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Heritage Western Cape

Notification of Intent to Develop

Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25, 1999)

Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act requires that any person who intends to undertake certain categories of development in the Western Cape (see Part 1) must notify Heritage Western Cape <u>at the very earliest stage of initiating such a development</u> and must furnish details of the location, nature and extent of the proposed development.

This form is designed to assist the developer to provide the necessary information to enable Heritage Western Cape to decide whether a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) will be required, and to establish the appropriate scope of and range of skills required for the HIA.

Note: This form <u>must</u> be completed when the proposed development <u>does not</u> fulfil the criteria for Environmental Impact Assessment as set out in the EIA regulations.

Its completion is <u>recommended</u> as part of the EIA process to assist in establishing the requirements of Heritage Western Cape with respect to the heritage component of the EIA.

- 1. It is recommended that the form be completed by a professional familiar with heritage conservation issues.
- 2. The completion of Section 7 by heritage specialists is not mandatory, but is recommended in order to expedite decision-making at notification stage. If Section 7 is completed:
 - Section 7.1 must be completed by a professional heritage practitioner with skills and experience appropriate to the nature of the property and the development proposals.
 - Section 7.2 must be completed by a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist.
 - Each page of the form must be signed by the heritage practitioner and archaeologist/ palaeontologist.
- 3. Additional information may be provided on separate sheets.
- 4. This form is available in electronic format so that it can be completed on computer.

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PART 1: BASE INFORMATION

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Name of property	MASTERSTOK 48878, FISANTKRAAL 567, PLATTE BOSCH 48	
Street address or location (e.g. off R44)	FARM BETWEEN STILBAAI AND JONGENSFONTEIN	
Erf or farm number/s	MASTERSTOK 48878 & A3 ABOVE .	
Town or District	STILBAAI	
Responsible Local Authority	HESSEQUA MUNICIPALITY	
Magisterial District	RIVERSDALE	
Current use	VACANT FARM LAND (PRVIOUSLY CULTIVATED)	
Current zoning	AGRICULTURE I	
Predominant land use of surrounding properties	FARMS	
Extent of the property	215 ha	

1.2	CATEGORY OF DEVELOPMENT (S. 38 (1))	X	Brief description of the nature and extent of the proposed development or activity (See also Part 3.1)
1.	Construction of a road, wall, powerline, pipeline, canal or other similar form of linear development or barrier over 300m in length	x	WATER PIPELINE FROM BOREHOLES TO MUNICIPAL RESERVOIR IN
2.	Construction of a bridge or similar structure exceeding 50 m in length		STILBAAI : 3 km IN LENGTH
3.			
	a) exceeding 5 000 m ² in extent		
	b) involving three or more existing erven or subdivisions thereof		
	 c) involving three or more erven or divisions thereof which have been consolidated within the past five years 		
4.	Rezoning of a site exceeding 10 000 m ²		
5.	Other (state)		

1.3 INITIATION STAGE OF PROPOSE	DEVELOPMENT	
Exploratory (e.g. viability study)	Notes:	
Conceptual	APPLICATION : BAS	IC ASSESSMEN
Outline proposals	DEPT ENVIRONMENTA	L AFFAIRS
Draft / Sketch plans		
Other (state)	X	

PART 2: HERITAGE ISSUES

2.1	2.1 CONTEXT		
Х	(check box of all relevant categories)	Brief description/explanation	
	Urban environmental context		
X	Rural environmental context	BOREHOLES ON FARM TO BE UTILISED	
	Natural environmental context	FOR WATER PROVISION TO STILBAAI	
For	mal protection (NHRA)		
	Is the property part of a protected area (S. 28)?	NO	
	Is the property part of a heritage area (S. 31)?	NO	
Oth	ier		
	Is the property near to or visible from any protected heritage sites?	NO	
	Is the property part of a conservation area or special area in terms of the Zoning Scheme?	NO	
1040- 20400 705	Does the site form part of an historical settlement or townscape?	NO	
	Does the site form part of a rural cultural landscape?	NO	
	Does the site form part of a natural landscape of cultural significance?	NO	
	Is the site within or adjacent to a scenic route?	NO	
	Is the property within or adjacent to any other area which has special environmental or heritage protection?	NO	
	Do the general context or any adjoining properties have cultural significance ¹ ?	NO	

2.2	2 PROPERTY FEATURES AND CHARACTERISTICS		
Х	(check box if YES)	Brief description	
Х	Has the site been previously cultivated or developed?	PARTIALLY CULTIVATED	
	Are there any significant landscape features on the property?	NO	
	Are there any sites or features of geological significance on the property?	NO	
	Does the property have any rocky outcrops on it?	NO	
	Does the property have any fresh water sources (springs, streams, rivers) on or alongside it?	NO ONLY BOREHOLES	
	Does the property have any sea frontage?	NO	
	Does the property form part of a coastal dune system?	NO	
	Are there any marine shell heaps or scatters on the property?	NO	
	Is the property or part thereof on land reclaimed from the sea?	NO	

2.3	HERITAGE RESOURCES ² ON TH	E PROPERTY
х	(check box if present on the property)	Name / List / Brief description
For	mal protections (NHRA)	
	National heritage site (S. 27)	
	Provincial heritage site (S. 27)	
	Provisional protection (s.29)	
	Place listed in heritage register (S. 30)	
Gen	eral protections (NHRA)	
	structures older than 60 years (S. 34)	
	archaeological ³ site or material (S. 35)	OM
	palaeontological ⁴ site or material (S. 35)	
	graves or burial grounds (S. 36)	No
	public monuments or memorials ⁵ (S. 37)	
Oth	er	
	Any heritage resource identified in a heritage survey (state author and date of survey and survey grading/s)	No
	Any other heritage resources (describe)	NO

2.4	2.4 PROPERTY HISTORY AND ASSOCIATIONS		
х	(check box if YES)	Brief description/explanation	
	Provide a brief history of the property (e.g. when granted, previous owners and uses).	MASTELSTER 48% - FARM WAS SOLD BY W J OOSTHUIZEN TO STILHEUWELS BESTUURSMAATSKAPPY ON 24-2-2006 FOR THE PURPOSE OF WATER PROVISION TO HESSEQUA MUN. STILBAAI.	
	Is the property associated with any important persons or groups?	NO	
	Is the property associated with any important events, activities or public memory?	NO	
	Does the property have any direct association with the history of slavery?	NO	
	Is the property associated with or used for living heritage ⁶ ?	NO	
	Are there any oral traditions attached to the property?	NO	

<	(check box of all relevant categories)	Brief description/explanation
	Important in the community or pattern of South Africa's (or Western Cape's, or local) history.	NO
	Associated with the life or work of a person , group or organisation of importance in history.	NO
	Associated with the history of slavery.	NO
	Strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons	NO
	Exhibits particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group	NO
	Demonstrates a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period	NO
	Has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of natural or cultural heritage	NO
	Typical: Demonstrates the principal characteristics of a particular class of natural or cultural places	NO
	Rare: Possesses uncommon, rare or en- dangered aspects of natural or cultural heritage	NO
Plea	se provide a brief statement of significance	

PART 3: POTENTIAL IMPACT OF DEVELOPMENT

Brief description of proposed development	WATER PIPELINE
Monetary value	NA
Anticipated starting date	DURING 2008
Anticipated duration of work	2 MONTHS
Does it involve change in land use?	NO
Extent of land coverage of the proposed development	PIPELINE : 3km in length
Does it require the provision of additional services? (e.g. roads, sewerage, water, electricity)	NO ROADS. ONLY ELECTRICAL CONNECTION
Does it involve excavation or earth moving?	EXCAVATION FOR PIPELINE
Does it involve landscaping?	NO. ONLY BACKFILL
Does it involve construction work?	NO

What is the total floor area?	NA
How many storeys including parking?	NA
What is the maximum height above natural ground level?	NA
3.2 POTENTIAL IMPACT	
What impact will the proposed development have on the heritage values of the context of the property? (e.g. visibility, change in character)	NONE
Are any heritage resources listed in Part 2 affected by the proposed NO development? If so, how?	
Please summarise any public/social benef	fits of the proposed development.

PART 4: POLICY, PLANNING AND LEGAL CONTEXT

х	(check box if YES)	Details/explanation
Х	Does the proposed development conform with regional and local planning policies? (e.g. SDF, Sectoral Plans)	MUNICIPALITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVISION OF WATER
	Does the development require any departures or consent use in terms of the Zoning Scheme?	NO
Х	Has an application been submitted to the planning authority?	DEPT ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
	Has their comment or approval been obtained? (attach copy)	AWAIT YOUR COMMENT
1.000	Is planning permission required for any subdivision or consolidation?	NO
Х	Has an application been submitted to the planning authority?	HESSEQUA MUN. IS THE APPLICANT
	Has their comment or approval been obtained? (attach copy)	AWAITS YOUR COMMENT
	Are there title deed restrictions linked to the property?	NO
	Does the property have any special conservation status?	NO
	Are there any other restrictions on the property?	NO
	Is the proposed development subject to the EIA regulations of the Environment Conservation Act (Act 73 of 1989)?	NEMA
Х	Has an application (or environmental checkist) been submitted to DECAS? What are the requirements of DECAS?	INTENTION TO APPLY
Х	At what stage in the IEM process is the application (scoping phase, EIA etc.)	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
	Has any assessment of the heritage impact of the proposed development been under- taken in terms of the EIA or planning process?	NOT NECESSARY

	Are any such studies currently being undertaken?	NO
	Is approval from any other authority required?	NA
	Has permission for similar development on this site been refused by any authority in the past?	NO
X	Have interested and affected bodies have been consulted? Please list them and attach any responses.	LIST ENCLOSED

PART 5: APPLICANT DETAILS

REGISTERED I	PROPERTY OWNER			
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Signature	SEE ATTACHED.	Date		

DEVELOPER						
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Telephone	•028-713800					
Fax	-028-7133203 -					
E-mail	-bendrik@hossoqua.gov.za -					
Signature	SEE ATTACHED.	Date				

PERSON RESPON	SIBLE FOR COMPLETING THE FORM
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Field of expertise & qualifications	Landscape Architect, Town Planner, Environmental
Signature	BSe, MSe, ML, MScT&R, PhD Date Date

PART 6: ATTACHMENTS

X	Plan, aerial photo and/or orthophoto clearly showing location and context of property.						
	Site plan or aerial photograph clearly indicating the position of all heritage resources and features.						
×	Photographs of the site, showing its characteristics and heritage resources.						
X	Relevant sketch proposals, development plans, architectural and engineering drawings and landscaping plans.						
	Responses from other authorities. LIST OF CENTERGS LETTERS						
	Responses from any interested and affected parties.						
×	Any archaeological reports or other reports that may have been carried out on the property or properties within the immediate area.						
X	Any other pertinent information to assist with decision-making.						

PART 7. RECOMMENDATIONS BY HERITAGE SPECIALISTS

7.1 RECOMMENDATIONS OF GENERALIST HERITAGE PRACTITIONER			
Further investigation required	Yes/No	Describe issues and concerns	
Existing Conservation and Planning Documentation	NO		
Planning	NO		
Urban Design	No		
Built Environment	NO		
Architecture/building fabric	NO		
Cultural Landscape	NO		
Visual Impact	NC		
History	No		
Published Information	1		
Title Deeds Survey			
Archival			
Oral History			
Social History	4		
Other specialist study (specify)	No		
Public Consultation	DONE.		
Specialist Groups			
Neighbours			
Open House			
Public Meeting			
Public Advertisement			
Other (specify)			
No further specialist conservation studies required	No		
Alternative development options and mitigation measures	NO		

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No development option		
Heritage Impact Assessment required, co-ordinated by a generalist heritage practitioner	No	
Development inappropriate		
and should not be permitted. Further HIA not required.		
Other recommendations (use	I	
additional pages if necessary)		
I have reviewed the property and the recommendations above.	e proposed	development and this completed form and make the
Name of Heritage Practitioner		HALKETT
Qualifications, field of expertise	1 TEARS ?	experience in CRM
Signature	.	

7.2 RECOMMENDATION	IS OF AR	CHAEOLOGIST/PALAEONTOLOGIST
Further investigation required	Yes/No	Describe issues and concerns
Palaeontology	NO	
Pre-colonial archaeology	No	IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF ATE HAS BEEN DONE.
Historical archaeology	No	
Industrial archaeology	NO	
No further archaeological or palaeontological investigation	NO	
Other recommendations (use additional pages if necessary)	IF BUR SAHRA MUST	HALS (WMARKED) ARE FOUND DURING TRENCHING MUST BE NOTIFIED. AN ARCHAESLOGIST BE CONTRACTED TO REMOVE THE BURINT
I have reviewed the property an recommendations above.	d the prop	osed development and this completed form and make the
Name of Archaeologist/Palaeon Qualifications, field of expertise	7	
Signature	1	

PART 5: APPLICANT DETAILS

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Liquest that section 1 of 10113 be completed Dr PG Groeneweld LArg (SA). SS (SA) Nomb Piet OMGEWINGSKONSULTANT BOUKONSULTANT LANDSKAPARGITEK STADS- EN STREEKBEPLANNER LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNER **BUILDING CONSULTANT** 559 STILBAAI 6674 Direkteur 🕿 🕂 🛄 (028) 754 1858 Erfenis Wes-Kaap Privaatsak X9067 Sel / Cell 072 875 6877 RD 057 343 127 ZA Α pietgroen@telkomsa.net Kaapstad 8001 HERITAGE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SER ONTVANG / RECEIVED 2008 -02-29 26 Februarie 2008 MASTERSTOK 488/8 STILBARAFENISHULPBRON BESTUURDIENS

AANSOEK OM ONTTREKKING VAN GRONDWATER VIR STILBAAI APPLICATION FOR ABSTRACTION OF GROUNDWATER FOR STILBAAI

Namens die Hessequa Munisipaliteit word aansoek gedoen om die onttrekking van grondwater deur middel van boorgate op die plaas Masterstok 488/8 vir huishoudelike gebruik in Stilbaai en installering van 'n pyplyn na die Platbos reservoir in Stilbaai.

Tempo van onttrekking :25 I per sek. (790000 kub m per jaar)Pypdeursnit :200 mm.Watervloei na reservoir :40 I per sek.

Hiermee saam, die Liggingskaart asook 'n afskrif van die advertensie vir u inligting.

On behalf of the Hessequa Municipality application is made for the abstraction of groundwater by means of boreholes on the farm Masterstok 488/8 for domestic use in Stilbaai and the installation of a pipeline to the Platbos reservoir in Stilbaai.

Tempo of abstraction :25 I per sek. (790000 cub m per annum)Pipe diameter :200 mm.Water flow to reservoir :40 I per sec.

Herewith the Location plan as well as a copy of the a detertise the point EN SPORT your information.

> KAAPSTAD/CAPE TOWN 8000 DEPT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORT

Dr Piet Groenewald

OPENBARE DEELNAMEPROSES MASTERSTOK 488/8 STILBAAI

Dept Verwysing: EG12/2/3/1-D5/12-858/08

Kennis word gegee ingevolge die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur (Wet Nr 107 van 1998) en die betrokke Regulasies van die voorneme om die volgende aktiwiteite uit te voer:

- Verandering van grondgebruik vanaf bestaande vakante landbougrond na boorgatveld en waterpypleiding.
- Gebruik van bestaande eksplorasiegate en bykomende boorgate vir waterlewering aan Stilbaai-dorp - onttrekking van grondwater (aktiwititeit nr13).
- Installering van pyplyne met 200mm deursnit vanaf boorgate na bestaande Platbosreservoir in Stilbaai (aktiwiteit nr 1k).
- Installering van nodige elektriese aansluiting vir pompe.
- Ligging : Masterstok 488/8, 2,5km wes van Stilbaai.
- Aansoeker : Hessequa Munisipaliteit.
- Omgewingsbeoordelingspraktisyn :

Piet Groenewald Landskapargitek Omgewingskonsultant Posbus 559 Stilbaai 6674 Tel en faks : 028-7541858.

- Datum van advertensie : Vrydag 29 Februarie 2008.
- Die aansoek om Magtiging sowel as vrystelling van die oorweging van alternatiewe (die ontwikkeling is gebruik- en liggingspesifiek) sal by die bevoegde owerheid ingedien word. (Basiese invloedbepaling).

Om te verseker dat u as geïnteresseerde of geaffekteerde party geregistreer word, moet u bogenoemde konsultant voor 30 Maart 2008 in kennis stel van u belang en u besonderhede en belang by die aangeleentheid skriftelik verstrek. U mag ook omgewingskwessies identifiseer wat in aanmerking geneem behoort te word.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS MASTERSTOK 488/8

Dept Reference : EG12/2/3/1-D5/12-858/08

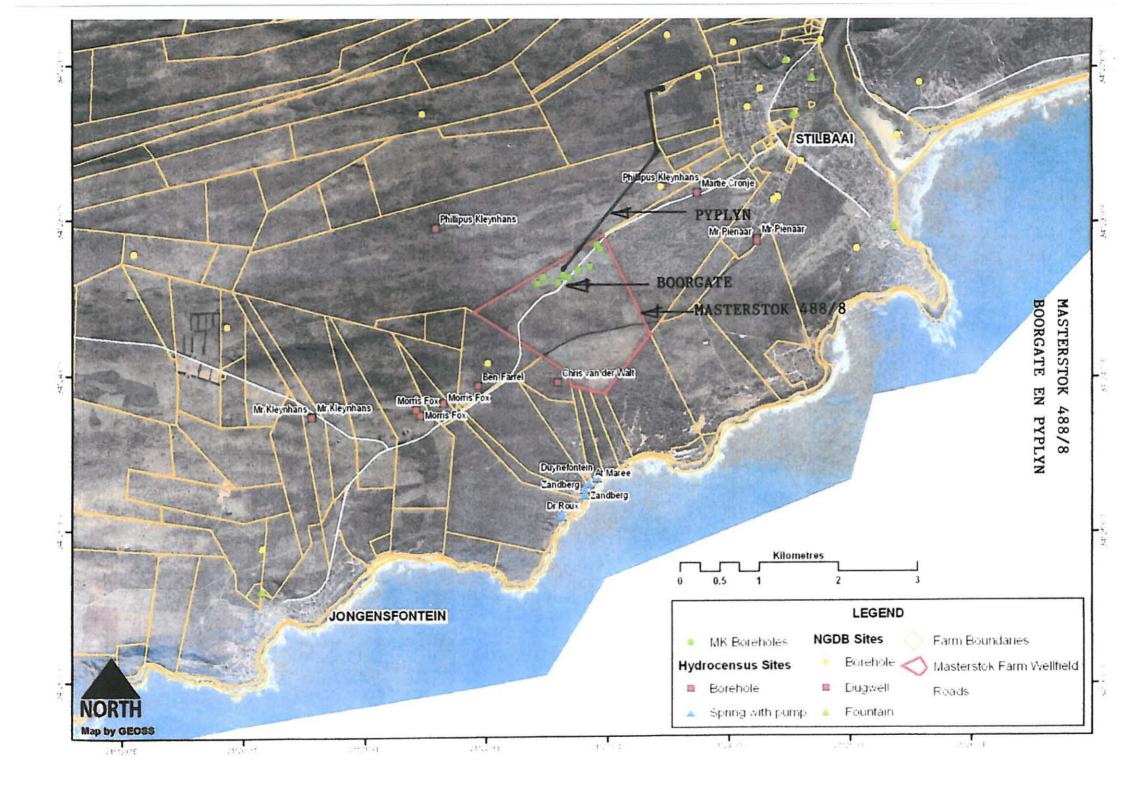
Notice is given in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No 107 of 1998) and the relevant Regulations of the intent to carry out the following activities:

- Change of land use from existing vacant agricultural land to wellfield and pipeline.
- Utilising of existing exploration boreholes and additional boreholes for water provision to Stilbaai town abstraction of groundwater (activity no 13).
- Installation of a pipeline with a diameter of 200mm from boreholes to Platbos reservoir in Stilbaai (activity 1k).
- Installation of necessary electrical connection for pumps.
- Location : Masterstok 488/8, 2,5 km west of Stilbaai.
- Proponent : Hessequa Municipality.
- Environmental Assessment Practitioner:

Piet Groenewald Landscape Architect Environmental Consultant P O Box 559 Stilbaai 6674 Tel and Fax 028-7541858.

- Date of advertisement : Friday 29 February 2008.
- The application for Authorisation as well as exemption from consideration of alternatives (the development is use and location specific) will be submitted to the competent authority (Basic assessment procedure).

In order tot ensure that you are registered as an interested or affected party, inform the consultant named above before 30 March 2008 of your interest and submit your information and interest in the matter in writing. You may also identify environmental issues to be taken into consideration.



MASTERSTOK 488/8 : AANSOEK OM MAGTIGING (BASIESE INVLOEDBEPALING) GEREGISTREERDE POSSTUKKE AAN DIE VOLGENDE
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Bewaringsdienstebestuurder Cape Nature Posbus 503 Riversdal 6670 RD 057 343 158 ZA A BOOK COPY
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Direkteur Dept Waterwese en Bosbou Privaatsak X16 Sanlamhof 7532 RD 057 343 229 ZA
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B A Farrell Familie Trust Posbus 651 Stilbaai 6674 A BOOK COPY
R Morris Posbus 26870 Houtbaai 7832 RD 057 343 33+ ZA A BOOK COPY

HERITAGE STATEMENT FOR A PROPOSED PIPELINE ON THE FARMS MASTERSTOK 488/8, DUINEKROON 591, FISANTKRAAL 567 AND PLATTE BOSCH 485/30, STILBAAI, RIVERSDALE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT

Assessment conducted under Section 38 (8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999) as part of an EIA

Prepared for

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Archaeology Contracts Office was requested by Dr Piet Groenewald, Environmental consultant on behalf of the client, Stillheuwels Bestuursmaatskappy (Edms) Bpk to conduct an assessment of a proposed pipeline route on the farms Masterstok 488/8, Duinekroon 591, Fisantkraal 567 And Platte Bosch 485/30 to west of the town of Stilbaai in the Riversdale Magisterial District. The 200mm diameter pipeline will be approximately 3000 m long and will pump water from a series of existing boreholes to the existing Platbos municipal reservoir.

The area is generally undeveloped but has been used for farming. Old fields lie amongst undisturbed coastal thicket vegetation. Some farm buildings are present in the vicinity of the boreholes but are not impacted by the activity.

It is recommended that, subject to the approval of Heritage Western Cape, the proposed development be allowed to continue with no further heritage work being required. The following should be noted:

Much of the route crosses sandy ground and as such the possibility exists that unmarked human burials could be encountered during excavation work. Construction crew needs to be aware of the possibility and must know what to do if a burial is encountered. The bones should not be moved as this would further disturb the context of the burial. The find should be reported to Heritage Western Cape (021 483 9685) or the South African Heritage Resources Agency (021 462 4502) and an archaeologist should be contracted to remove the remains.

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1. INTRODUCTION

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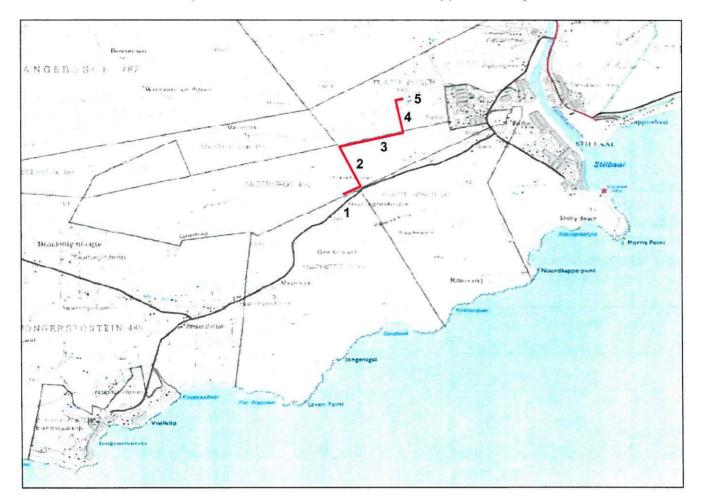


Figure 1: Map showing the location and route of the proposed pipeline shown in red. Note: the 1:50 000 map used here is not up to date and a part of the Jongensfontein road has been re-routed to the south. Similarly, recent town expansion and recent farm sub-divisions are not shown. Numbers refer to photograph positions showed in section 3. (Extract from 3421AD Stilbaai. Mapping information supplied by - Chief Directorate: Surveys and Mapping. Website: w3sli.wcape.gov.za)

2. HERITAGE LEGISLATION

The National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA) No. 25 of 1999 protects a variety of heritage resources including palaeontological, prehistoric and historical material (including ruins) more than 100 years old (Section 35), human remains (Section 36) and non-ruined structures older than 60 years (Section 34). Landscapes with cultural significance are also protected under

the definition of the National Estate (Section 3.1d). Under Section 38 (1) of the act the pipeline route required heritage assessment based on its length of greater than 300 m.

Since the project is subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment, Heritage Western Cape (HWC) is required to comment on the proposed project in order to facilitate final decision making by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP).

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

The receiving environment is of an agricultural nature interspersed with coastal thicket vegetation. The pipeline will be contained within a 4 meter corridor running along fence lines where possible. The following photographs give some indication of the prevailing landscape along the pipeline route.



Figure 2: Boreholes are located in the depression at the centre of the photograph (Location 1 on map).



Figure 3: Pipeline will cross the field (Location 2 on map).



Figure 4: The pipeline will run adjacent to the fence in an old track (Location 3 on map).



Figure 5: The pipeline will run adjacent to the fence (Location 4 on map).



Figure 6: The existing municipal reservoirs (Location 5 on map).

4. HERITAGE CONTEXT

In general little archaeological work has been done in the Stilbaai area. Phase 1 impact assessments in the vicinity have identified some shell middens but none of these has been excavated to date. They tend to be located close to the shoreline. In comparison to the west coast, middens are rare. We have speculated that this may be as a result of very thick coastal vegetation in the past preventing easy movement on the landscape. Further down the coast is the archaeological site known as Blombos Cave.

5. METHODS

The entire route of the pipeline running between the boreholes and the reservoir was surveyed on foot by an archaeologist on 4th September 2008. The route was determined from a map supplied by Dr Groenewald, which was digitized and the route co-ordinates were loaded onto a GPS for use in the field. The supplied route was not an accurate survey diagram but rather a line on an aerial photo. Dr Groenewald indicated that the line would run along exiting fence lines (where these were present). As such, some inaccuracy in the plotted route could be resolved on site by following the fence lines.

5.1. Limitations

A small section of the route was obscured by thick coastal bush (approx 20 meters). This limitation has not affected the overall conclusions of the survey.

6. FINDINGS

6.1. Archaeology

No archaeological sites were located either on, or in proximity to the pipeline route. We believe there is a very low possibility that pre-colonial burials may be encountered during trenching activities given the lack of other archaeology. The positions of such burials are unpredictable.

6.2. Cultural landscape

The cultural landscape is essentially agricultural, with occasional small farm buildings. The limited nature of the project will not result in any lasting impact to the cultural landscape.

6.3. Visual impacts

Visual impacts associated with this project would be very limited and restricted only to the construction phase.

7. CONCLUSIONS

The proposed pipeline will have no impact on heritage but it must be noted that unmarked prehistoric burials can be present almost anywhere in sandy substrates. There is a small possibility that unmarked burials could be encountered during the trenching.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that, subject to the approval of Heritage Western Cape, the proposed pipeline be allowed to continue with no further heritage work being required. The following should be noted:

There is always the chance in sandy substrates that burials could be present, either associated with archaeological sites or elsewhere. It is important that workers on the site are aware of this possibility and that work must be stopped at such a burial immediately upon discovery. The bones should not be moved as this would further disturb the context of the burial. The find should be reported to Heritage Western Cape (021 483 9685) or the South African Heritage Resources Agency (021 462 4502) and an archaeologist should be contracted to remove the remains.

9. INVESTIGATION TEAM

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