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HERITAGE SCREENER

CTS Reference Number:	CTS16_011	
Client:	CEN Environmental	
Date:	15 February 2016	
Title:	Hermitage Citrus Packing & Cold Storage Facility Expansion, East London	
Recommendation by CTS Heritage Specialists: (Type 1)	<p>(1) The heritage resources in the area proposed for development are sufficiently recorded. - It is recommended that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- No further archaeological assessments are necessary at this proposed area of development.- It is recommended that a palaeo Chance Finds Procedure be included in the Environmental Management Programme.	



1. Proposed Development Summary

Sundays River Citrus Company (Pty) Ltd (SRCC) is a citrus packing and marketing company established in 1924. Three packhouses are currently in place, namely the Kirkwood packhouse, the Summerville packhouse and the Hermitage packhouse. SRCC is proposing to expand facilities at their Hermitage packhouses, including the citrus packing and cold storage facility.

2. Application References

Name of relevant heritage authority(s)	Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (ECPHRA)
Name of decision making authority(s)	Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT)

3. Property Information

GPS Coordinates	S33°31'20.115"; E25°40'32.012"
Farm Name and Number	Portion 84 of Commando Kraal Estate 113
Local Municipality	Sunday's River Valley
District Municipality	Sarah Baartman
Previous Magisterial District	Kirkwood
Province	Eastern Cape
Current Use	Vacant, parking lot, dam
Current Zoning	Residential
Total Extent	14.6 ha and 8.1 ha



4. Nature of the Proposed Development

Surface area to be affected/destroyed	Approximately 14,5 ha
Depth of excavation (m)	NA
Height of development (m)	Unknown
Expected years of operation before decommission	NA

5. Category of Development

Triggers: Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act	X
Triggers: Section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act	
1. Construction of a road, wall, powerline, pipeline, canal or other similar form of linear development or barrier over 300m in length.	
2. Construction of a bridge or similar structure exceeding 50m in length.	
3. Any development or activity that will change the character of a site-	
a) exceeding 5 000m ² in extent	X
b) involving three or more existing erven or subdivisions thereof	
c) involving three or more erven or divisions thereof which have been consolidated within the past five years	
4. Rezoning of a site exceeding 10 000m ²	X
5. Other (state):	

6. Additional Infrastructure Required for this Development

- Construction of packhouse and offices to an extent of 12 000 m²
- Construction of a staff facility to an extent of 1 300 m²
- Construction of internal access roads (6 m wide max.) and a concrete apron around buildings



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7. Mapping - Please see Appendices 3 and 4 for legend keys and methodology.

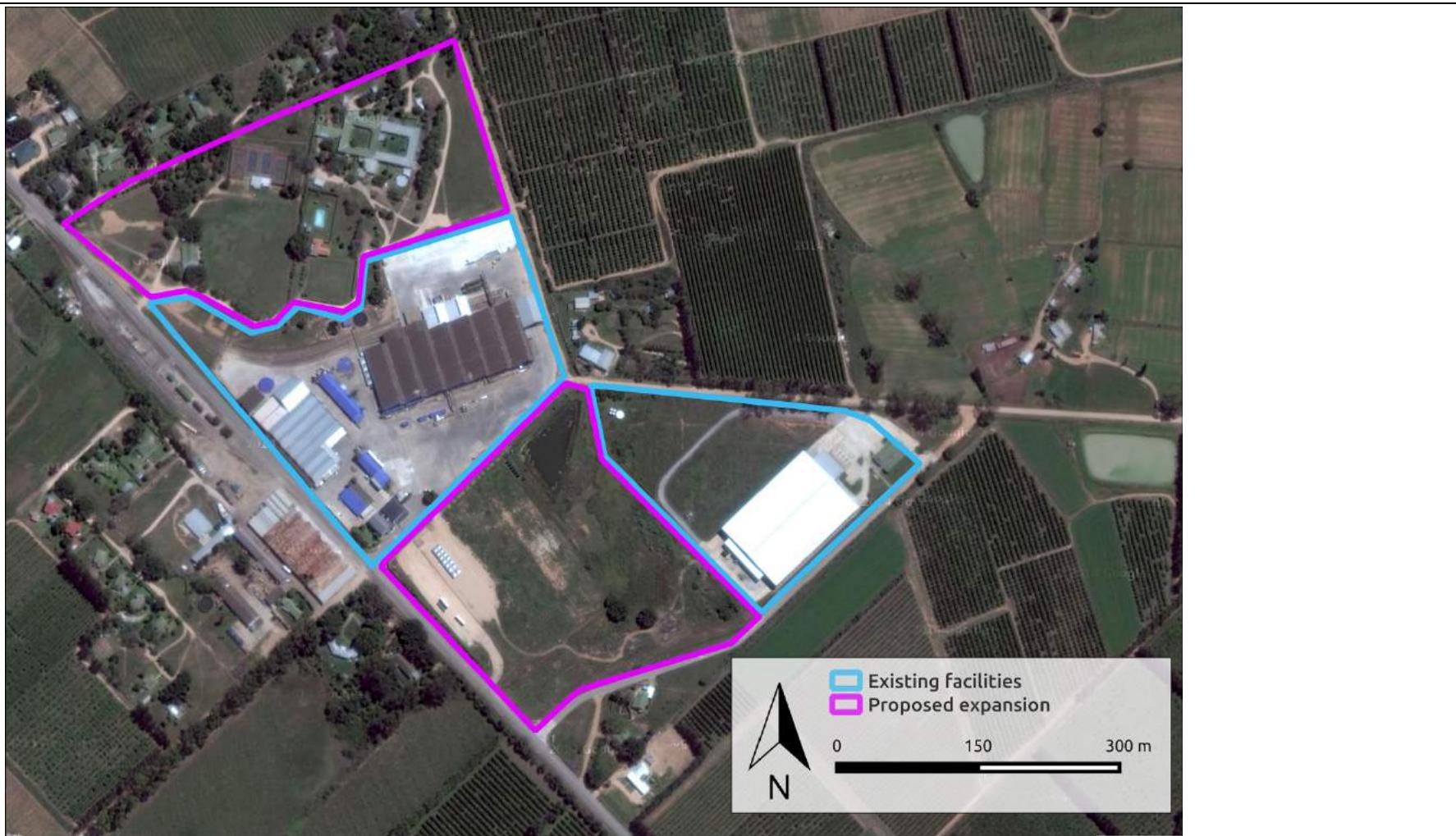
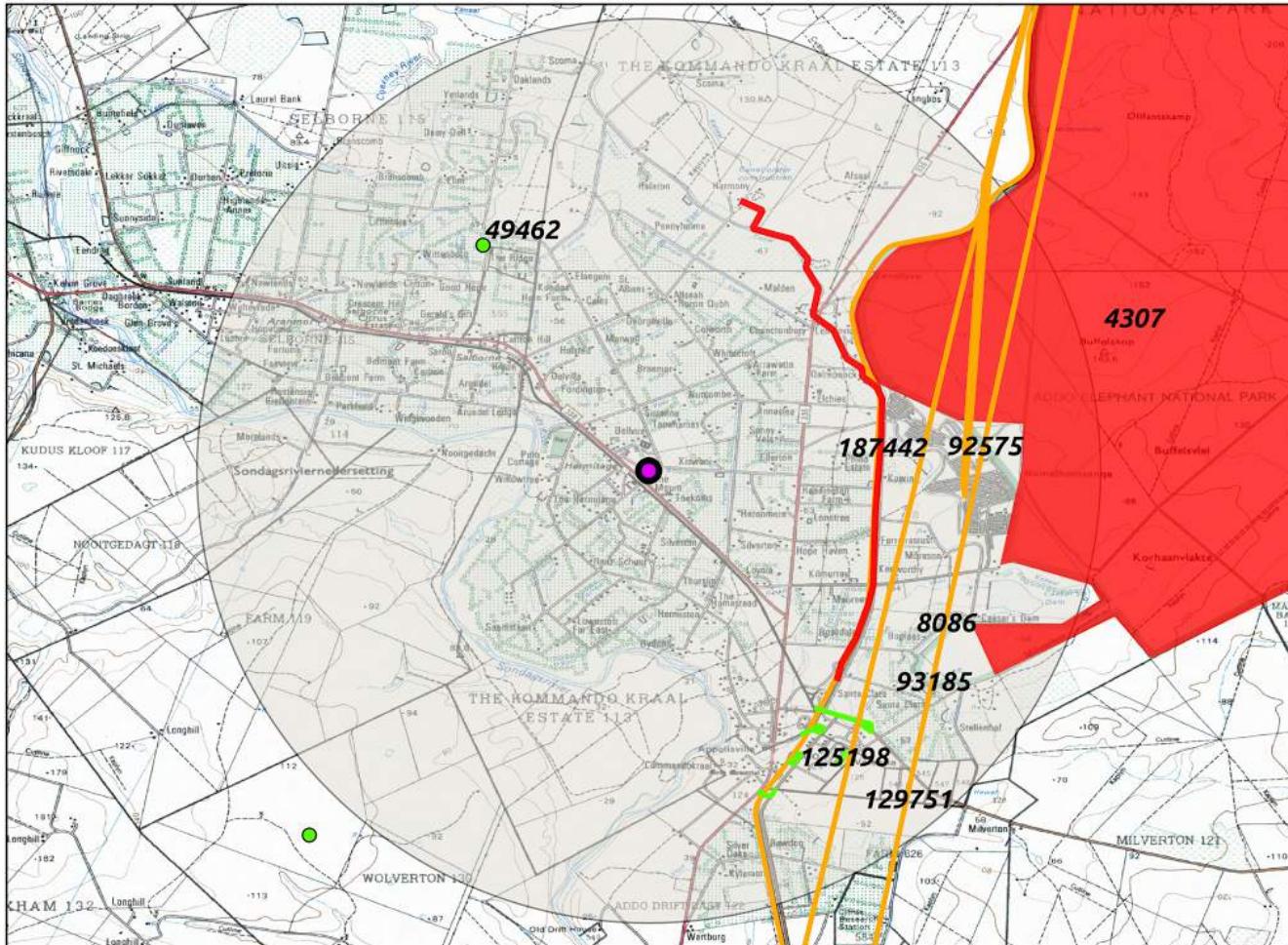


Figure 1b. Overview Map. Satellite image with proposed development indicated.



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Legend

- Proposed development
- Inclusion Zone 5km

Previous assessments

- High coverage
- Medium coverage
- Low coverage

0 2.5 5 km

Figure 2a. HIAs Map. Previous Heritage Impact Assessments done in and near the proposed development area (PIAs excluded) with SAHRIS NID labels indicated.

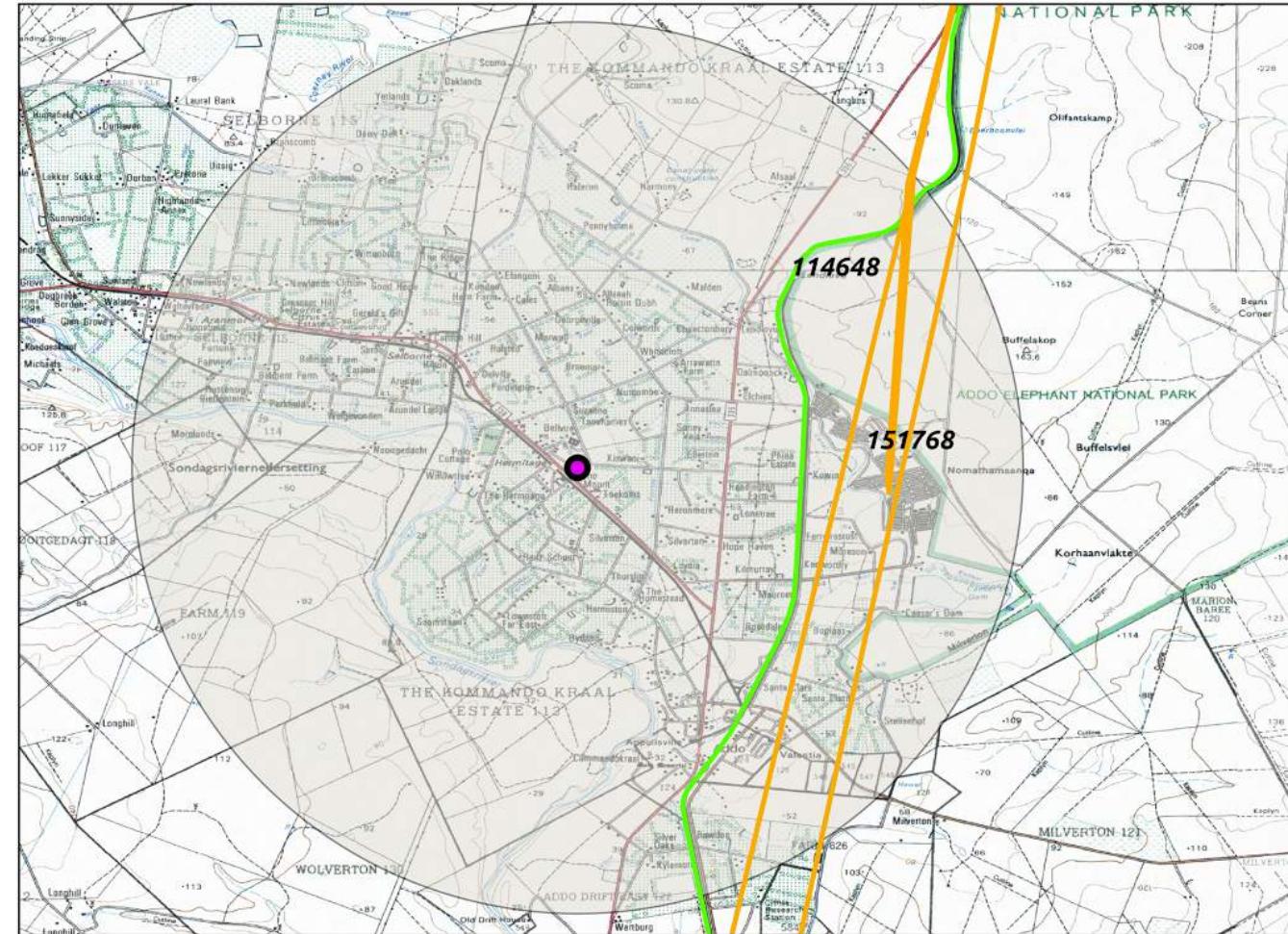
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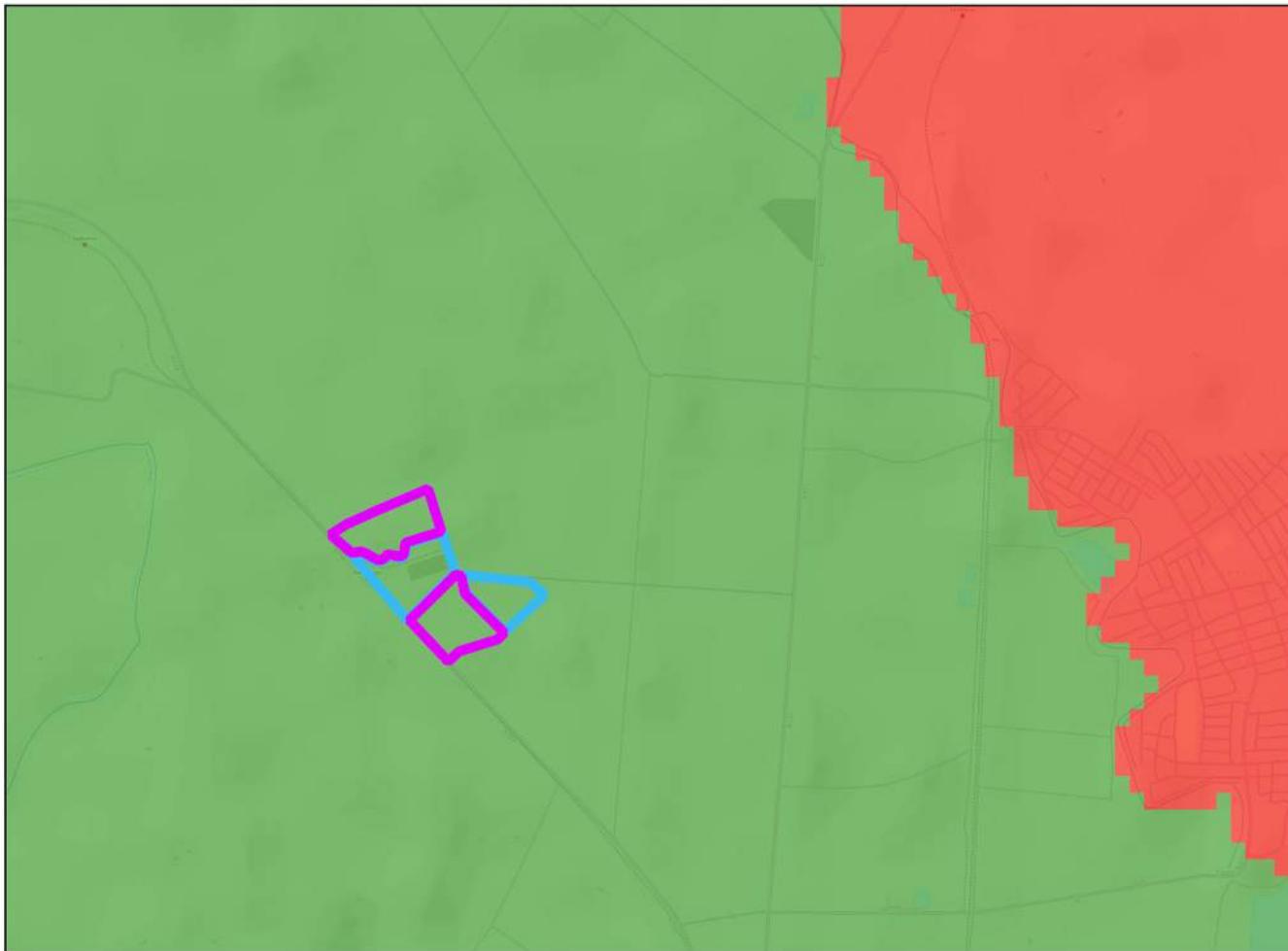
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Figure 2b. HIAs Map. Close-up of previous surveys (PIAs excluded) with SAHRIS NID labels indicated.



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Legend

- Existing facilities
- Proposed expansion

Palaeontological sensitivity

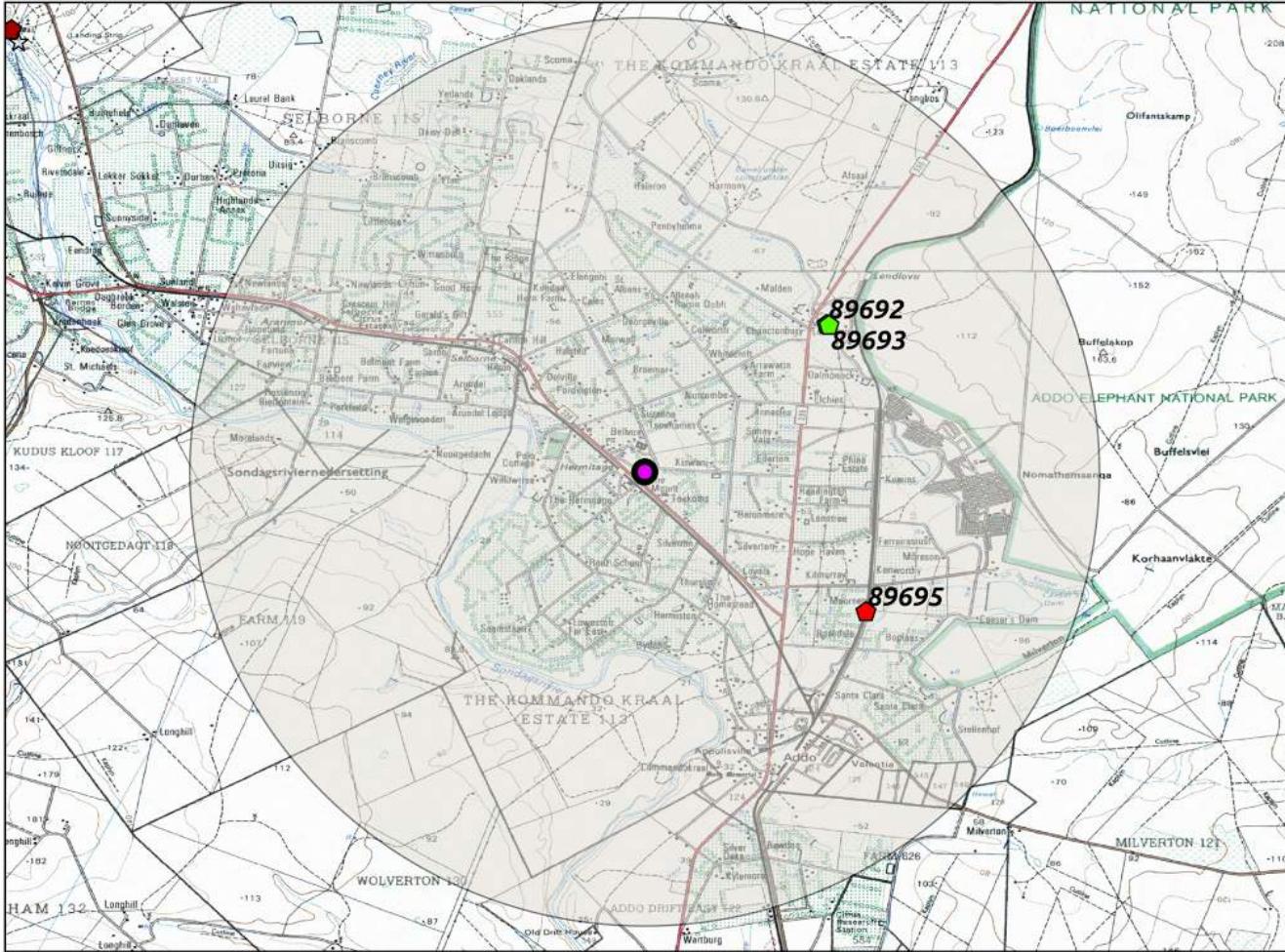
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| RED | Very high |
| GREEN | Moderate |

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Figure 3a. Palaeo Map. Palaeosensitivity of the study area. See Appendix 3 for full guide to the legend.



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Legend

- Proposed development
- Inclusion Zone 5km

Heritage resources

Type

- ◊ Structures, Monuments & Memorials

Grading

- | | |
|-------|------|
| RED | IIIa |
| GREEN | IIIc |



0 2.5 5 km

Figure 4. Heritage Resources Map. Heritage resources previously identified in and near the study area, with SAHRIS Site IDs indicated.



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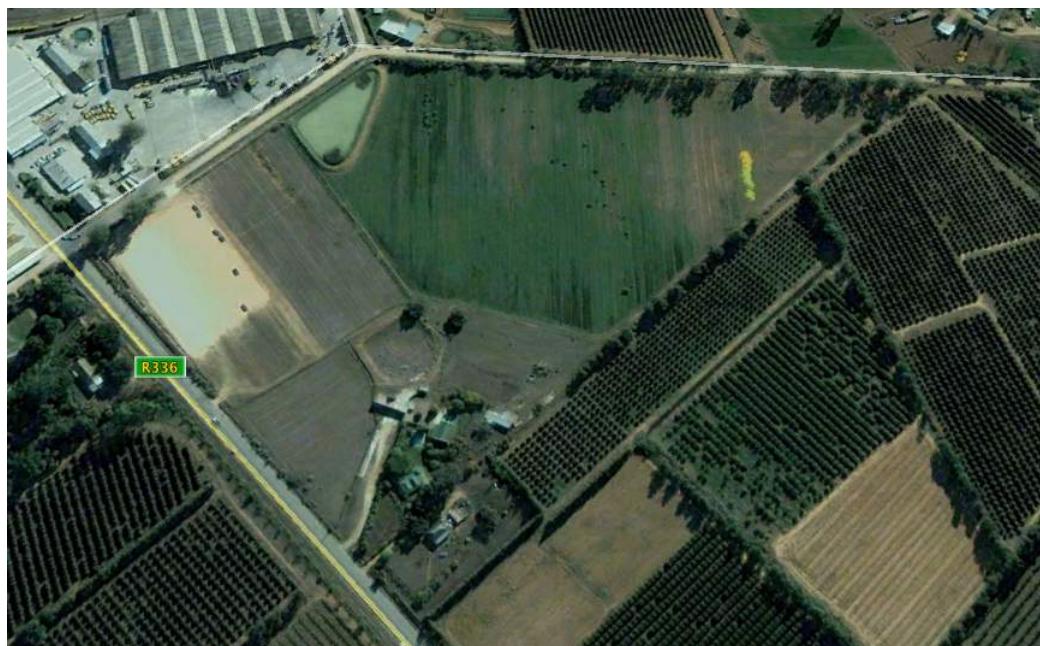


Figure 4d. Google Earth historical satellite image (2002) -

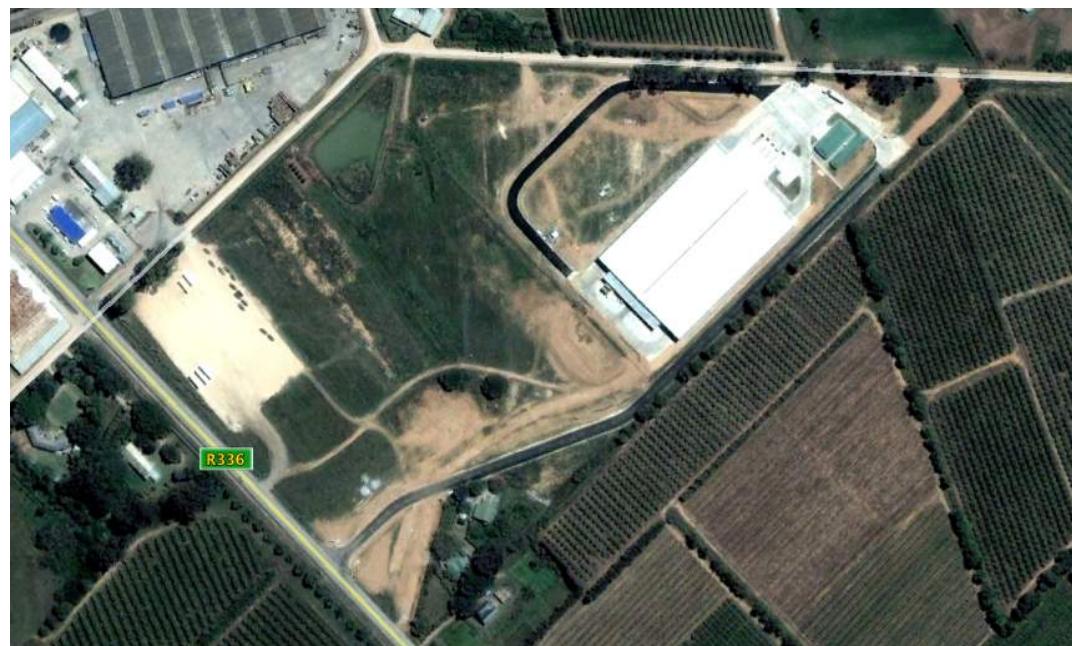


Figure 4e. Google Earth historical satellite image (2009) -



8. Heritage statement and character of the area

Sundays River Citrus Company (Pty) Ltd (SRCC) is a citrus packing and marketing company established in 1924. Three packhouses are currently in place, namely the Kirkwood packhouse, the Summerville packhouse and the Hermitage packhouse. SRCC is proposing to expand facilities at their Hermitage packhouses, including the citrus packing and cold storage facility. CTS assessed the area in terms of heritage within a 5 km inclusion zone.

Several previous heritage assessments have been conducted in the surrounding area of the proposed development, including four Heritage Impact Assessments (HIAs) and three Archaeological Impact Assessments (AIAs). The first of these was conducted in 2003 (Webley 2003), and the most recent by Gaigher in 2013. The heritage resources recorded during these seven previous assessments are mostly located outside of the inclusion zone and therefore quite far away from the proposed development, and none of them will be impacted by this expansion. The three heritage resources located within 5 km of the proposed area of expansion consist of two buildings of low local significance (Grade IIIC) and a memorial wreath recorded near Langbos which is of high local significance (Grade IIIA) - however this site will not be impacted at all.

The two areas proposed for development are disturbed already transformed by farming activities. There are existing buildings in place on the portion designated for the expansion of packing facilities and adjacent to farm land. The portion designated for the expansion of the cold storage facility consists of open land, a dam and a gravel parking lot. It is highly unlikely that any significant Stone Age heritage resources would be present in such an area. There are no informal houses directly near the proposed development and the farm is highly formalised. Any graves in the direct vicinity are most likely contained within a formal graveyard, and no graveyards have been identified within the impacted area. **No further archaeological assessments are therefore necessary at this proposed area of development.**

In terms of palaeontology, the area is underlain by Alluvium which appear to be of moderate fossil sensitivity according to the SAHRIS palaeo-map (Figure 3.), and are bordered by the Sunday's River Formation in the east, and Kudu's Kloof Formation in the west. According to the palaeotechnical report of the Eastern Cape (Almond, Klerk, Gess 2009), when Alluvial deposits within the Kudu's Kloof Formation are generally of high fossil sensitivity, and this palaeotechnical report recommends that a desktop and scoping study may be necessary. However, Almond (2011) states that this is Quaternary superficial sediment (e.g. river alluvium, alluvial fans) of low palaeontological sensitivity. Unfortunately the two Palaeontological Impact Assessments (PIAs) that were conducted in the nearby vicinity by Almond (2012, 2013) do not mention the alluvial deposits of this region. **It is therefore recommended that a palaeo Chance Finds Procedure be included in the Environmental Management Programme.** The implementation of this procedure will ensure that no negative impact will occur on fossils possibly found in the alluvium during excavation and trenching.



APPENDIX 1 - Site Lists

List of sites within 5km inclusion zone and outside proposed development area

Site ID	Site no	Full Site Name	Site Type	Grading
89695	LGBW007	Langbos Bulk Water Supply Services 007	Monuments & Memorials	Grade IIIa
89692	LGBW004	Langbos Bulk Water Supply Services 004	Building	Grade IIIC
89693	LGBW005	Langbos Bulk Water Supply Services 005	Building	Grade IIIC

APPENDIX 2 - Reference List

Nid	Report Type	Author/s	Date	Title
4307	AIA	Lita Webley	11/6/2003	Addo Elephant National Park: Upgrading of Existing Tourist Road Network and Construction of Southern Access Road near Colchester - Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment
8086	AIA	Johan Nel	14/11/2008	Final Report Heritage Resources Scoping Survey & Preliminary Assessment Transnet Freight Line EIA, Eastern Cape and Northern Cape
49462	AIA	Karen Van Ryneveld	6/4/2012	Utilization Of Existing Gravel Borrow Pits, Cacadu District, Eastern Cape, South Africa
92575	HIA	Elize Becker	10/10/2012	Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment Kimberley to De Aar
93185	HIA	Elize Becker	1/11/2012	Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment Hotazel to Kimberley and De Aar to Port Ngqura
129751	HIA	Elize Becker	20/02/2013	Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment Hotazel to Kimberley and De Aar to Port of Ngqura
125198	HIA	Stephan Gaigher	1/7/2013	Heritage Impact Assessment For The Proposed Upgrading Of Stormwater Infrastructure In Valencia, Addo, Sundays River Valley municipality, Eastern Cape Province
187442	HIA	Celeste Booth	1/11/2014	A Letter of Recommendation (with conditions) for the exemption of a full phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment for the proposed Langbos bulk water supply service and waste water service pipelines, Sunday's River Valley Municipality, Cacadu District Municipality, Eastern Cape Province
114648	PIA	John E Almond	1/9/2012	Palaeontological specialist assessment: desktop study
151768	PIA	John E Almond	1/11/2013	Palaeontological specialist assessment: combined desktop and field-based study: Proposed 16 Mtpa Expansion Of Transnet's Existing



APPENDIX 3 - Keys/Guides

Key/Guide to Acronyms

AIA	Archaeological Impact Assessment
DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs
DEDEA	Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism
DMR	Department of Mineral Resources
HIA	Heritage Impact Assessment
HWC	Heritage Western Cape
MPRDA	Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, no 28 of 2002
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998
NHRA	National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999
PIA	Palaeontological Impact Assessment
SAHRA	South African Heritage Resources Agency
SAHRIS	South African Heritage Resources Information System
VIA	Visual Impact Assessment

Full guide to Palaeosensitivity Map legend

RED:	VERY HIGH - field assessment and protocol for finds is required
ORANGE/YELLOW:	HIGH - desktop study is required and based on the outcome of the desktop study, a field assessment is likely
GREEN:	MODERATE - desktop study is required
BLUE/PURPLE:	LOW - no palaeontological studies are required however a protocol for chance finds is required
GREY:	INSIGNIFICANT/ZERO - no palaeontological studies are required
WHITE/CLEAR:	UNKNOWN - these areas will require a minimum of a desktop study.



APPENDIX 4 - Methodology

The Heritage Screener summarises the heritage impact assessments and studies previously undertaken within the area of the proposed development and its surroundings. Heritage resources identified in these reports are assessed by our team during the screening process.

The heritage resources will be described both in terms of **type**:

- Group 1: Archaeological, Underwater, Palaeontological and Geological sites, Meteorites, and Battlefields
- Group 2: Structures, Monuments and Memorials
- Group 3: Burial Grounds and Graves, Living Heritage, Sacred and Natural sites
- Group 4: Cultural Landscapes, Conservation Areas and Scenic routes

and **significance** (Grade I, II, IIIa, b or c, ungraded), as determined by the author of the original heritage impact assessment report or by formal grading and/or protection by the heritage authorities.

Grading of heritage sites which form part of the national estate is defined in s. 7 of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA) as:

(a) **Grade I:** *Heritage resources with qualities so exceptional that they are of special national significance;* Examples of these sites are Mapungubwe Cultural Landscape, The Parliament of South Africa, Sarah Baartman Burial Site, Robert Sobukwe's grave, Lake Fundudzi, Voortrekker Monument, Union Buildings.

(b) **Grade II:** *Heritage resources which, although forming part of the national estate, can be considered to have special qualities which make them significant within the context of a province or a region;* they are normally declared Provincial Heritage Sites under s. 27 of the NHRA after the competent Provincial Heritage Resources Authority has established their significance. Many of the current Provincial Heritage Sites were declared National Monument under the previous heritage legislation and their status was changed to Provincial Heritage Sites when the National Heritage Resources Act was proclaimed in 1999. Amongst these sites, Mapoch's Caves in Limpopo, Umhlatuzana Rock Shelter in KwaZulu Natal, Van der Stel's Copper Mine in the Northern Cape, the old Cemetery in Grahamstown, Eastern Cape and Baboon Point, in the Western Cape.

(c) **Grade III:** *Other heritage resources worthy of conservation, and which prescribes heritage resources assessment criteria, consistent with the criteria set out in section 3(3), which must be used by a heritage resources authority or a local authority to assess the intrinsic, comparative and contextual significance of a heritage resource and the relative benefits and costs of its protection, so that the appropriate level of grading of the resource and the consequent responsibility for its management may be allocated (...).*

The following sub-categories are currently in use for Grade III::

Grade IIIa sites are sites of such a high local significance that should be protected and retained. These sites should be included in the heritage register of each province as defined in s. 30 of the NHRA and should not be impacted upon. In the instance of buildings, any alteration must be regulated. Because of their nature, all human remains are considered of high significance. While relocation of graves is common practice, this should always be considered as the last option. Examples of these sites are all graves and burial grounds which have not been graded I or II, Peers Cave in Western Cape,



Grade IIIb sites are resources of medium local significance. They should preferably be retained where possible, but where not possible the site must be fully investigated and/or mitigated. After mitigation they may be impacted upon.

Grade IIIc sites are of low local significance. These resources must be satisfactorily studied before destruction. In many instances the recording and description of the site undertaken at the heritage impact assessment level is sufficient and further recording or mitigation may not be required. These sites include for instance small knapping sites which have been sufficiently recorded at the archaeological impact assessment level, palaeontological fossils of low significance which do not require recovery. In the case of the built environment, IIIc structures will only require protection and regulation if the significance of the environs in which they are located is sufficient to warrant protective measures.

The heritage specialist in the field should suggest a grading for the site, but it will then need to be ratified and accepted by the competent heritage authority.

DETERMINATION OF THE EXTENT OF THE INCLUSION ZONE TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION

The extent of the inclusion zone to be considered for the Heritage Screener will be determined by CTS based on:

- the size of the development,
- the number and outcome of previous surveys existing in the area
- the potential cumulative impact of the application.

The inclusion zone will be considered as the region within a maximum distance of 50 km from the boundary of the proposed development.

DETERMINATION OF THE PALAEONTOLOGICAL SENSITIVITY

The possible impact of the proposed development on palaeontological resources is gauged by:

- reviewing the fossil sensitivity maps available on the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS)
- considering the nature of the proposed development
- when available, taking information provided by the applicant related to the geological background of the area into account

DETERMINATION OF THE COVERAGE RATING ASCRIBED TO A REPORT POLYGON

Each report assessed for the compilation of the Heritage Screener is colour-coded according to the level of coverage accomplished. The extent of the surveyed coverage is labeled in three categories, namely low, medium and high. In most instances the extent of the map corresponds to the extent of the development for which the specific report was undertaken.

Low coverage will be used for:

- desktop studies where no field assessment of the area was undertaken;
- reports where the sites are listed and described but no GPS coordinates were provided.



- older reports with GPS coordinates with low accuracy ratings;
- reports where the entire property was mapped, but only a small/limited area was surveyed.
- uploads on the National Inventory which are not properly mapped.

Medium coverage will be used for

- reports for which a field survey was undertaken but the area was not extensively covered. This may apply to instances where some impediments did not allow for full coverage such as thick vegetation, etc.
- reports for which the entire property was mapped, but only a specific area was surveyed thoroughly. This is differentiated from low ratings listed above when these surveys cover up to around 50% of the property.

High coverage will be used for

- reports where the area highlighted in the map was extensively surveyed as shown by the GPS track coordinates. This category will also apply to permit reports.

RECOMMENDATION GUIDE

The Heritage Screener includes a set of recommendations to the applicant based on whether an impact on heritage resources is anticipated. One of three possible recommendations is formulated:

(1) The heritage resources in the area proposed for development are sufficiently recorded - The surveys undertaken in the area adequately captured the heritage resources. There are no known sites which require mitigation or management plans. No further heritage work is recommended for the proposed development.

This recommendation is made when:

- enough work has been undertaken in the area
- it is the professional opinion of CTS that the area has already been assessed adequately from a heritage perspective for the type of development proposed

(2) The heritage resources and the area proposed for development are only partially recorded - The surveys undertaken in the area have not adequately captured the heritage resources and/or there are sites which require mitigation or management plans. Further specific heritage work is recommended for the proposed development.

This recommendation is made in instances in which there are already some studies undertaken in the area and/or in the adjacent area for the proposed development. Further studies in a limited HIA may include:

- improvement on some components of the heritage assessments already undertaken, for instance with a renewed field survey and/or with a specific specialist for the type of heritage resources expected in the area
- compilation of a report for a component of a heritage impact assessment not already undertaken in the area
- undertaking mitigation measures requested in previous assessments/records of decision.



(3) The heritage resources within the area proposed for the development have not been adequately surveyed yet - Few or no surveys have been undertaken in the area proposed for development. A full Heritage Impact Assessment with a detailed field component is recommended for the proposed development.

Note:

The responsibility for generating a response detailing the requirements for the development lies with the heritage authority. However, since the methodology utilised for the compilation of the Heritage Screeners is thorough and consistent, contradictory outcomes to the recommendations made by CTS should rarely occur. Should a discrepancy arise, CTS will immediately take up the matter with the heritage authority to clarify the dispute.

The compilation of the Heritage Screener will not include any field assessment. The Heritage Screener will be submitted to the applicant within 24 hours from receipt of full payment. **If the 24-hour deadline is not met by CTS, the applicant will be refunded in full.**