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## **CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF PORTION NOODHULP 492KR OF THE FARM BELA-BELA LIMPOPO**

### **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 objects, 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 proposed development area lies in the valley south of the Waterberg and west of Bela-Bela. The area has been intensively farmed over a long period of time which would have destroyed any possible heritage sites.

At S24° 55' 17.0" and E28° 15' 18.5" there is an old farmhouse and outbuildings. The original farmhouse and garden most probably date to the 1940's. The house is surrounded by very large exotic trees and a vista of palm trees. The house has been altered in later years by adding a larger veranda (see photographs 1 and 2).

Another old farm house originally stood at S24° 54' 37.4" and E28° 15' 27.3". At present all that is left of the original farm settlement are a number of old eucalyptus and other exotic trees. The original farmhouse has been replaced by a modern farmhouse dating to the 1990's.

No other important cultural heritage resources or graves could be found on the proposed development area.

### **5. EVALUATION AND CONCLUSION**

The only important cultural heritage resource found on the proposed development area is the 1940's farmhouse and garden. The farmhouse is typical of the 1940's architecture of farm settlements. At this stage the economy of the century was still in a recession. Farmhouses were simple with no luxuries.

The house is only of local importance as it represents a typical farmhouse of the period in the Waterberg area.

## 6. RECOMMENDATION

The 1940's house is important and can be retained in the new development or an application for a demolishing permit can be made. In this instance a Phase II heritage impact assessment and documentation has to be done. If any graves or cultural heritage resources are unearthed during construction all work in that specific area should be stopped till the site has been inspected and mitigated by a heritage practitioner.

## 7. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Owners contact details: Bela-Bela Farmyard Estates (Pty) Ltd Mr Louw Du Toit or Mr Willie Van Rensburg Po Box 151 Hartebeespoort 0216 Tel: (012) 253 0780 Fax: (012) 253 0664	
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Type of development (e.g. low cost housing project, mining etc.) Agri Village	
Whether rezoning and/or subdivision of land is involved: No	
Full location of Province, Magisterial District/Local Authority, property (e.g. farm, erf name and number): Limpopo Province South Africa Bela-Bela Local Municipality Noodhulp 492 KR Portions: 3;77;183;184 and 195	

## 8. REFERENCES

- 1/50 000 area map 2428CC
- Google
- Archaeological database of the National Cultural History Museum, Pretoria

## **9. PHOTOGRAPHS**

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## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



**No. 1. The 1940 farm House as seen from the east**



**No. 2. Remains of the palm tree vista leading to the house**

# MAPS

