



13 September 2019

To whom it may concern

LETTER FOR HIA EXEMPTION REQUEST: Q4 FUEL RUSTENBURG: PROPOSED EXPANSION OF FACILITIES, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

The above-mentioned project for which an Environmental Application has been submitted, refers. Archaetnos has been appointed by the Environmental Practitioner, Setala Environmental, to do a heritage exemption application.

The application is for the proposed expansion of a fuel depot and associated infrastructure, situated in the Rustenburg X 9 Industrial Area. The proposed project is located in the Rustenburg Local Municipality, North West Province (Figure 1-4).

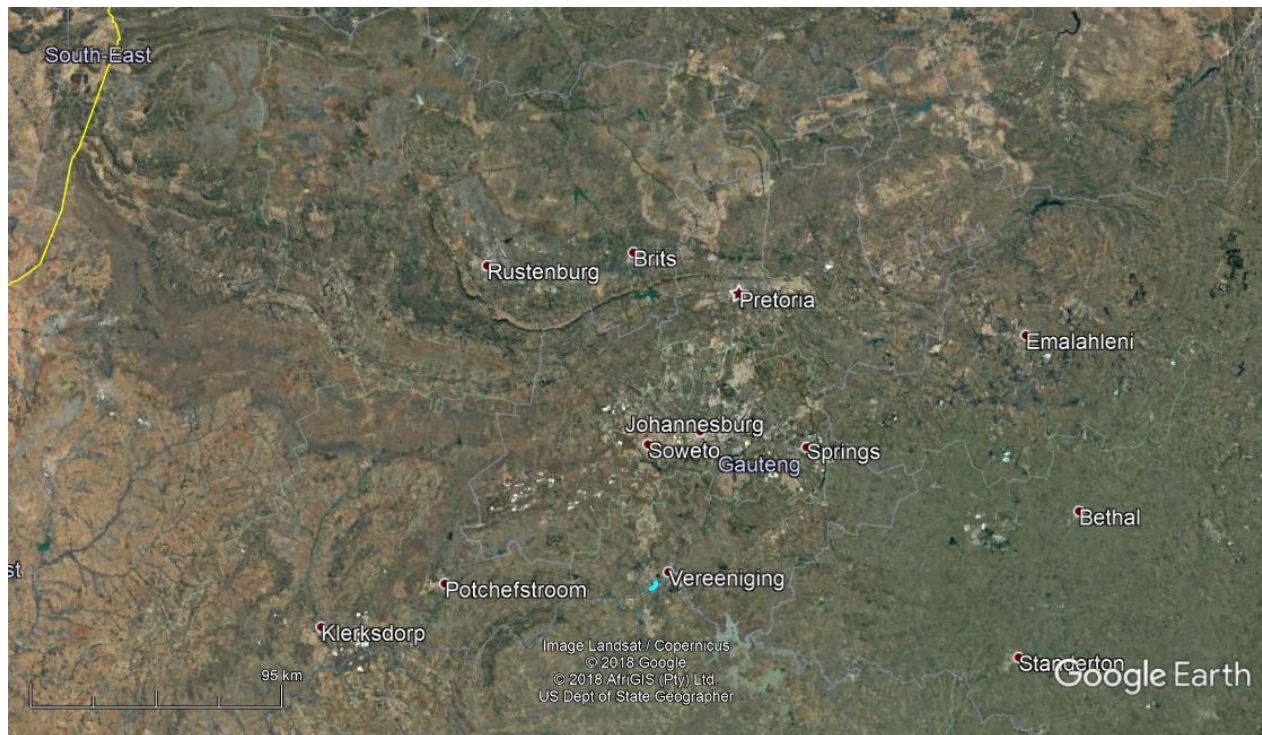


Figure 1: Location of Rustenburg in the North West Province.

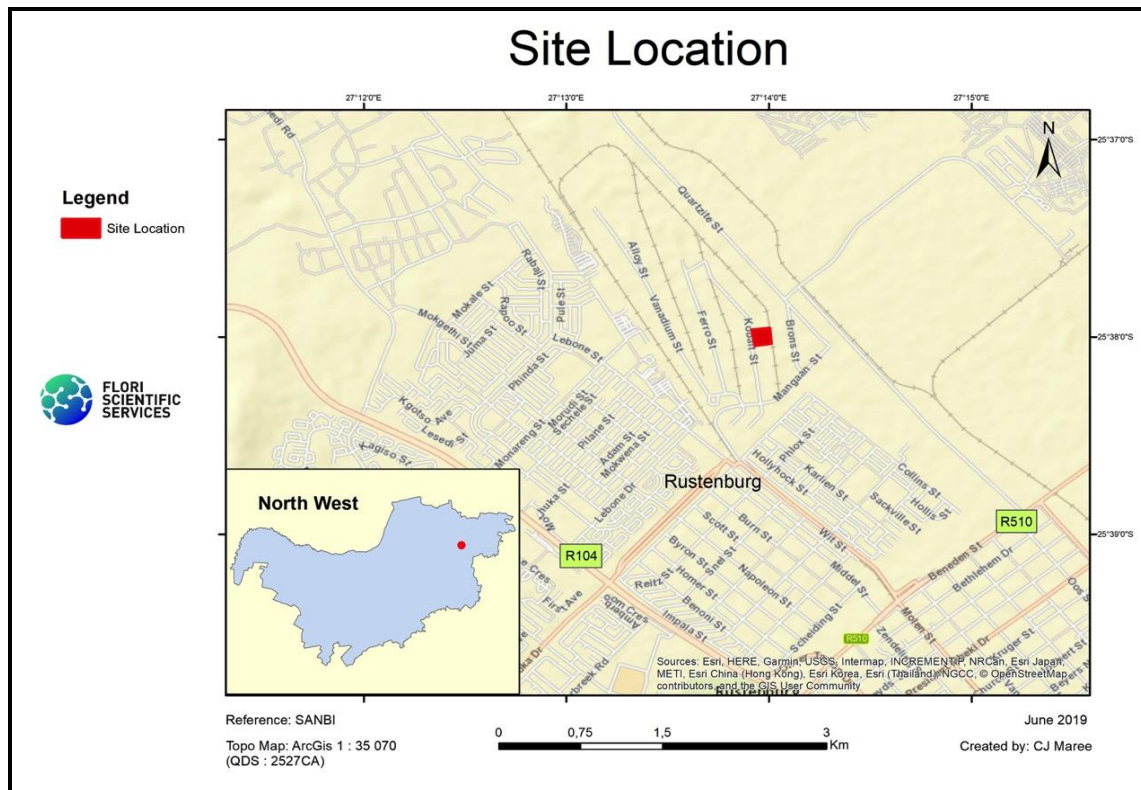


Figure 2: Location of the site in Rustenburg (Setala Environmental).

The GPS coordinates of the main landmarks within the project area are as follows:

- Study site location (approximate centre): 25°38'0.08"S; 27°13'57.85"E.
- Study Site entrance off Cobalt Street: 25°38'0.40"S; 27°13'55.07"E.

The applicant plans to expand on the existing facilities and the existing storage tanks of 2 x 23m³, and proposes to construct 5 x 83m³ tanks; 1 x 23m³ tank and 1 x 14m³ tank. The extension of the fuel depot will be on Erf 2265, of the existing Rustenburg Extension (Figure 5). The project is on approximately 2.1633 hectares of land. The Surveyor-general 21-digit site (erf/farm/portion) reference number is T0JQ0027000022650000.



Figure 3: Site location.



Figure 4: Detailed view of the site.

- No heritage resources were identified on site.



Figure 6: General view of the open site. The buildings in the background is on an adjacent site.



Figure 7: Another view of site indicating disturbance.



Figure 8: One of the recent buildings on site.



Figure 9: Another recent building on the site as well as a temporary building.



Figure 10: The fence wall around the property.

Site notices were placed on the property to inform the community regarding the proposed development (Figure 11-12).

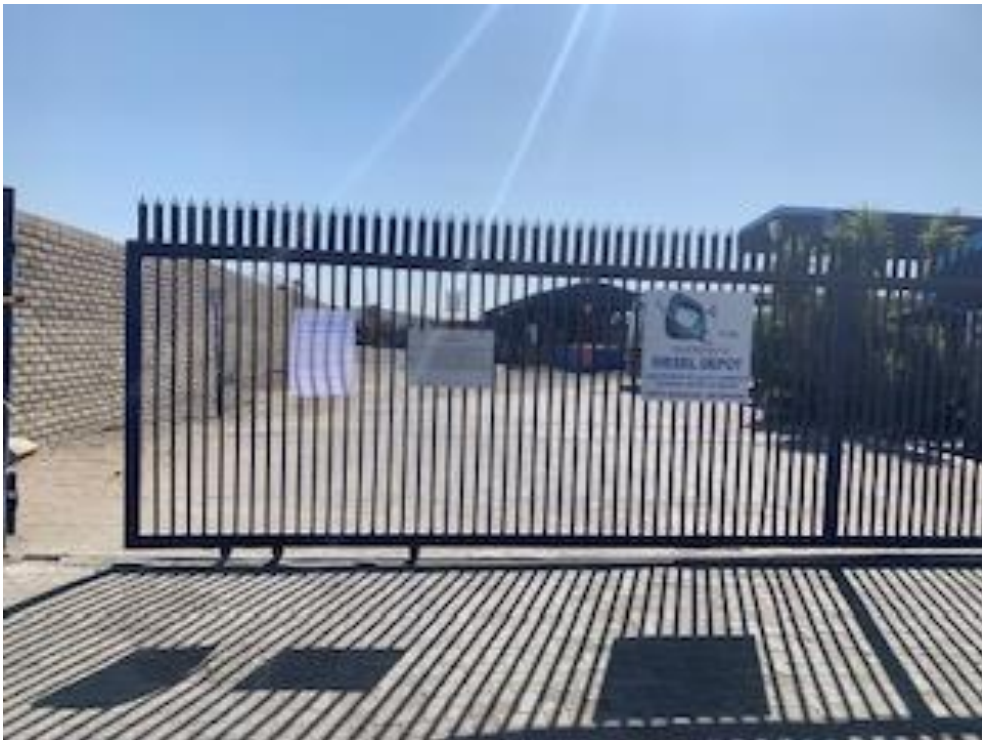


Figure 11: Site notice on the gate to the property.



Figure 12: Wording of the site notice.

Due to the mentioned factors, the chances therefore of finding any heritage related features are indeed extremely slim. It is therefore believed that an additional Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is not needed for this project. This letter serves as an exemption request to the relevant heritage authority.

The developer should however note that due to the nature of archaeological material, such sites, objects or features, as well as graves and burials may be uncovered during construction activities on site. In such a case work should cease immediately and an archaeologist should be contacted as a matter of urgency to assess such occurrences.

Recommendation:

That the development be exempted from doing an HIA.

I trust that you will find this in order.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.C. van Vollenhoven', written over a light-colored rectangular background.

Prof AC van Vollenhoven: Director