

A SURVEY OF CULTURAL RESOURCES ON A  
PORTION OF THE FARM BORDER 187 JQ,  
BRITS DISTRICT

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SUMMARY

**A survey of cultural resources on a portion of the Farm Border 187 JQ, Brits District**

A survey to establish the nature, extent and significance of cultural resources was made on a portion the Farm Border 187 JQ, Brits District.

No cultural resources were identified. Therefore the proposed development will not impact on any cultural resource and it is recommended that the development of the tourist centre can continue. However, if alternative sites for development, on other parts of the farm, are identified and decided upon, the

National Cultural History Museum must be contacted in order to do a complete survey before development can start. It is also recommended that if, during any part of the development, sites or artefacts of cultural importance are found, the Museum be contacted to undertake proper scientific investigation of the finds.

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**1. AIMS OF THE SURVEY**

The National Cultural History Museum was requested by **Ekokonsult Ing.** to survey an area on the Farm Border 187 JQ in the Brits District. It is planned to develop a tourist centre with chalets, caravan park, restaurant, conference

facilities, etc, on a selected part of the farm. The aim of the survey was to locate, identify, evaluate and document possible sites, objects and structures of cultural importance within the boundaries of the area of proposed development.

## 2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The **Terms of Reference** for the study were to:

- 2.1 Identify all objects, sites, occurrences and structures of an archaeological or historical nature (cultural resources) located in the area of the proposed development.
- 2.2 Assess the significance of the cultural resources in terms of their historical, social, religious, aesthetic and scientific value.
- 2.3 Describe the possible impact of the proposed development on these cultural remains, according to a standard set of conventions.
- 2.4 Propose suitable mitigation measures to minimize possible negative impacts on the cultural resources.

We were informed by the client about the extent of the area that will be affected by the proposed development. The survey was to be confined to this area. ....

## 3. CONDITIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS

The following aspects have a direct bearing on the survey and the resulting report:

- **Cultural resources** are all nonphysical and physical human-made occurrences, as well as natural occurrences that are associated with human activity. These include all sites, structures and artifacts of importance, either individually or in groups, in the history, architecture and archaeology of human (cultural) development.
- The **significance** of the sites and artifacts is determined by means of their historical, social, aesthetic, technological and scientific value in relation to their uniqueness, condition of preservation and research potential. It must be kept in mind that the various aspects are not mutually exclusive, and that the evaluation of any site is done with reference to any number of these.
- Significance is site-specific and relates to the content and context of the site. Sites regarded as having low significance have already been recorded in full and require no further mitigation. Sites with medium to high significance require further mitigation.
- The latitude and longitude of an archaeological site is to be treated as sensitive information by the developer, and should not be disclosed to members of the public.
- All recommendations are made with full cognisance of the relevant legislation, in this case the Monuments and Relics Act (1970).

## 4. METHODOLOGY

### 4.1 Field survey

A thorough and complete survey of the farm Border 187 JQ was not undertaken and only the area on which the development are being planned were scanned for cultural remains. As the area earmarked for development constitutes only a fraction of the total farm area, a complete survey was not deemed necessary. It is however suggested that, if alternative sites for development on other

parts of the farm are identified, a more complete survey be undertaken.

#### **4.2 Literary and other research**

A search in the relevant literary sources was also carried out, as well as in the Archaeological Data Recording Centre (ADRC) of the National Cultural History Museum.

### **5. DISCUSSION**

No cultural resources were identified in the area where development are being planned during the survey. However, a full scale survey of the farm Border 187 JQ was not undertaken. It is known that Iron Age sites (stone circles) are found on other parts of the farm (pers.comm. J. Meintjies: 97/11/19). The literary and Database search also provided no evidence of sites of cultural importance in the area.

### **6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

As no significant cultural resources were found in the area of the proposed development, it is recommended that the development of the tourist centre continue. However, if alternative sites for development, on other parts of the farm, are identified and decided upon, the National Cultural History Museum must be contacted in order to do a complete and thorough survey before development can commence. It is also recommended that if, during any part of the development, sites or artefacts of cultural importance are found, the Museum be contacted to undertake proper scientific investigation of the finds.

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