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Attention Annie v.d. Venter – KwaZulu-Natal Heritage

I have undertaken the archaeological survey for the farm Beaufort, Vryheid, for Mr Swanepoel.

No archaeological sites were located during the course of this survey. However, this may be due to poor archaeological visibility (i.e. dense vegetation). For example, I observed a few pottery sherds along the western side of the proposed planting area. The pottery dates to the Late Iron Age or Historical Period. This suggests that more artefacts/sites would be located if there was better visibility.

Given the fact that the proposed area has been used for agricultural purposes in the past, I do not believe that archaeological sites of any significance occur on the land.

I would suggest that a general damage permit be given to the applicant.

Yours sincerely

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