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## Exemption of a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment for Plot 146 Bloemspruit, Bloemfontein Free State Province\*.

Site: Plot 146, Bloemspruit, Bloemfontein Farm: Bloemspruit B 2232 District: Bloemfontein Map Ref.: 2926AB Maselspoort Site coordinates:

A) 29° 7'58.78"S 26°16'45.92"E

B) 29° 8'0.49"S 26°16'52.65"E

C) 29° 8'7.03"S 26°16'50.04"E

D) 29° 8'5.63"S 26°16'43.69"E

Plot 146 is situated at the corner of Kendall and Voorspoed Street in Bloemspruit, about 3 km southwest of the Bram Fischer International Airport (**Fig. 1**). The footprint consists of a 4.5 ha terrain that is accessed by existing roads (**Fig. 2**). A brief survey of the area indicates that Plot 146 has been severely degraded by human activities, including the alteration of the original soil overburden over large areas (**Fig. 3**), as well as the destruction of the original house and outbuildings, which appear to have been constructed using late 20<sup>th</sup> century building materials (**Fig. 4**). Associated refuse deposits support an age of less than 60 years for two rubbish dumps located next to the ruins. Potential archaeological impact at the site is considered to be non-existent with regard to *in situ* Stone Age archaeological remains, graves and graveyards or structures of historical significance older than 60 years. It is recommended that the proposed development is exempt from a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment.

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Yours truly,

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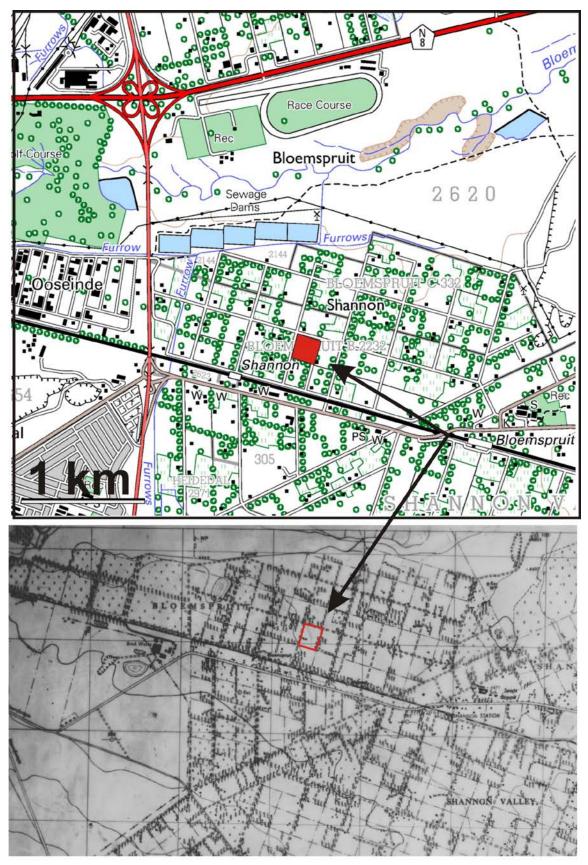


Figure 1. Plot 146, Bloemspruit, Bloemfontein (portion of 1:50 000 scale topographic map 2926 AB Maselspoort, circa 1992 above and portion of 1:18 000 scale topographicmap 2926 C3 Maselspoort, circa 1941 below).

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Figure 2. Aerial view of Plot 146.



Figure 3. General view of Plot 146, looking east (top) and north (below).



Figure 4. Plot 146, looking southeast and east at the ruins of the original buildings (top & below left) and rubbish dump (below right).