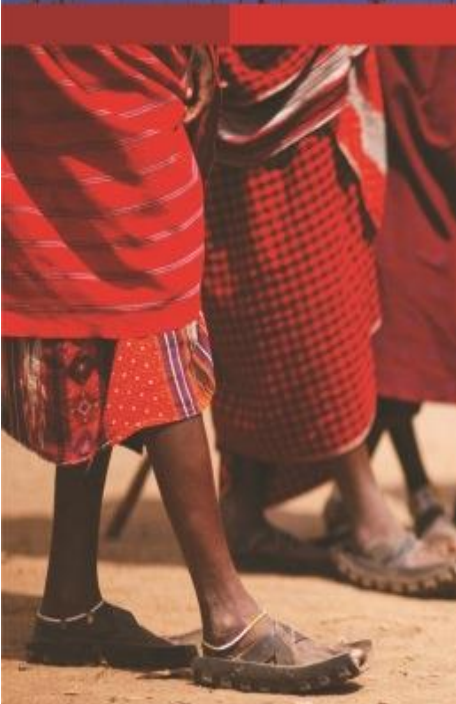




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1 Introduction

Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) was appointed by Bigen Africa Services (Pty) Ltd (Bigen) to undertake a Heritage Resources Management (HRM) Process for the building known as Block E, corner Jack and Queen Street, Germiston in the Gauteng Province. The HRM Process would be complete in accordance with section 34 and 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act 25 of 1999).

1.1 Project Location

Table 1-1: Location data of Block E

Name of property/ies	Elandsfontein 90
Erf or farm number/s	Erf 138 and 139
Coordinates of approximate centre of project area	-26.215107
	28.161805
Magisterial District	Germiston Magisterial District
Municipality	Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality
Maximum extent of proposed development	Approximately 870 m ² (0.087 ha)
Current use	Residential purposes
Predominant land use/s of surrounding properties	Residential

2 Project / Development Details

The Ekurhuleni Development Company (EDC) is the owner of an historical building, situated on the corner of Jack and Queen Streets, Germiston. The building in question, Block E, is currently not in use, but was utilised for residential purpose, comprising several units in two storeys.

A Condition Assessment Report on the building was completed by Bakhele Consulting in December 2013, for the EDC. This Report indicated among other things that the building is a historical building afforded general protection in terms of section 34 of the NHRA.

The EDC proposes to renovate and refurbish the Block E building for residential purposes.

2.1 NHRA Section 38 Triggers

The following aspects of Section 38 of the NHRA have been triggered by the proposed project.

**Table 2-1: NHRA Section 38 Triggers for Block E**

	NHRA Section 38 (1) Activities / Triggers		Summary description (E.g. 500 m conveyor belt, open cast pit, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	a	Any linear development or barrier >300 m	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Any bridge or similar structure >50 m	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	c	Any development or activity that will change the character of a site:	The interior of the building will be refurbished for residential purposes. The proposed size of development is approximately 870 m ² (0.087 ha), however the building is historical which requires a permit in terms of section 34 of the NHRA for any alterations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	i	≥5 000m² in extent	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ii	Involving ≥3 existing erven/ subdivisions	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	iii	Involving ≥3 or more erven/ divisions consolidated within past 5 years.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	d	Rezoning of a site ≥10 000 m² in extent.	Rezoning of the site to residential.
<input type="checkbox"/>	e	Other triggers, e.g.: in terms of other legislation, (i.e.: National Environment Management Act, etc.)	None

2.2 Activities

The proposed project activities include:

- Refurbishment of existing apartments within the interior of the building; and
- Cleaning and restoration of the exterior façade of the building.

The proposed activities will be available in more detail in the next phase of the project.

3 Identified / Known Heritage Resources and Potential Impacts

The following categories of heritage resources as defined in Section 3 of the NHRA are known to occur within the proposed project area.

Table 3-1: Identified heritage resources

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3(2)(a)	Places, buildings, structures and equipment of cultural significance
		<u>Description of resource:</u> The building is a historical structure as per the NHRA definition of "structure", as it was built established more than 60 years ago.



		<u>Potential impact:</u> The proposed activities will impact the interior and exterior of the building.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3(2)(b)	<p>Places to which oral traditions are attached or which are associated with living heritage</p> <p><u>Description of resource:</u> None</p> <p><u>Potential impact:</u> None</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3(2)(c)	<p>Historical settlements and townscapes</p> <p><u>Description of resource:</u> The building is over 60 years old. The building may be connected to the historical development of Germiston</p> <p><u>Potential impact:</u> Project activities will not impact the historical cultural landscape at this stage as no major structural or façade changes are proposed at this time.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3(2)(d)	<p>Landscapes and natural features of cultural significance</p> <p><u>Description of resource:</u> None identified</p> <p><u>Potential impact:</u> None</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3(2)(e)	<p>Geological resources of scientific or cultural importance</p> <p><u>Description of resource:</u> None</p> <p><u>Potential impact:</u> Project activities will not impact any geological resources.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3(2)(f)	<p>Archaeology and/or palaeontology (<i>Including archaeological sites and material, fossils, rock art, battlefields & wrecks</i>)</p> <p><u>Description of resource:</u> None</p> <p><u>Potential impact:</u> None</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3(2)(g)	<p>Graves and burial grounds</p> <p><u>Description of resource:</u> None identified</p> <p><u>Potential impact:</u> None</p>



<input type="checkbox"/>	3(2)(a)	Other human remains
		<u>Description of resource:</u> None
		<u>Potential impact:</u> None
<input type="checkbox"/>	3(2)(h)	Sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa
		<u>Description of resource:</u>
		<u>Potential impact:</u> None
<input type="checkbox"/>	3(2)(i)	Movable objects
		<u>Description of resource:</u>
		<u>Potential impact:</u> None



3.1 Illustrative Material

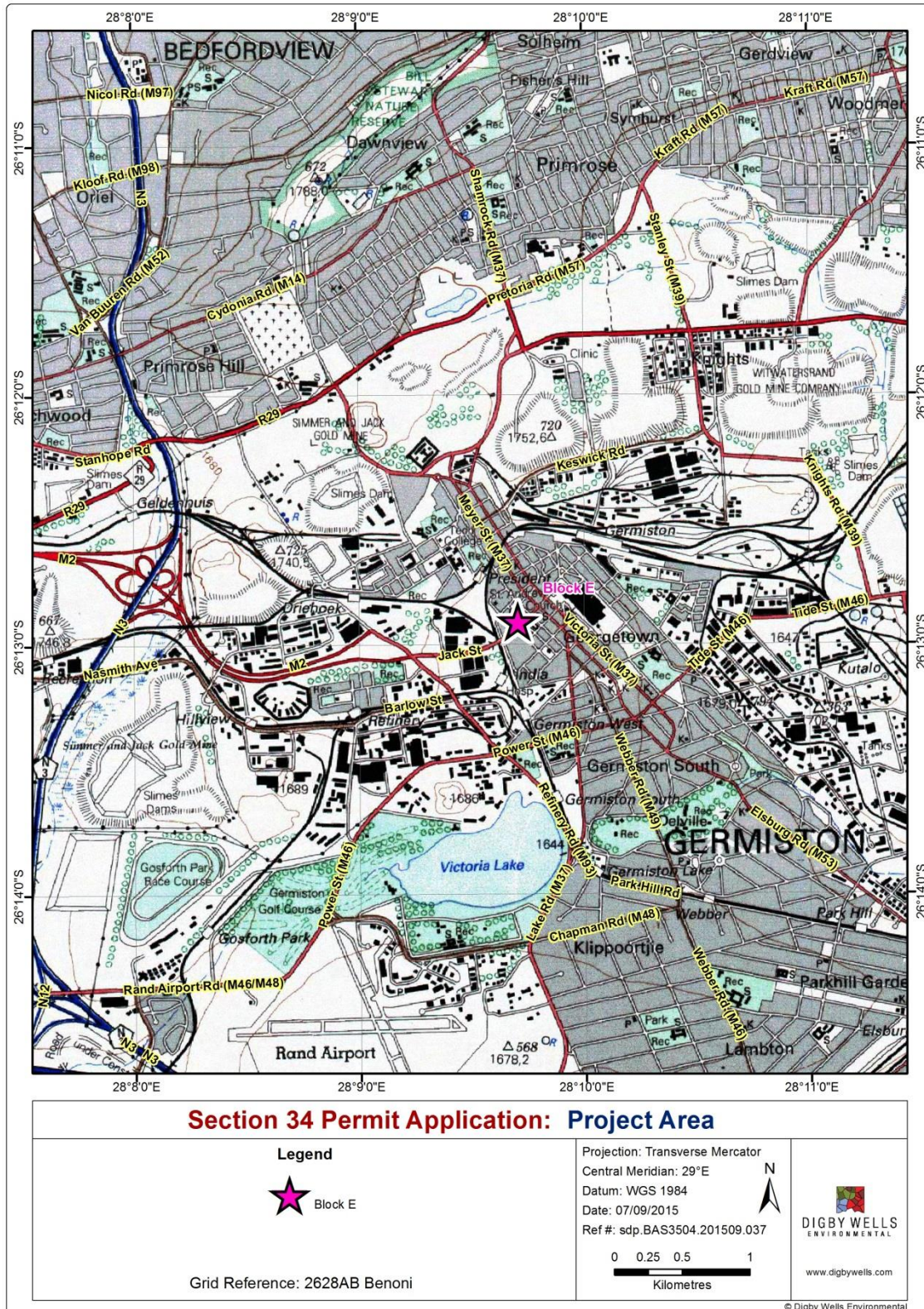


Figure 3-1: Local setting of the project



4 Recommendation

Table 4-1: Recommendations for the proposed Block E

Is a Heritage Impact Assessment required?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If NO, provide motivation:		
<p>Block E is over 60 years old and is therefore protected in terms of section 34 of the NHRA.</p> <p>Based on an understanding of the cultural landscape and the identified heritage resources within the project area, and the proposed project activities, the following recommendations are made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Heritage Impact Assessment focusing on the Built Environment; ■ Section 34 Permit for proposed alterations. 		
<p>Recommendation made by:</p> <p>Name: Justin du Piesanie</p> <p>Capacity: Heritage Management Consultant: Archaeologist</p>		