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Dear Mr Kritzinger

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PORTION 8 OF THE FARM VERGENOEG 177JT (TANA MERA)

As requested, we have investigated portion 8 of the farm Vergenoeg 177JT. The study area is located some distance to the west of the town of Hazyview, on the R536, which is the road to Sabie (Fig. 1). The area is rectangular in shape and measures approximately 21 hectares.

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.

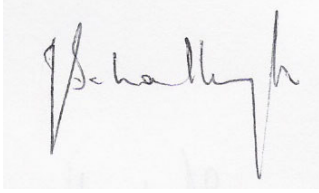
The geology of the region is made up of granite, with some dolorite intrusions - the latter occurring in most of the study area. The original vegetation is classified as Sour Lowveld Bushveld, but has been replaced by an exotic plantation (bluegums). This activity would have had a negative impact on any heritage resources that might have occurred here.

No sites, features or objects of cultural significance were found in the surveyed area, and we therefore recommend, from a heritage point of view, that the proposed development can continue. We request

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Pioneer/Pionier Museum - Kruger Museum - Tswaing Crater/Krater Museum – Sammy Marks Museum –
Willem Prinsloo Agricultural/Landbou Museum

however, 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

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'J van Schalkwyk'. The letters are connected, with a prominent 'J' at the start and a long, sweeping tail at the end.

J van Schalkwyk
Principal Investigator

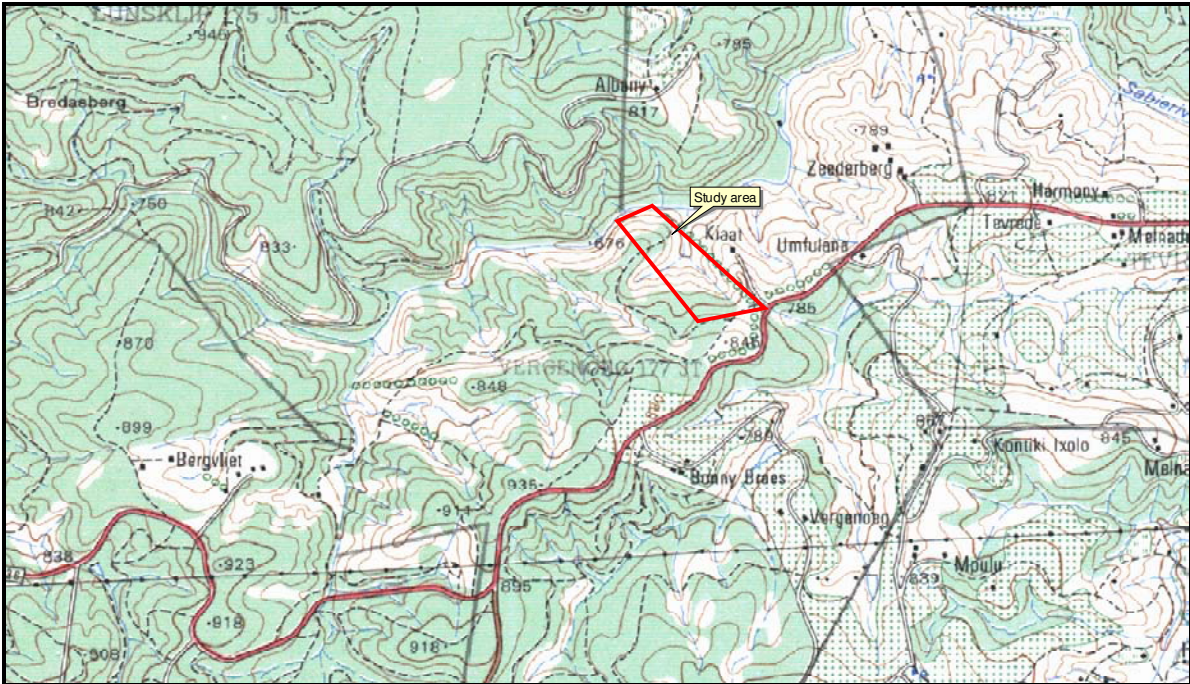


Figure 1. Showing the location of the study area. (Map, courtesy of the Government Printer.)