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Dear Ms Verster

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PORTION 3, PERRYS FARM 9JU

As requested, we have investigated the site for the proposed residential development on Portion 3 of the farm Perrys Farm 9JU in the Hazyview area of Mpumalanga Province. The site is located on the northern outskirts of the town of Hazyview (Fig. 1). It centres around the following coordinates: S 26.08184; E 28.25582.

The scope of work consisted of conducting a Phase 1 archaeological survey of the site in accordance with the requirements of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999). This included:

- Conducting a desk-top investigation of the area;
- A visit to the proposed development site.

The objectives were to

- Identify possible archaeological, cultural and historic sites within the proposed development areas;
- Evaluate the potential impacts of construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed development on archaeological, cultural and historical resources;
- Recommend mitigation measures to ameliorate any negative impacts on areas of archaeological, cultural or historical importance.

The geology is made up of granite and the original vegetation is classified as Sour Lowveld Bushveld. However, it has been used for farming activities for some time, which would have had a negative impact on any heritage resources that might have occurred here in the past. No features (e.g. hills, outcrops or rock shelters) that usually drew people to settle in its vicinity, occurs in the study area.

No reference to previous research/surveys in the area was found. The site was visited on the 9 February 2007 and a number of transects were walked over it. Although not marked as such, an area was pointed out by the current farm owner, Mr van der Merwe, as the grave of Mr Perry, the original owner of the farm. It

centres around the following coordinates: S -25.02613; E 31.14609. It is recommended that this feature is kept in place, that it is fenced in and that a suitable buffer zone of at least 10 metres is kept around it.

Apart from the above grave, no obvious features, sites or artefacts of cultural significance that could be impacted on by the proposed development were identified. From a heritage point of view we therefore recommend that the proposed development can continue. However, we request that if archaeological sites or graves are exposed during construction work, it should immediately be reported to a museum, preferably one at which an archaeologist is available, so that an investigation and evaluation of the finds can be made.

Yours sincerely

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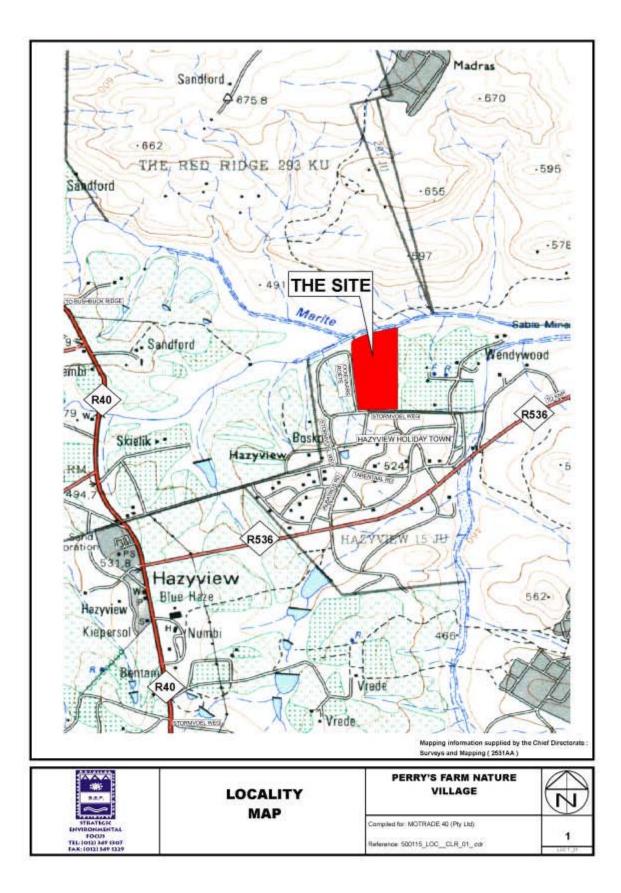


Figure 1. Showing the location of the study area (red rectangle). (Map, courtesy of the Government Printer).