

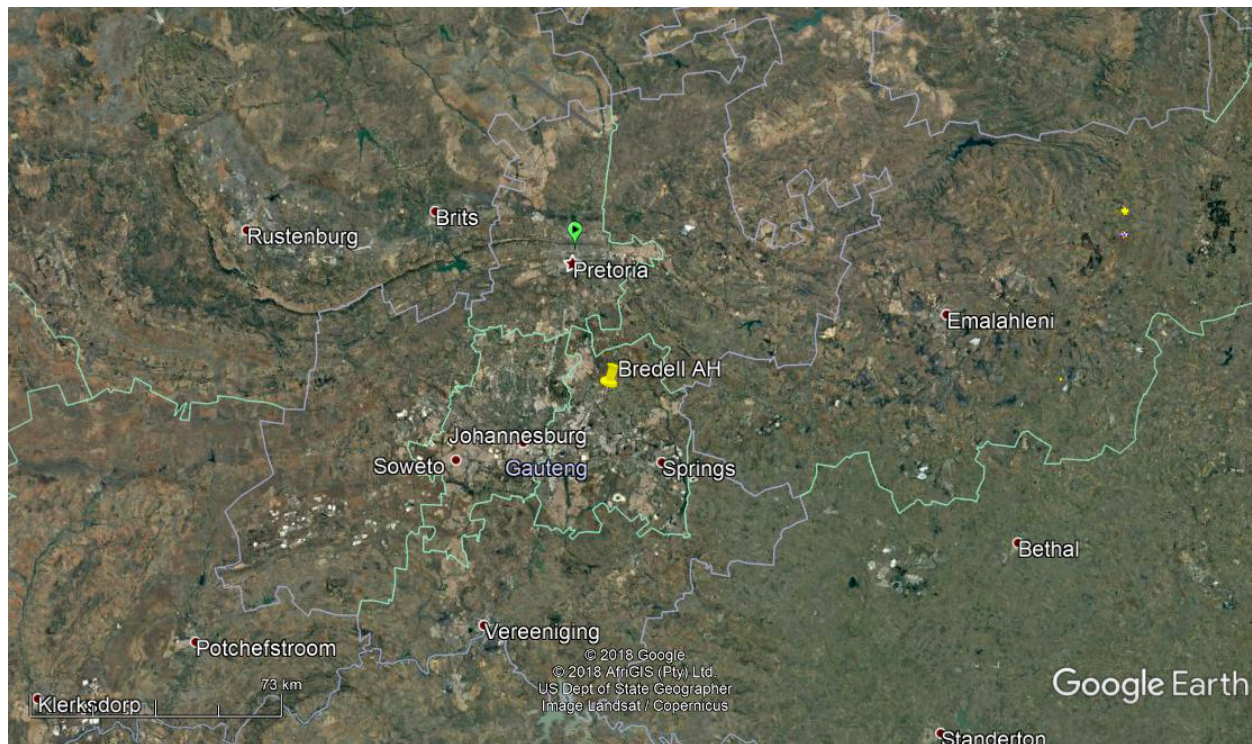


**3 April 2018**

**To whom it may concern**

**LETTER FOR HIA EXEMPTION REQUEST: RE-ESTABLISHING OF THE FLOODLINE ON HOLDING 56, BREDELL AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS, GAUTENG PROVINCE**

The above-mentioned project refers. The proposed project is located on Holding 56, Bredell Agricultural Holdings. The site is situated along the northern boundary of Seventh Avenue, Bredell Agricultural Holdings between Second Road and Third Road, in the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality (Figure 1-3).



**Figure 1: Location of the Bredell Agricultural Holdings in the Gauteng Province.**

The application is for the re-establishing of the flood line on Holding 56, Bredell Agricultural Holding by excavating soil which was back-filled into the watercourse. The site will then be used for industrial purposes. The total project area measures 1,6357 hectares in extent. The main proposed works includes:

- Approximately 5 154 m<sup>2</sup> of the 16 357 m<sup>2</sup> will be affected by the excavation of soil.
- Approximately 87 m<sup>2</sup> of an existing building will be upgraded with a new roof and floor. This building is younger than 60 years and therefore of no heritage value.

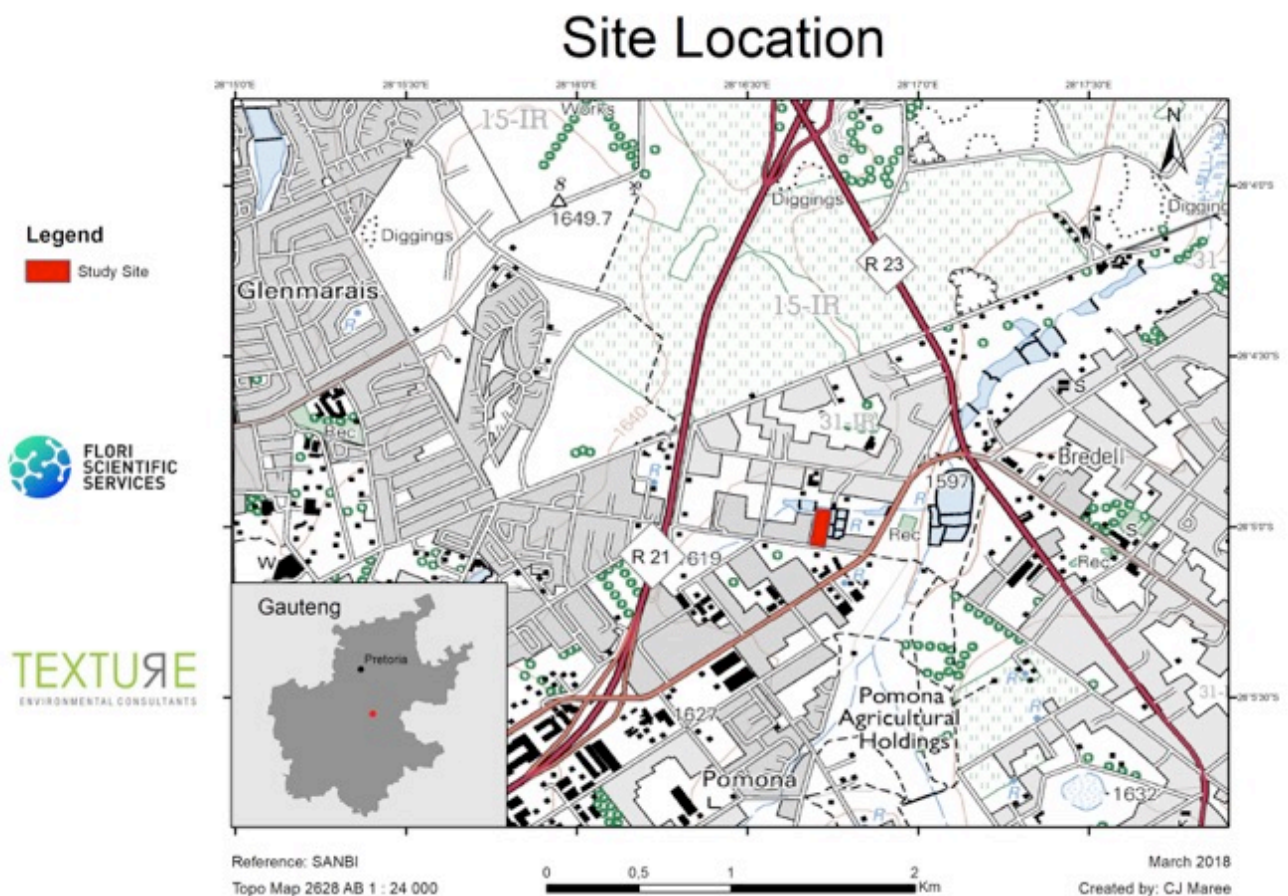


Figure 2: Site location.



**Figure 3: Detail of proposed areas considered for the development.**

It is my opinion that the project may be exempted from doing a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA). The following is applicable:

- The entire site is disturbed (Figure 4). It consists of landscaped gardens, lawns, areas with rubble and buildings.
- No natural vegetation is present on the site – impacted because of landscaping.
- A few trees in the area also are foreign species (e.g. pine) another indication of disturbance.
- The main building is older than 60 years but will not be impacted on as the development is only planned on the northern section of the site (yellow area on maps) whereas this building is on the southern side.
- None of the other buildings has any heritage significance (Figure 5-6).



**Figure 4: Detailed view of the site.**



**Figure 5: Building on site to be changed.**



**Figure 6: Closer view of building.**

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

Prof AC van Vollenhoven: Director