural or historical material.

I recommend that further planning and development of the site could continue.

INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION

INVESTIGATION

The area for the proposed new filling station on the farm Harmonia 867, Winburg, was visited on 17 August 2006. Dr Johan du Preez of MDA Environmental Consultants, Bloemfontein, took 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 area proposed for new filling station is located on the farm Harmonia 867, in the district of Winburg along the N1 main road (2826DB) (Map 2).

The following GPS coordinates (Cape scale) were taken:

East N1 28°34'42"S 026°57'06"E Altitude 1370m (Figs.1&2).

West N1 28°34'41"S 025°57'04"E Altitude 1372m (Figs.3&4).

RESULTS

FINDS

The area selected for the filling station development is located on the farm Harmonia 867, to the south of Winburg along the N1 main road (Map 2). The area had been exploited as ploughing fields for cultivated grazing and with more damage during the maintenance of the N1 main road.

An investigation of the site produced no indication of any cultural or historical material.

ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT

Most of the area had already been disturbed by the ploughing and road building. The rest of the site is covered in natural grass.

No cultural, historical or palaeontological components were found during the investigation, nor were there any buildings, graves or burial grounds in the area.

The proposed developments will have no impact on any cultural and historical heritage of the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that the proposed business developments at Harmonia 867, Winburg, may proceed.

MITIGATION

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

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

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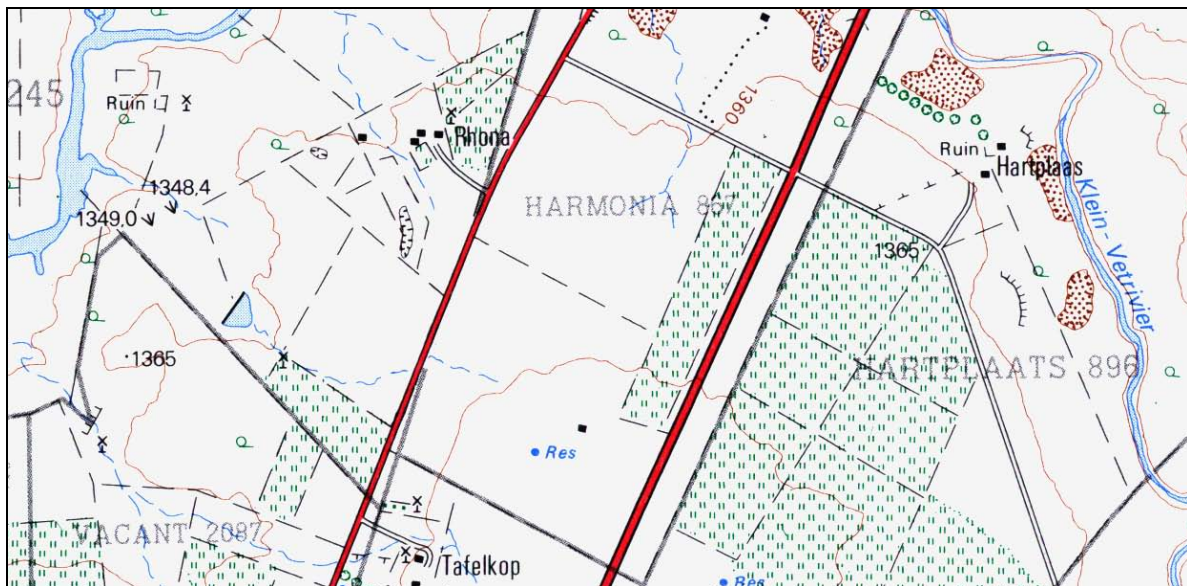
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LIST OF ILLUSTRATIONS:



Map 1 Locality of Winburg to the N1 and Bloemfontein.



Map 2 Locality of the farm Harmonia 867, Winburg near the N1 (2826DB).



Fig.1 N1 east at 73,2 S km.



Fig.2 N1 east at 73,2 S km facing east.



Fig.3 N1 west at 73,2 S km facing north.



Fig.4 N1 west at 73,2 S km facing south.



Fig.5 N1 at 73,2 S km outside Winburg facing north.



Fig.6 N1 at 73,2 S km outside Winburg facing south.