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Dear Mrs Leslie

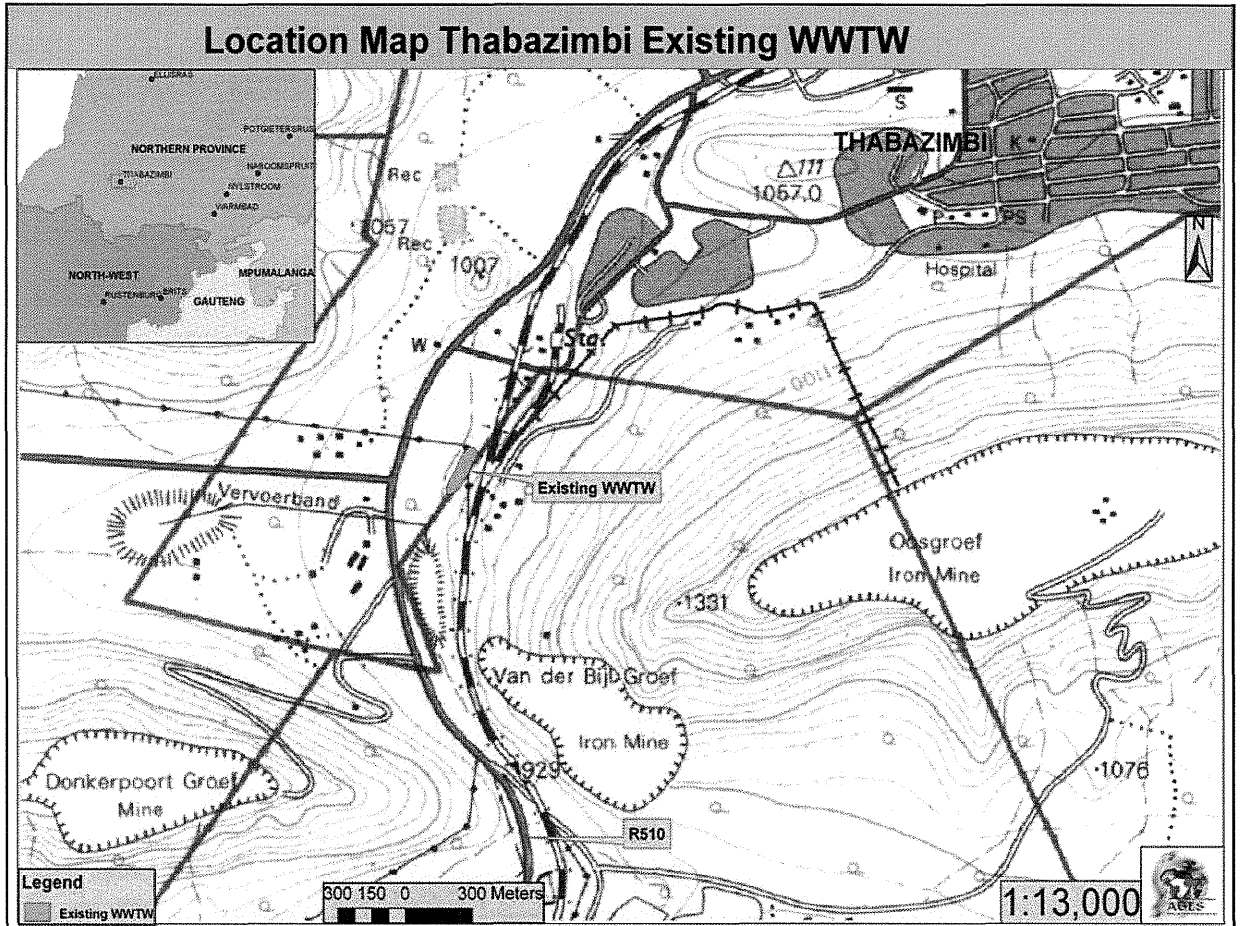
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR EXEMPTION

FOR

Proposed Upgrade of the Thabazimbi Waste Water Treatment Works

Introduction

The study area is situated within the Waterberg district and forms part of the existing Waste Water Treatment Works. The site is situated approximately 2.5 km south-west of Thabazimbi town in the Limpopo Province and is situated on Portion 5 of the farm Donkerhoek 344 KQ. The Rooikuilspuit runs adjacent to the facility.



Map 1: Location of the treatment works.

Proposed Development

The proposed upgrade comprises:

- Extending the existing works to cater for a 6.5Ml/day demand
- Retaining of the trickling filter
- Installation of additional clarifiers and associated flow distribution
- Construction of a berm to protect the works against flooding

Evaluation

All the proposed additions and alterations to the treatment works will be in the existing footprint of the plant. The area has been severely disturbed and subjected to sporadic flooding due to the Rooikuispruit overflowing its banks.

No historical or archaeological settlements, structures, features or artefacts were recorded during the site visit, which was conducted on 12 February 2009. None of the existing buildings that form part of the plant are older than 60 years or hold heritage value.

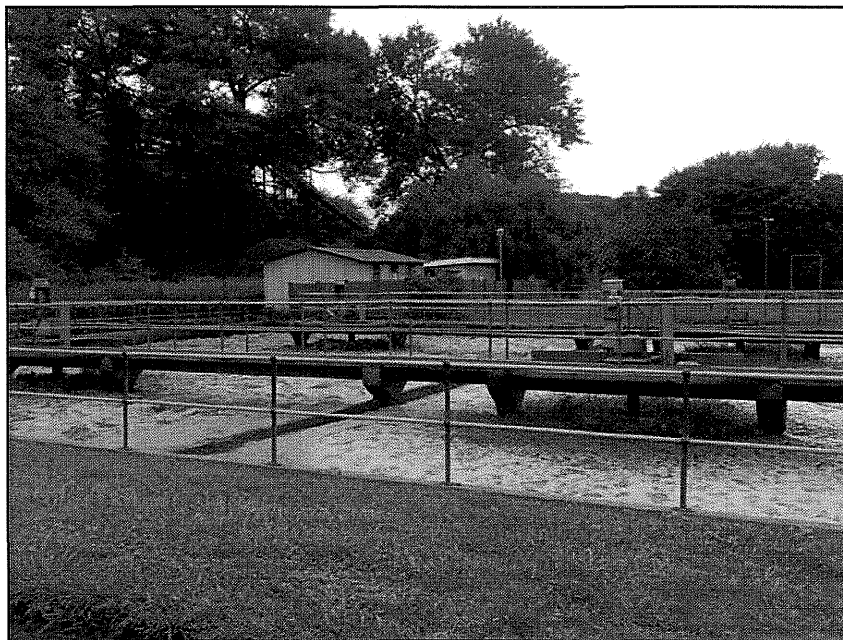


Figure 1: General view of the facility.



Figure 2: Open area adjacent to the main works.

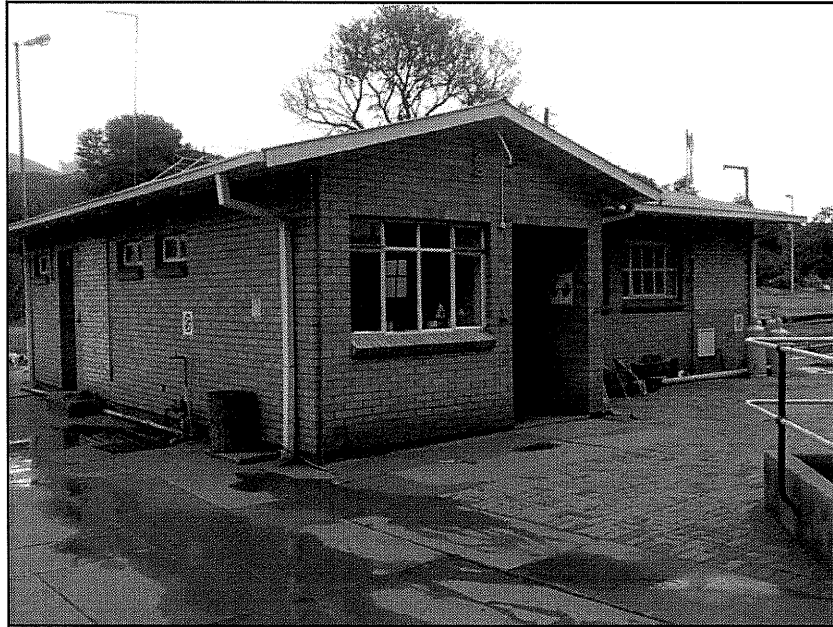


Figure 3: Main building at the plant.

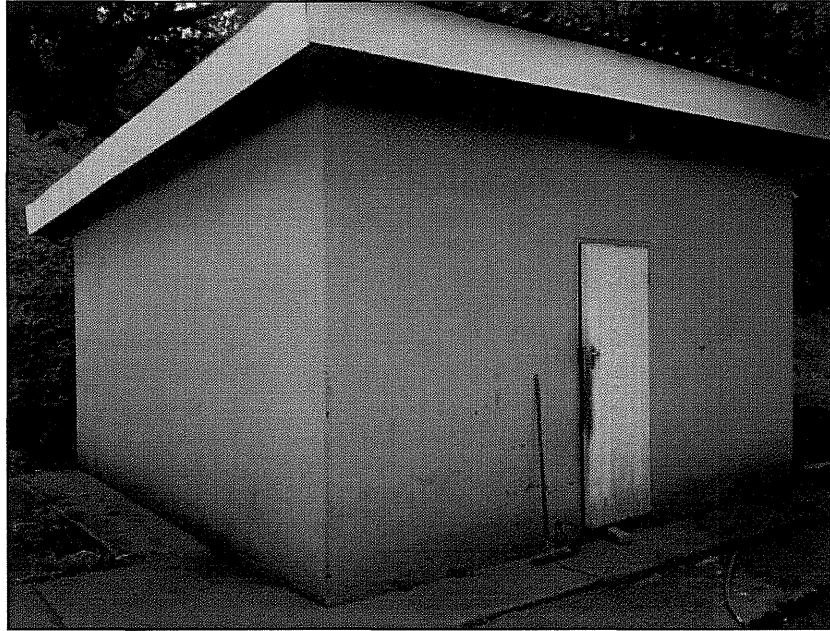


Figure 4: Building used by employees.

Recommendations

No further action is required.

However please note:

- It should be kept in mind that archaeological deposits usually occur below ground level. Should archaeological artefacts or skeletal material be revealed in the area during construction activities, such activities should be halted, and a university or museum notified in order for an investigation and evaluation of the find(s) to take place (*cf.* NHRA (Act No. 25 of 1999), Section 36 (6)).

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francois P Coetzee'. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Francois P Coetzee



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Dear Madam

Please find attached the Scoping Report for the following project:

**SCOPING REPORT AS PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED UGRADING OF THE THABAZIMBI WASTE
WATER TREATMENT WORKS**

Limpopo Department of Economic Development Environment and Tourism has requested comments from SAHRA regarding the above mentioned project (see appendix A for letter).

On the 12th of February 2009 a heritage consultant (Francois Coetzee) conducted a site visit to evaluate the area for possible historical or archaeological settlements, structures, features or artefacts. None were found. See appendix B for Heritage Letter of Recommendation for Exemption.

Could you please fax your comments to Mr J M Nkoana at 015 295 5015 (LEDET) and Nerine Lerm at 086 607 2406 (AGES)?

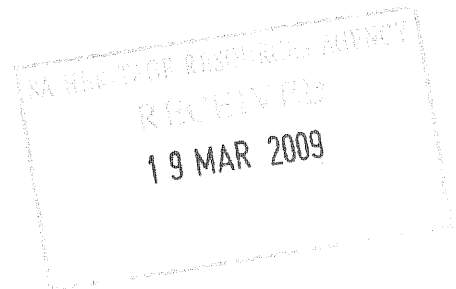
Should you require any further information please contact the undersigned. Thanking you in advance.

Kind Regards,

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