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## **1st Phase**

### **CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED MINING LICENCE ON THE FARM BLESBOKFONTEIN PORTION 4.**

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### **DEFINITION**

The broad generic term *Cultural Heritage Resources* refers to any physical and spiritual property associated with past and present human use or occupation of the environment, cultural activities and history. The term includes sites, structures, places, natural features and material of palaeontological, archaeological, historical, aesthetic, scientific, architectural, religious, symbolic or traditional importance to specific individuals or groups, traditional systems of cultural practice, belief or social interaction.

### **PROTECTED SITES IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE ACT, Act. NO. 25 OF 1999**

The following are the most important sites and objects protected by the National Heritage Act:

- a. Structures or parts of structures older than 60 years
- b. Archaeological sites and objects
- c. Palaeontological sites
- d. Meteorites
- e. Ship wrecks
- f. Burial grounds
- g. Graves of victims of conflict
- h. Public monuments and memorials

- i. Structures, places and objects protected through the publication of notices in the Gazette and Provincial Gazette
- j. Any other places or object which are considered to be of interest or of historical or cultural significance
- k. Geological sites of scientific or cultural importance
- l. Sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa
- m. Objects to which oral traditions are attached
- n. Sites of cultural significance or other value to a community or pattern of South African history

## **METHODOLOGY**

All relevant maps and documents on the site were studied. The site was visited and evaluated. The contact Person, Mr Callie ROOS accompanied the investigator to the site and pointed out all the relevant areas of impact. Google Earth was consulted for aerial information.

The expected impact on heritage resources is expected to be negligible owing to the fact that the proposed project is in fact sited on fields that was in the past, and still is, used for maize production.

If any heritage resources are located underground and are not visible at present, but are located during progress of planned work, then the appropriate authorities should be alerted to the state of affairs,

## **Comment**

**There appears to be no heritage remains present on the property under study that needs to be mitigated according to Act 25 of 1999.**



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## **Sources on Ndebele distribution**

**Van Jaarsveld.  
Van Vuuren.  
Schoeman.**

**Contact details.**

**1. DESCRIPTION OF FARM, DISTRICT, PROVINCE.**

Farm. Portion no 4. of the farm Blesbokfontein 459  
District EKANDUSTRIA,  
Province. Mpumalanga

**2 OWNER**

Name.  
Telephone. Cel.  
E-mail.

**3 DEVELOPERS**

Name.  
Telephone. Cel.  
E-mail.

**4 CONSULTANTS**

**a. Environmental**

Company. Shangoni Management Services  
Contact name.  
Contact telephone. Cel..... Business 012 348 0272  
Contact e-mail.

**b. Engineering**

Company.  
Contact name.  
Contact telephone. Cel..... Business .....  
Contact e-mail.

**LOCAL AUTHORITY**

Municipality.  
Contact name.  
Contact telephone. Cel..... Business .....  
Contact e-mail.

**5. TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT**

Mining

**6. ZONING OF SITE**

Agriculture.

**7. GPS POSITION OF THE BEACONS OF THE SITE.**

Corner 1.....S .....E  
Corner 2.....S .....E  
Corner 3.....S .....E  
Corner 4.....S .....E





*Figure 1. Typical aspect of the site that was investigated.*



*Figure 2. Activities on adjacent property (To the north)*



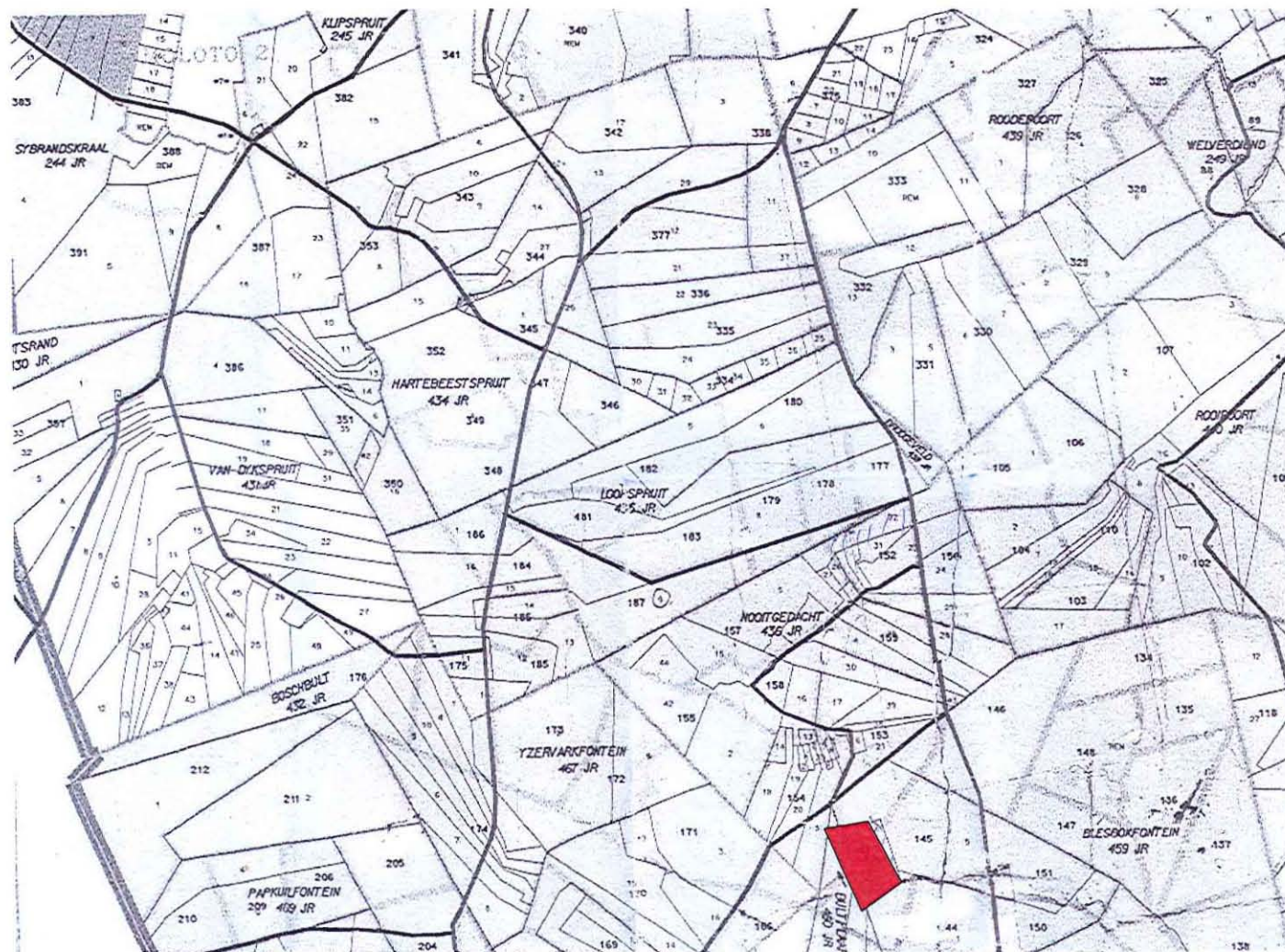


Figure 3. Position of site relative to other farms in the district





Figure 3. Google Earth Image of site under investigation. One can clearly see the impact of maize farming in general area.