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Heritage Impact Assessment

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE
PROPOSED STANDERTON RESIDENTIAL GOLF
ESTATE, STANDERTON, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

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MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

Site name and location: Proposed development of the Standerton Residential Golf Estate at the Standerton Country Club, Standerton, Mpumalanga Province.

Magisterial district: Mpumalanga District Municipality

Developer: Proudafrique Trading 191 (Pty) Ltd.

Consultant: GAIGHER & ASSOCIATES, PO Box 522, Louis Trichardt, 0920, South Africa

Date development was mooted: September 2008

Date of Report: 18 May 2009

Proposed date of commencement of development: June 2009

Findings: Provided the recommendations outlined in this report are followed for the mitigation of the occupational sites as well as the burial site, the development can continue.



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HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT (HIA)

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE STANDERTON RESIDENTIAL GOLF ESTATE, STANDERTON, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

INTRODUCTION

Gaigher & Associates was contracted by Triviron EAP (Pty) Ltd to conduct a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) on the proposed Standerton Residential Golf Estate development located at Standerton, Mpumalanga Province.

This HIA forms part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as required by the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), the Minerals & Petroleum Resources Development Act, 28 of 2002 and the Development Facilitation Act (DFA), 67 of 1995. The HIA is performed in accordance with section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), 25 of 1999 and is intended for submission to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA).

Qualified personnel from *Gaigher & Associates* conducted the assessment. The team comprised a Principal Investigator with a minimum of an Honours degree in an applicable science as well as at least five years of field experience in heritage management assisted by a fieldworker with at least a BA degree in an applicable science. All of our employees are also registered members of the Association of South African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA).

A member of *Gaigher & Associates* performed the assessment on 7 & 8 May 2009.

The indicted study area was investigated for signs of sites with any heritage significance. Any sites identified were plotted using a Global Positioning System (GPS) using the WGS 84 datum and photographed digitally. The sites were surveyed on foot and by vehicle.

PROPOSED PROJECT

The proponent, *Proadafrique Trading 191 (Pty) Ltd* is proposing the establishment of a *residential golf estate*, comprising of 349 serviced residential erven with varying stand sizes, a workshop and an access control gate as well as associated infrastructure.

PROJECT AREA

The study area is located to the east of the town of *Standerton* and the existing *Standerton Country Club*. The proposed project is situated on a portion of portion 82 of the farm *Grootverlangen no 408-IS* and a portion of the farm *Langverwyl no 410-IS*. (See Appendix C: Location Map)

Good weather conditions were experienced during the field investigations.

RESOURCE INVENTORY

This section will contain the results of the heritage site inventory. Any identified sites will be indicated on the accompanying map plotted using the ArcView Geographic Information System (GIS).

STANDERTON RESIDENTIAL GOLF ESTATE

SITE SRE 001

GPS 26.94883° S
29.26038° E

Several low, irregular stone terrace walls are located at this site. The walls are formed mainly with packed slate rocks. Several large concrete anchor points and some concrete platforms were placed here during the middle eighties by the Department of Water Affairs as part of the Vaal River water supply project. The site encompasses approximately 30m x 20m. No occupational deposit was however noted on the site.

SITE SRE 002

GPS 26.953916° S
29.261305° E

This site consists of the remains of a recently demolished farm homestead. The building seems to have been built in the traditional turn-of-the-century *Highveld* style with sandstone and corrugated iron. The building has gone through several phases of renovation and shows much modern aspects. The only intact part of the structure is the foundations although most of the building rubble still seems to be present on site.

SITE SRE 003

GPS 26.95427° S
29.26027° E

This is a burial site with two well-marked graves. The grave dressings are of a western design with concrete headstones. The legible parts of the writing on the gravestones read as follows;

Grave 1: *ged. aan my seun*
C.L. Breytenbach
gebore 1920

Grave 2: *Ter ged. aan my moeder*
H.M. v Vuuren
Geb. Henning
1880 Maart 20
over 5 Sep. 1924



RESOURCE EVALUATION

STANDERTON RESIDENTIAL GOLF ESTATE

SRE 001

The provenance of this site is unsure. It can either date from the Iron Age or, less likely, can be associated with the Water Affairs structures constructed in the 1980's. The stone walling is however irregular to be associated with modern engineering works. Combined with the low value placed on Iron Age structures during the 80's it is very likely that this structure could have been used as a conveniently placed platform during the modern construction activities. The site therefore warrants closer inspection. The following attributes justify this view;

Site significance characteristics slide scale (Pre-Contact Criteria)					
Scientific Significance	0	0	2	0	0
Public Significance	0	0	2	0	0
Ethnic Significance	0	0	0	3	0
Economic Significance	0	1	0	0	0
Total Score					8

Pre-contact site criteria (0- no value, 4- highest value)

This score give the site a heritage significance of **moderate**.

SRE 002

Although the homestead found at this location has been extensively demolished, it still retains some heritage value. According to a local informant the building dates from the early 1920's and could possibly be even older. This places the structure within the protection parameters of the NHRA. The following attributes could be identified for the site;

Site significance characteristics slide scale (Post-Contact Criteria)					
Scientific Significance	0	0	2	0	0
Historic Significance	0	0	3	0	0
Public Significance	0	1	0	0	0
Other Significance	0	0	2	0	0
Ethnic Significance	0	1	0	0	0
Economic Significance	0	0	2	0	0
Total Score					11

Post-contact site criteria (0- no value, 4- highest value)

This evaluation places the site within the heritage significance class of **Moderate Significance**.

SRE 003

Due to its intrinsic public and ethnic as well as personal value the graves identified at this site should be treated with due respect. Grave sites are also protected by national as well as provincial acts. The heritage significance of this site can be evaluated as follows;

Site significance characteristics slide scale (Post-Contact Criteria)					
Scientific Significance	0	0	2	0	0
Historic Significance	0	0	2	0	0

Public Significance	0	0	0	3	0
Other Significance	0	0	2	0	0
Ethnic Significance	0	1	0	0	0
Economic Significance	0	0	0	0	0
Total Score					10

Post-contact site criteria (0- no value, 4- highest value)

This evaluation places the site within the heritage significance class of **Moderate Significance**.

IMPACT IDENTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT

STANDERTON RESIDENTIAL GOLF ESTATE SRE 001

Although the context of this site is unsure it could still possibly be connected to the Iron Age. The building style, location of the site and the layout all suggest a possible Iron Age connection. It is therefore necessary to protect this site. The current layout of the Golf Estate will possibly impact on this site. Should this be the case the following impact effects are anticipated;

<i>Impact Effect</i>	<i>Score</i>
<i>Magnitude</i>	2
<i>Severity</i>	3
<i>Duration</i>	3
<i>Range</i>	2
<i>Frequency</i>	1
<i>Diversity</i>	2
<i>Cumulative effect</i>	4
<i>Rate of change</i>	4
Total score:	21

Impact severity table.

This analysis shows that the development would result in the **Major Destruction of the Site**.

SRE 002

Although this site has already undergone severe destruction during its demolition it can still suffer further damage resulting in its total obliteration. The following impacts are anticipated;

<i>Impact Effect</i>	<i>Score</i>
<i>Magnitude</i>	2
<i>Severity</i>	3
<i>Duration</i>	3
<i>Range</i>	2
<i>Frequency</i>	1
<i>Diversity</i>	2
<i>Cumulative effect</i>	4
<i>Rate of change</i>	4



Total score:	21
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This analysis shows that the development would result in; **Major Destruction of the Site.**

SRE 003

This site has significant cultural and legislative value and the following impacts on it are anticipated;

<i>Impact Effect</i>	<i>Score</i>
<i>Magnitude</i>	2
<i>Severity</i>	3
<i>Duration</i>	3
<i>Range</i>	2
<i>Frequency</i>	1
<i>Diversity</i>	2
<i>Cumulative effect</i>	4
<i>Rate of change</i>	4
Total score:	21

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

STANDERTON RESIDENTIAL GOLF ESTATE

SRE 001

This site possibly has more scientific value than cultural value. Should the site date from the Iron Age it is also protected under the National Heritage Resources Act. The following recommendations for this site are given;

- The site should be marked with *danger tape* during the construction process.
- The site should be avoided by at least 50 meters.
- Should this not be possible the site should undergo a second phase of investigation to determine its cultural affiliation. Discussions with SAHRA will determine the mitigation action needed.

SRE 002

This cemetery site of 2+ graves is protected by provincial as well as national laws. The grave sites also have sentimental and cultural value to the next of kin. The following recommendations are proposed for these sites;

- The sites should be marked with *danger tape*.
- The design of the township should take the location of these graves into account in the design and should attempt to avoid them by at least 50m.
- Access to the sites should still be freely available to family.
- The graves should be protected from increased access to the site.
- Should this not be possible or desirable, a heritage practitioner with experience with grave removals should be contacted to facilitate the relocation of the graves.

SRE 003

This site is protected under the National Heritage Resources Act. The following recommendations for this site are given;

- The site should be marked with *danger tape* during the construction process.
- The site should be avoided by at least 50 meters.
- Should this not be possible the site should undergo a second phase of investigation to determine

its cultural affiliation. Discussions with SAHRA will determine the mitigation action needed.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Although unlikely, sub-surface remains of heritage sites could still be encountered during construction activities. The following indicators of unmarked sub-surface sites could be encountered;

- Ash deposits (unnaturally grey appearance of soil compared to the surrounding substrate)
- Bone concentrations, either animal or human
- Ceramic fragments such as pottery shards either historic or pre-contact
- Stone concentrations of any formal nature

The following recommendations are given should any sub-surface remains of heritage sites be identified as indicated above;

- All operators of excavation equipment should be made aware of the possibility of the occurrence of sub-surface heritage features and the following procedures should they be encountered.
- All construction in the immediate vicinity (50m radius of the site should cease).
- The heritage practitioner should be informed as soon as possible.
- In the event of obvious human remains the SAPS should be notified.
- Mitigative measures (such as refilling etc.) should not be attempted.
- The area in a 50m radius of the find should be cordoned off with hazard tape.
- Public access should be limited.
- The area should be placed under guard.
- No media statements should be released until such time as the heritage practitioner has had sufficient time to analyze the finds.



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APPENDIX A

PHOTOGRAPHS





Photo 1. Site SRE 001



Photo 2. Site SRE 002



Photo 3. Site SRE 003



Photo 4. Site SRE 003

APPENDIX B

METHODOLOGY



METHODOLOGY

INVENTORY

Inventory studies involve the in-field survey and recording of archaeological resources within a proposed development area. The nature and scope of this type of study is defined primarily by the results of the overview study. In the case of site-specific developments, direct implementation of an inventory study may preclude the need for an overview.

There are a number of different methodological approaches to conducting inventory studies. Therefore, the proponent, in collaboration with the archaeological consultant, must develop an inventory plan for review and approval by the SAHRA prior to implementation (*Dincause, Dena F., H. Martin Wobst, Robert J. Hasenstab and David M. Lacy 1984*).

SITE SURVEYING

Site surveying is the process by which archaeological sites are located and identified on the ground. Archaeological site surveys often involve both surface inspection and subsurface testing. For the purposes of heritage investigations, *archaeological sites* refer to any site with heritage potential (i.e. historic sites, cultural sites, rock art sites etc.).

A systematic surface inspection involves a foot traverse along pre-defined linear transects which are spaced at systematic intervals across the survey area. This approach is designed to achieve representative area coverage. Alternatively, an archaeological site survey may involve a non-systematic or random walk across the survey area. Subsurface testing is an integral part of archaeological site survey. The purpose of subsurface testing, commonly called "shovel testing", is to:

- (a) assist in the location of archaeological sites which are buried or obscured from the surveyor's view, and
- (b) help determine the horizontal and vertical dimensions and internal structure of a site.

In this respect, subsurface testing should not be confused with evaluative testing, which is a considerably more intensive method of assessing site significance (*King, Thomas F., 1978*).

Once a site is located, subsurface testing is conducted to record horizontal extent, depth of the cultural matrix, and degree of internal stratification. Because subsurface testing, like any form of site excavation, is destructive it should be conducted only when necessary and in moderation.

Subsurface testing is usually accomplished by shovel, although augers and core samplers are also used where conditions are suitable. Shovel test units averaging 40 square cm are generally appropriate, and are excavated to a sterile stratum (i.e. C Horizon, alluvial till, etc.).

Depending on the site survey strategy, subsurface testing is conducted systematically or randomly across the survey area. Other considerations such as test unit location, frequency, depth and interval spacing will also depend on the survey design as well as various biophysical factors. (*Lightfoot, Keng G. 1989*).

SURVEY SAMPLING

Site survey involves the complete or partial inspection of a proposed project area for the purpose of locating archaeological or other heritage sites. Since there are many possible approaches to field survey, it is important to consider the biophysical conditions and archaeological site potential of the survey area in designing the survey strategy.

Ideally, the archaeological site inventory should be based on intensive survey of every portion of the impact area, as maximum area coverage will provide the most comprehensive understanding of archaeological and other heritage resource density and distribution. However, in many cases the size of the project area may render a complete survey impractical because of time and cost considerations.

In some situations it may be practical to intensively survey only a sample of the entire project area. Sample selection is approached systematically, based on accepted statistical sampling procedures, or judgementally, relying primarily on subjective criteria (*Butler, W., 1984*).

SYSTEMATIC SURVEY SAMPLING

A systematic sample survey is designed to locate a representative sample of archaeological or heritage resources within the project area. A statistically valid sample will allow predictions to be made regarding total resource density, distribution and variability. In systematic sample surveys it may be necessary to exempt certain areas from intensive inspection owing to excessive slope, water bodies, landslides, land ownership, land use or other factors. These areas must be explicitly defined. Areas characterized by an absence of road access or dense vegetation should not be exempted. (*Dunnell, R.C., Dancey W.S. 1983*).

JUDGEMENTAL SURVEY SAMPLING

Under certain circumstances, it is appropriate to survey a sample of the project area based entirely on professional judgement regarding the location of sites. Only those areas which can reasonably be expected to contain archaeological or heritage sites are surveyed.

However, a sufficient understanding of the cultural and biophysical factors which influenced or accounted for the distribution of these sites over the landscape is essential. Careful consideration must be given to ethnographic patterns of settlement, land use and resource exploitation; the kinds and distribution of aboriginal food sources; and restrictions on site location imposed by physical terrain, climatic regimes, soil chemistry or other factors. A judgemental sample survey is not desirable if statistically valid estimates of total heritage resource density and variability are required (*McManamon F.P. 1984*).

ASSESSMENT

Assessment studies are only required where conflicts have been identified between heritage resources and a proposed development. These studies require an evaluation of the heritage resource to be impacted, as well as an assessment of project impacts. The purpose of the assessment is to provide recommendations as to the most appropriate manner in which the resource may be managed in light of the identified impacts. Management options may include alteration of proposed development plans to avoid resource impact, mitigative studies directed at retrieving resource values prior to impact, or compensation for the unavoidable loss of resource values.

It is especially important to utilize specialists at this stage of assessment. The evaluation of any archaeological resource should be performed by professionally qualified individuals.

SITE EVALUATION

Techniques utilized in evaluating the significance of a heritage site include systematic surface collecting and evaluative testing. Systematic surface collection is employed wherever archaeological remains are evident on the ground surface. However, where these sites contain buried deposits, some degree of evaluative testing is also required.

Systematic surface collection from archaeological sites should be limited, insofar as possible, to a representative sample of materials. Unless a site is exceptionally small and limited to the surface, no attempt should be made at this stage to collect all or even a major portion of the materials. Intensive surface collecting should be reserved for full scale data recovery if mitigative studies are required.

Site significance is determined following an analysis of the surface collected and/or excavated materials (*Miller, C.L. II, 1989*).

SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA

There are several kinds of significance, including scientific, public, ethnic, historic and economic, that need to be taken into account when evaluating heritage resources. For any site, explicit criteria are used to measure these values. Checklists of criteria for evaluating pre-contact and post-contact archaeological sites are provided in Appendix B and Appendix C. These checklists are not intended to be exhaustive or inflexible. Innovative approaches to site evaluation which emphasize quantitative analysis and objectivity are encouraged. The process used to derive a measure of relative site significance must be rigorously documented, particularly the system for ranking or weighting various evaluated criteria.

Site integrity, or the degree to which a heritage site has been impaired or disturbed as a result of past land alteration, is an important consideration in evaluating site significance. In this regard, it is important to recognize that although an archaeological site has been disturbed, it may still contain important scientific information.

Heritage resources may be of scientific value in two respects. The potential to yield information which, if properly recovered, will enhance understanding of Southern African human history is one appropriate measure of scientific significance. In this respect, archaeological sites should be evaluated in terms of their potential to resolve current archaeological research problems. Scientific significance also refers to the potential for relevant contributions to other academic disciplines or to industry.

Public significance refers to the potential a site has for enhancing the public's understanding and appreciation of the past. The interpretive, educational and recreational potential of a site are valid indications of public value. Public significance criteria such as ease of access, land ownership, or scenic setting are often external to the site itself. The relevance of heritage resource data to private industry may also be interpreted as a particular kind of public significance.

Ethnic significance applies to heritage sites which have value to an ethnically distinct community or group of people. Determining the ethnic significance of an archaeological site may require consultation with persons having special knowledge of a particular site. It is essential that ethnic significance be assessed by someone properly trained in obtaining and evaluating such data.

Historic archaeological sites may relate to individuals or events that made an important, lasting contribution to the development of a particular locality or the province. Historically important sites also reflect or commemorate the historic socioeconomic character of an area. Sites having high historical value will also usually have high public value.

The economic or monetary value of a heritage site, where calculable, is also an important indication of significance. In some cases, it may be possible to project monetary benefits derived from the public's use of a heritage site as an educational or recreational facility. This may be accomplished by employing established economic evaluation methods; most of which have been developed for valuating outdoor recreation. The objective is to determine the willingness of users, including local residents and tourists, to pay for the experiences or services the site provides even though no payment is presently being made. Calculation of user benefits will normally require some study of the visitor population (*Smith, L.D. 1977*).

ASSESSING IMPACTS

A heritage resource impact may be broadly defined as the net change between the integrity of a heritage site with and without the proposed development. This change may be either beneficial or adverse.

Beneficial impacts occur wherever a proposed development actively protects, preserves or enhances a heritage resource. For example, development may have a beneficial effect by preventing or lessening natural site erosion. Similarly, an action may serve to preserve a site for future investigation by covering it with a protective layer of fill. In other cases, the public or economic significance of an archaeological site may be enhanced by actions which facilitate non-destructive public use. Although beneficial impacts are unlikely to occur frequently, they should be included in the assessment.

More commonly, the effects of a project on heritage sites are of an adverse nature. Adverse impacts occur under conditions that include:

- (a) destruction or alteration of all or part of a heritage site;
- (b) isolation of a site from its natural setting; and
- (c) introduction of physical, chemical or visual elements that are out-of-character with the heritage resource and its setting.

Adverse effects can be more specifically defined as direct or indirect impacts. Direct impacts are the immediately demonstrable effects of a project which can be attributed to particular land modifying actions. They are directly caused by a project or its ancillary facilities and occur at the same time and place. The immediate consequences of a project action, such as slope failure following reservoir inundation, are also considered direct impacts.

Indirect impacts result from activities other than actual project actions. Nevertheless, they are clearly induced by a project and would not occur without it. For example, project development may induce changes in land use or population density, such as increased urban and recreational development, which may indirectly impact upon heritage sites. Increased vandalism of heritage sites, resulting from improved or newly introduced access, is also considered an indirect impact. Indirect impacts are much more difficult to assess and quantify than impacts of a direct nature.

Once all project related impacts are identified, it is necessary to determine their individual level-of-effect on

heritage resources. This assessment is aimed at determining the extent or degree to which future opportunities for scientific research, preservation, or public appreciation are foreclosed or otherwise adversely affected by a proposed action. Therefore, the assessment provides a reasonable indication of the relative significance or importance of a particular impact. Normally, the assessment should follow site evaluation since it is important to know what heritage values may be adversely affected.

The assessment should include careful consideration of the following level-of-effect indicators, which are defined in Appendix D:

- magnitude
- severity
- duration
- range
- frequency
- diversity
- cumulative effect
- rate of change

The level-of-effect assessment should be conducted and reported in a quantitative and objective fashion. The methodological approach, particularly the system of ranking level-of-effect indicators, must be rigorously documented and recommendations should be made with respect to managing uncertainties in the assessment. (*Zubrow, Ezra B.A., 1984*).

<i>Impact Effect</i>	<i>Score</i>
Magnitude	0-4
Severity	0-4
Duration	0-4
Range	0-4
Frequency	0-4
Diversity	0-4
Cumulative effect	0-4
Rate of change	0-4
Total score:	0-32

Impact severity table.

Impacts will be defined along the following parameters of severity;

<i>Effect</i>	<i>Score</i>
No effect on site	0
Insignificant impact on site	1-5
Significant impact on site	6-16
Major destruction of site and attributes	17-24
Total destruction of sites and attributes	25-32



The study area was surveyed using standard archaeological surveying methods. The area was surveyed using directional parameters supplied by the GPS and surveyed by foot. This technique has proven to result in the maximum coverage of an area. This action is defined as;

„an archaeologist being present in the course of the carrying-out of the development works (which may include conservation works), so as to identify and protect archaeological deposits, features or objects which may be uncovered or otherwise affected by the works“ (DAHGI 1999a, 28).

Standard archaeological documentation formats were employed in the description of sites. Using standard site documentation forms as comparable medium, it enabled the surveyors to evaluate the relative importance of sites found. Furthermore GPS (Global Positioning System) readings of all finds and sites were taken. This information was then plotted using a **eTrex Legend** GPS (WGS 84- datum).

Indicators such as surface finds, plant growth anomalies, local information and topography were used in identifying sites of possible archaeological importance. Test probes were done at intervals to determine sub-surface occurrence of archaeological material. The importance of sites was assessed by comparisons with published information as well as comparative collections.

Test excavation is that form of archaeological excavation where the purpose is to establish the nature and extent of archaeological deposits and features present in a location which it is proposed to develop (though not normally to fully investigate those deposits or features) and allow an assessment to be made of the archaeological impact of the proposed development. It may also be referred to as archaeological testing“ (DAHGI 1999a, 27).

„Test excavation should not be confused with, or referred to as, archaeological assessment which is the overall process of assessing the archaeological impact of development. Test excavation is one of the techniques in carrying out archaeological assessment which may also include, as appropriate, documentary research, field walking, examination of upstanding or visible features or structures, examination of aerial photographs, satellite or other remote sensing imagery, geophysical survey, and topographical assessment“ (DAHGI 1999b, 18).

All sites or possible sites found were classified using a hierarchical system wherein sites are assessed using a scale of zero to four according to their importance. These categories are as follows;

<i>Degree of significance</i>	<i>Justification</i>	<i>Score</i>
<i>Exceptional significance</i>	Rare or outstanding, high degree of intactness. Can be interpreted easily.	13 – 16
<i>High significance</i>	High degree of original fabric. Demonstrates a key element of item’s significance. Alterations do not detract from significance.	9 – 12
<i>Moderate significance</i>	Altered or modified elements. Element with little heritage value, but which contribute to the overall significance.	5 – 8
<i>Little significance</i>	Alterations detract from significance. One of many. Alterations detract from significance.	1 – 4
<i>Intrusive</i>	Damaging to the item’s heritage significance.	0

Table 1. Site significance table for pre-contact sites.

<i>Degree of significance</i>	<i>Justification</i>	<i>Score</i>
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Exceptional significance	Rare or outstanding, high degree of intactness. Can be interpreted easily.	29 – 24
High significance	High degree of original fabric. Demonstrates a key element of item's significance. Alterations do not detract from significance.	13 – 18
Moderate significance	Altered or modified elements. Element with little heritage value, but which contribute to the overall significance.	7 – 12
Little significance	Alterations detract from significance. One of many. Alterations detract from significance.	1 – 6
Intrusive	Damaging to the item's heritage significance.	0

Table 2. Site significance table for post contact sites.

The qualitative value of a site's significance will be calculated by tabling its significance characteristics (as outlined in appendix B & C) on a sliding value scale and determining an accumulative value for the specific site. Two tables will be used;

Site significance characteristics slide scale (Post-Contact Criteria)					
Scientific Significance	0	1	2	3	4
Historic Significance	0	1	2	3	4
Public Significance	0	1	2	3	4
Other Significance	0	1	2	3	4
Ethnic Significance	0	1	2	3	4
Economic Significance	0	1	2	3	4
					Total Score

Table 4. Post-contact site criteria (0- no value, 4- highest value)

The values calculated (as specified in appendix B&C) are attributed to a category within the site significance table to provide the site with a quantifiable significance value. This will only be done for identified sites. Should an area under investigation not show any evidence of human activity this will be stated and no further qualifying will be done.

This information will be contained in a report that will strive to;

Review the purpose, approach, methodology and reporting of archaeological assessment and monitoring and propose guidelines on how to adequately address four key questions:

- i. What is the research value and potential of the archaeological remains?
- ii. What will the impact of development be?
- iii. What types of mitigation (by design modification or further investigation) would be appropriate to mitigate the impact of development and/or make a useful contribution to knowledge?
- iv. What will be the likely cost and timescale of any further investigation, analysis and reporting, given the nature of the archaeology and the type and extent of further work required?

Scientific Significance

(a) Does the site contain evidence which may substantively enhance understanding of culture history, culture process, and other aspects of local and regional prehistory?

- internal stratification and depth
- chronologically sensitive cultural items
- materials for absolute dating
- association with ancient landforms
- quantity and variety of tool type
- distinct intra-site activity areas
- tool types indicative of specific socio-economic or religious activity
- cultural features such as burials, dwellings, hearths, etc.
- diagnostic faunal and floral remains
- exotic cultural items and materials
- uniqueness or representativeness of the site
- integrity of the site

(b) Does the site contain evidence which may be used for experimentation aimed at improving archaeological methods and techniques?

- monitoring impacts from artificial or natural agents
- site preservation or conservation experiments
- data recovery experiments
- sampling experiments
- intra-site spatial analysis

(c) Does the site contain evidence which can make important contributions to paleoenvironmental studies?

- topographical, geomorphological context
- depositional character
- diagnostic faunal, floral data

(d) Does the site contain evidence which can contribute to other scientific disciplines such as hydrology, geomorphology, pedology, meteorology, zoology, botany, forensic medicine, and environmental hazards research, or to industry including forestry and commercial fisheries?

Public Significance

(a) Does the site have potential for public use in an interpretive, educational or recreational capacity?

- integrity of the site
- technical and economic feasibility of restoration and development for public use
- visibility of cultural features and their ability to be easily interpreted
- accessibility to the public

opportunities for protection against vandalism

- representativeness and uniqueness of the site
- aesthetics of the local setting
- proximity to established recreation areas
- present and potential land use
- land ownership and administration
- legal and jurisdictional status
- local community attitude toward development

(b) Does the site receive visitation or use by tourists, local residents or school groups?

Ethnic Significance

(a) Does the site presently have traditional, social or religious importance to a particular group or community?

- ethnographic or ethno-historic reference
- documented local community recognition or, and concern for, the site

Economic Significance

(a) What value of user-benefits may be placed on the site?

- visitors' willingness-to-pay
- visitors' travel costs

Scientific Significance

(a) Does the site contain evidence which may substantively enhance understanding of historic patterns of settlement and land use in a particular locality, regional or larger area?

(b) Does the site contain evidence which can make important contributions to other scientific disciplines or industry?

Historic Significance

(a) Is the site associated with the early exploration, settlement, land use, or other aspect of southern Africa's cultural development?

(b) Is the site associated with the life or activities of a particular historic figure, group, organization, or institution that has made a significant contribution to, or impact on, the community, province or nation?

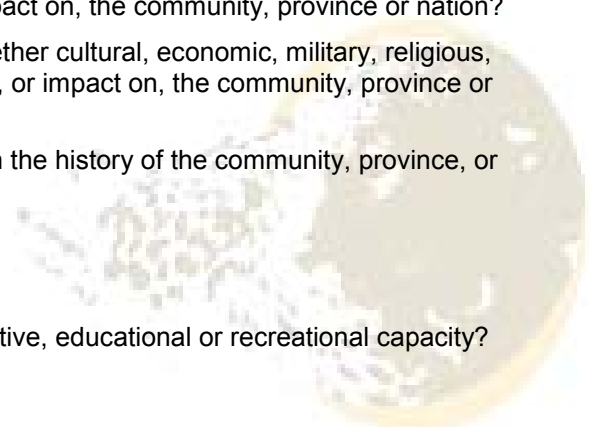
(c) Is the site associated with a particular historic event whether cultural, economic, military, religious, social or political that has made a significant contribution to, or impact on, the community, province or nation?

(d) Is the site associated with a traditional recurring event in the history of the community, province, or nation, such as an annual celebration?

Public Significance

(a) Does the site have potential for public use in an interpretive, educational or recreational capacity?

- visibility and accessibility to the public
- ability of the site to be easily interpreted



opportunities for protection against vandalism
economic and engineering feasibility of reconstruction, restoration and maintenance
representativeness and uniqueness of the site
proximity to established recreation areas
compatibility with surrounding zoning regulations or land use
land ownership and administration
local community attitude toward site preservation, development or destruction
present use of site

(b) Does the site receive visitation or use by tourists, local residents or school groups?

Ethnic Significance

(a) Does the site presently have traditional, social or religious importance to a particular group or community?

Economic Significance

(a) What value of user-benefits may be placed on the site?

visitors' willingness-to-pay

visitors' travel costs

Integrity and Condition

(a) Does the site occupy its original location?

(b) Has the site undergone structural alterations? If so, to what degree has the site maintained its original structure?

(c) Does the original site retain most of its original materials?

(d) Has the site been disturbed by either natural or artificial means?

Other

(a) Is the site a commonly acknowledged landmark?

(b) Does, or could, the site contribute to a sense of continuity or identity either alone or in conjunction with similar sites in the vicinity?

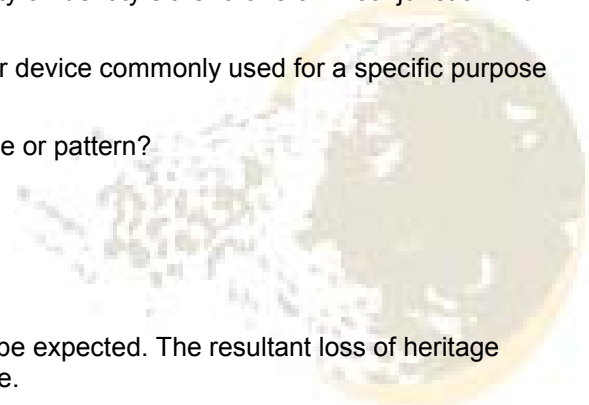
(c) Is the site a good typical example of an early structure or device commonly used for a specific purpose throughout an area or period of time?

(d) Is the site representative of a particular architectural style or pattern?

Indicators of Impact Severity

Magnitude

The amount of physical alteration or destruction which can be expected. The resultant loss of heritage value is measured either in amount or degree of disturbance.



Severity

The irreversibility of an impact. Adverse impacts which result in a totally irreversible and irretrievable loss of heritage value are of the highest severity.

Duration

The length of time an adverse impact persists. Impacts may have short-term or temporary effects, or conversely, more persistent, long-term effects on heritage sites.

Range

The spatial distribution, whether widespread or site-specific, of an adverse impact.

Frequency

The number of times an impact can be expected. For example, an adverse impact of variable magnitude and severity may occur only once. An impact such as that resulting from cultivation may be of recurring or ongoing nature.

Diversity

The number of different kinds of project-related actions expected to affect a heritage site.

Cumulative Effect

A progressive alteration or destruction of a site owing to the repetitive nature of one or more impacts.

Rate of Change

The rate at which an impact will effectively alter the integrity or physical condition of a heritage site. Although an important level-of-effect indicator, it is often difficult to estimate. Rate of change is normally assessed during or following project construction.

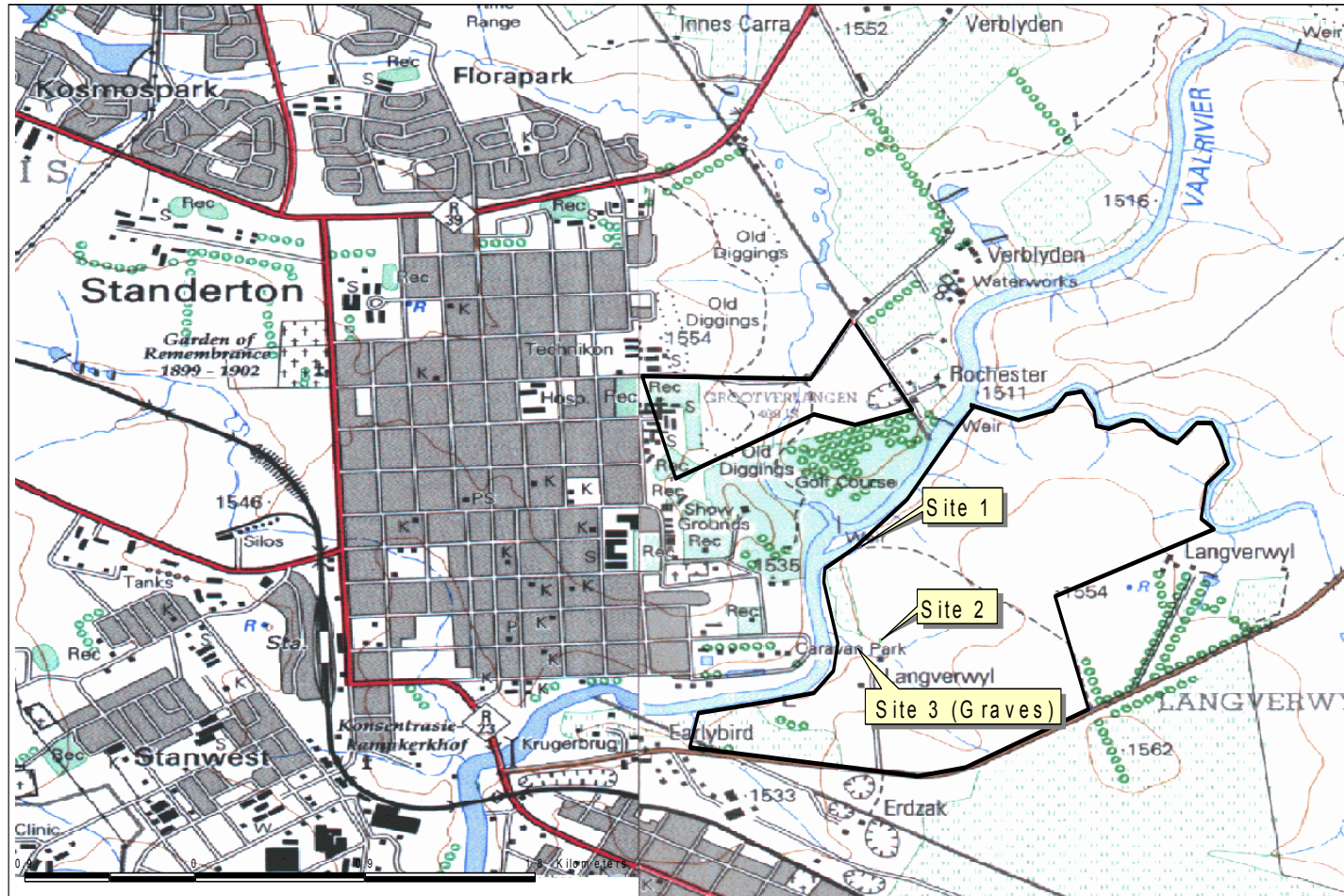


APPENDIX C

LOCATION MAPS



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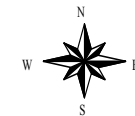


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