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FIRST PHASE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENTS AT BOLOKANANG, PETRUSBURG, FREE STATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Township extensions are planned at Bolokanang, Petrusburg, Free State.

No archaeological or cultural remains were found in the development area.

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

INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION

INVESTIGATION

The sites for the residential extensions at Bolokanang, Petrusburg, Free State, were visited on 13 October 2006. 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 along both sides of the N8 main road from Bloemfontein to Kimberley (Map 1). On one side, it will be placed adjacent to the existing township of Bolokanang bordered in the east by the S117 road to Edenburg and on the other side near the existing residential area of Petrusburg (Map 2).

The area near Bolokanang is dotted with newly erected toilets and the field is bisected by graded roads that will eventually become streets (Fig.3).

The area has red sandy soil and the cover consists of natural grazing (Fig.2) which contains no cultural or historical material.

The placing of the proposed developments is indicated on Map 2.

The following GPS coordinates (Cape scale) were taken:

A	S117	29°07'22"S. 025°25'54"E	Altitude 1237m (Fig.1).
B	S117	29°08'15"S. 025°25'47"E	Altitude 1271m (Fig.2).
C		29°08'03"S. 025°25'29"E	Altitude 1265m (Fig.3).
D		29°07'22"S. 025°26'05"E	Altitude 1256m (Fig.4).
E		29°07'08"S. 025°25'32"E	Altitude 1256m (Fig.5).

RESULTS

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

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

MITIGATION

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

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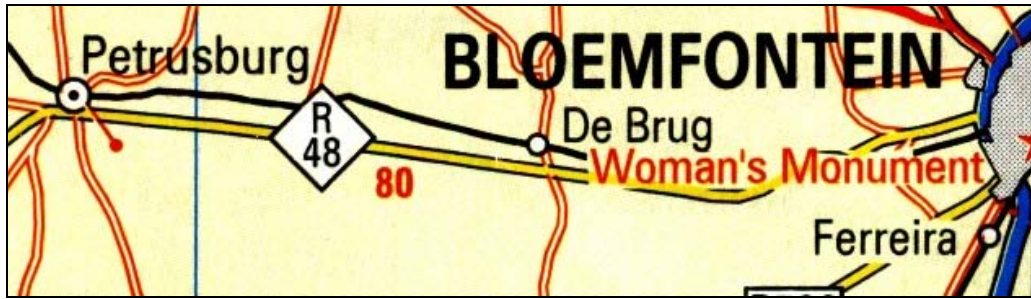
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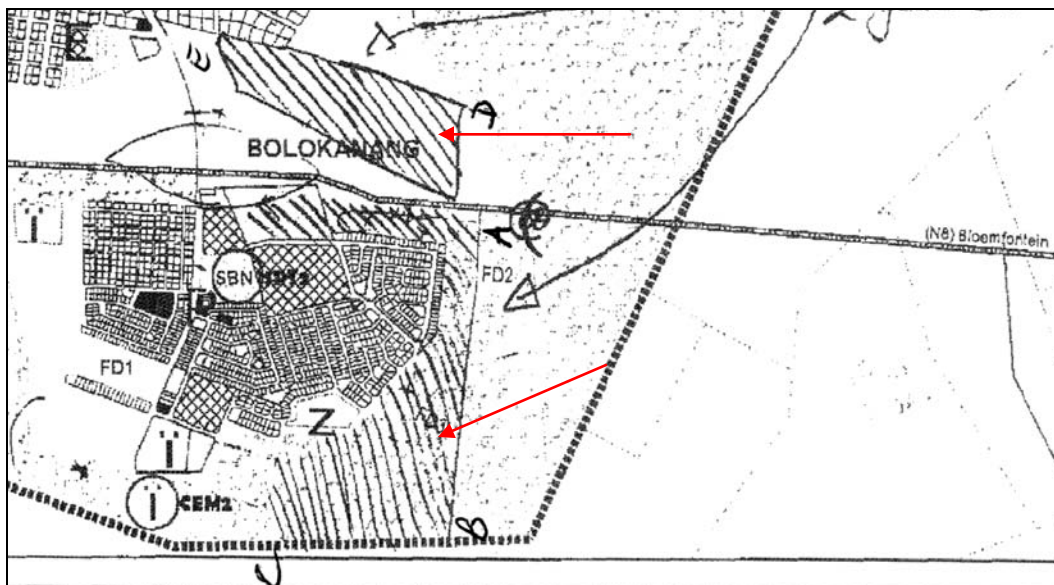
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Map 1 Locality of Petrusburg in relation to Bloemfontein.



Map 2 Locality of the proposed township extensions at Cloetepark, Bethulie.
GPS points indicated as A-D.



Fig.1 Point A. View of the proposed area at the S117 turn-off to Edenburg facing along the N8 road to Kimberley.



Fig.2 View of the area from Point B.



Fig.3 The area of developments at Point C. Note the graded roads.



Fig.4 The region of development at Point D facing towards the residential area of Petrusburg.



Fig.5 View from Point E towards Bolokanang, Petrusburg.