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## ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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### REVIEW COMMENT ON

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- D. DATE OF REPORT: *23 October 2005* .....
- E. TITLE OF REPORT: *Cultural Resources Management Impact Assessment: (Portions of) Etrick 182, Hopetown District, Northern Cape, South Africa.* .....
- F. Please circle as relevant: Archaeological component of EIA / EMP / HIA / CMF Other (Specify) .....
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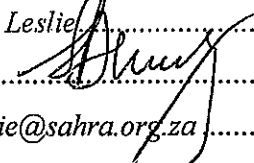
**REVIEW COMMENT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT***K van Ryneveld**October 2005, Received 24 October 2005****Cultural Resources Management Impact Assessment: (Portions of) Ettrick 182, Hopetown District, Northern Cape, South Africa***

This report assesses the archaeological record on Ettrick 182, ETT1, ETT2 and ETT3 (4.2 ha), in the Hopetown District of the Northern Cape (1:50 000 map 2923 BD Torquay). The report indicates that the total of the proposed mining area comprises a Middle Stone Age site. The site has an approximate sub-surface depth of 30-40cm. Cores, formal tools (scrapers, points, convergent flakes, denticulates and notched scrapers, blades and flakes were identified. This site forms part of a much larger site that covers the surrounding hills.

It is recommended that the proposed pick and shovel and limited mechanised 4.2 ha mining development proceed as applied for since only a small portion of the site will be destroyed. However, prior to any extension of the development area, a thorough assessment of the larger site with an associated archaeological and/or management plan should be submitted.

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorite unit supports these recommendations of the specialist and development may proceed in areas ETT1, ETT2 and ETT3.

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