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CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES IMPACT ASSESSMENT ON PORTION 69 OF HOLDING 30 DIXON AGRICULTURAL HOLDING WITBANK MPUMALANGA

1. 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.

2. PROTECTED SITES IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT, ACT NO. 25 OF 1999

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

- 2.1 Structures or parts of structures older than 60 years.
- 2.2 Archaeological sites and objects.
- 2.3 Palaeontological sites.
- 2.4 Meteorites.
- 2.5 Ship wrecks.
- 2.6 Burial grounds.
- 2.7 Graves of victims of conflict.
- 2.8 Public monuments and memorials.

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

3, METHODOLOGY

The site was visited and inspected on foot. All appropriate documents on the area were studied.

4. RESULTS

The area is typical highveld with exotic trees scattered through out the property. On the site is a house with a veranda facing east. The house in its present condition resembles a 1950/60 house. According to the present occupant who lives in the house since 1985 the house was originally built in 1937. Since then the house has been renovated several times and nothing of the original structure is visible anymore. The stone foundations have been recently repaired and the house has been re-plastered (see photographs 1 & 2). No plans of the home exist as it originally felt outside the urban area (see attached map).

No other important cultural heritage resources could be found on the property.

5. CONCLUSION

The existing house on the property partially falls under the protection of the sixty years clause of Act 25 of 1999. Unfortunately the building has been renovated to such an extent that the original structure is not visible anymore. The house in its present condition has little architectural value.

6. RECOMMENDATION

The Provincial Heritage Resources Authority has to decide whether the home can be demolished or if it has to be fully documented before demolishing.

7. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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Property location	Portion 69 of Holding 30, Dixon agricultural holdings
Farm/Erf name & number (incl. Portion)	Portion 69 of Holding 30 Dixon agricultural holdings
SG21 Digit code	TOJS00110000003000069
Street address	Kiepersol Street
Magisterial District of Town	Witbank

Closest City/Town	Witbank
Zoning of Property	Small holding

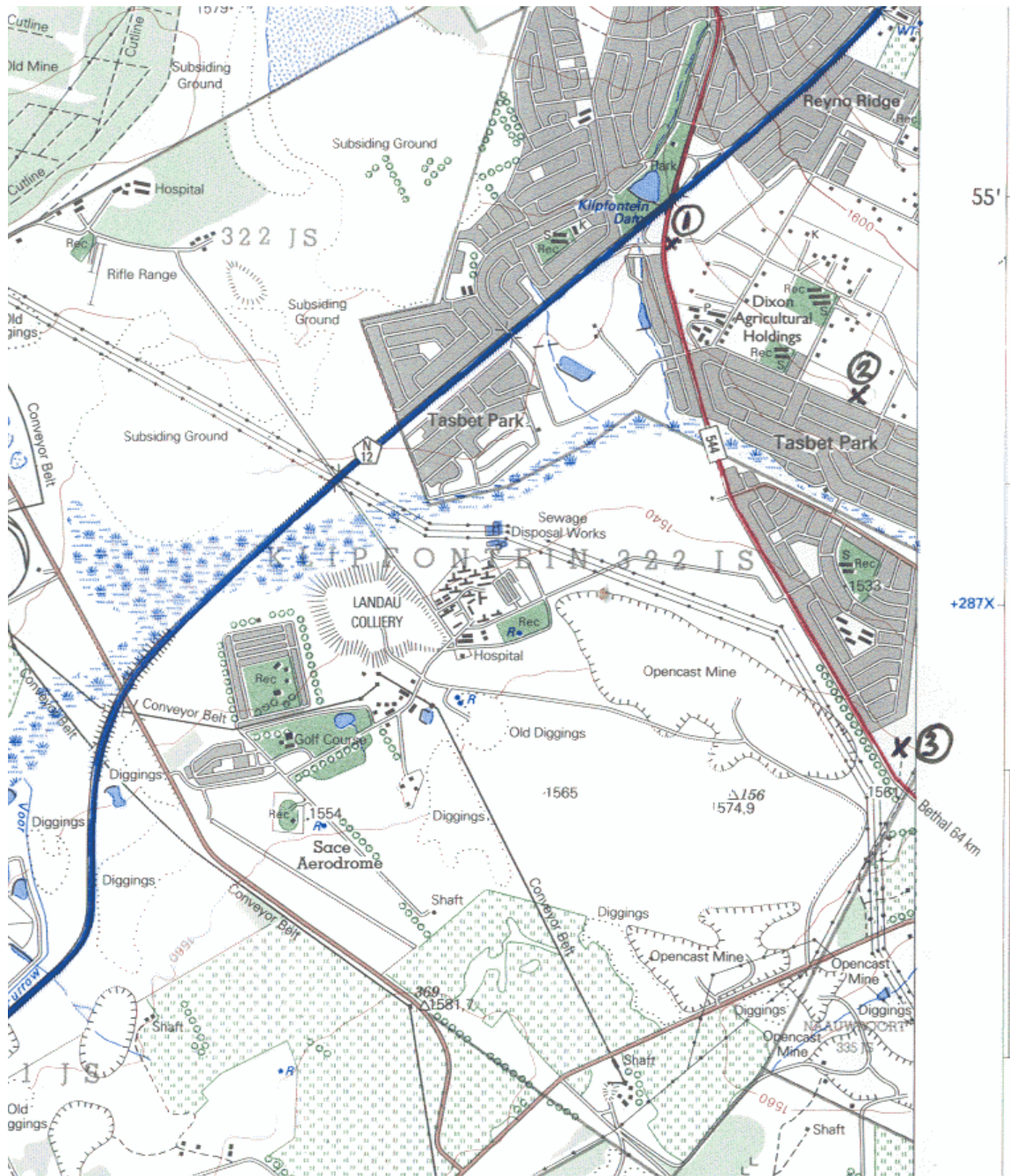
PHOTOGRAPHS



No. 1 Front view of house



No. 2 Side view of house



Map of Klipfontein site 2