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# Addendum to the Heritage Impact Assessment Report for;

The Proposed Residential Development at the  
farm Cooyong Portion 2 near Heanertsburg,  
Limpopo Province.

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# Credit Sheet

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# Management Summary

**Site name and location:** Proposed development and establishment of a Residential Development on the farm Cooyong Portion 2 near Heanertsburg, Limpopo Province.

**Magisterial district:** Capricorn District Municipality

**Developer:** Sabie Gorge Nr 4, Limpopo Province

**Consultant:** AINP, PO Box 7296, Thohoyandou, 0950, South Africa

**Date development was mooted:** January 2007

**Date of Report:** 06 June 2007

**Proposed date of commencement of development:** August 2007

**Findings:** Provided the recommendations regarding the historic building on the site are followed the project can continue from a heritage management point of view.



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## Heritage Impact Assessment

Proposed development of a residential development on the farm Cooyong Portion 2 near Heanertsburg, Limpopo Province.

### Introduction

Archaeo-Info Northern Province (AINP) was contracted by Polygon Environmental Planners to conduct a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) on a proposed residential development on the farm Cooyong Portion 2 near Heanertsburg, Limpopo Province.

This HIA forms part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as required by the Environmental Conservation Act (ECA) 73 of 1989, the Minerals & Petroleum Resources Development Act, 28 of 2002 and the Development Facilitation Act (DFA), 67 of 1995. The HIA is performed in accordance with section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), 25 of 1999 and is intended for submission to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA).

Qualified personnel from AINP conducted the assessment. The team comprised a Principal Investigator with a minimum of an Honours degree in an applicable science as well as at least five years of field experience in heritage management assisted by a fieldworker with at least a BA degree in an applicable science. All of our employees are also registered members of the Association of South African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA).

A member of AINP performed the assessment on 05 June 2007.

The extent of the proposed development sites were determined as well as the extent of the areas to be affected by secondary activities (access route, construction camp, etc.) during the development. The sites were plotted using a Global Positioning System (GPS) and photographed digitally. The sites were surveyed on foot and by vehicle.

During the fieldwork on the project a historic structure was noted on the western side of the proposed development. During interviews with inhabitants of the property the investigator was informed that the building would not fall within the proposed development. Subsequent correspondence with the client however indicated that the structure would indeed fall within the boundaries of the proposed development. This addendum to the original HIA report will evaluate the significance of the structure as well as give recommendations on its mitigation. The addendum and the original report should be seen as a single document.

The process of evaluation and mitigation is discussed in detail in the original heritage report and will not be copied here.



## Resource Inventory

This section will contain the results of the heritage site inventory. Any identified sites will be indicated on the accompanying map plotted using the ArchView Geographic Information System (GIS).

### Cooyong Portion 2 Development

CRD 001.

Site Coordinates:       23° 56' 20.8" S  
                                  29° 56' 13.1" E

This site consists of one dilapidated occupational structure. The building has several rooms and is built in the early-colonial, western style. It is constructed from clay bricks and where left intact the roof is constructed from corrugated iron sheets. A concrete floor serves the structure. Several of the walls are also formed out of combinations of bricks, concrete and corrugated iron sheets.

## Resource Evaluation

### Cooyong Portion 2 Development

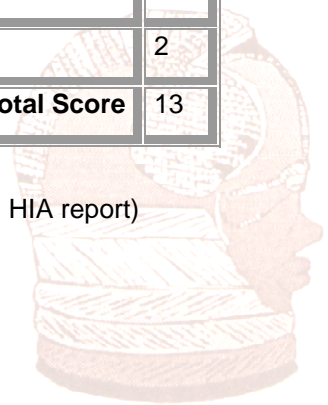
CRD 001.

The building is obviously from the post-contact phase and shows strong colonial and western influences in its design and construction. The building style, using corrugated metal sheets as walling material, dates from the era between 1900-1960 where after this type of construction was less often found in formal designs. Interviews with local inhabitants indicated that the structure functioned as a general store until the early 1960's (no specific date was given). Where after it served subsequently as accommodation and storage and finally fell into disrepair sometime during the 1980's. No dates could be found on the building itself to corroborate the statements of the local inhabitants, although the building style and materials used is in line with the oral history of the structure. It is certain that the structure dates from at least the 1950's although it is probably much older.

Site significance characteristics slide scale (Post-Contact Criteria)	
Scientific Significance	2
Historic Significance	3
Public Significance	3
Other Significance	2
Ethnic Significance	1
Economic Significance	2
<b>Total Score</b>	<b>13</b>

Post-contact evaluation criteria

**Resource Significance score: 13 = High degree of significance** (see tables in original HIA report)



# Impact Identification and Assessment

## Cooyong Portion 2 Development

CRD 001.

Should the site that is occupied by this structure be developed as part of the residential development it would suffer total destruction.

Impact Effect	Score
Magnitude	4
Severity	4
Duration	4
Range	2
Frequency	1
Diversity	4
Cumulative effect	4
Rate of change	4
Total score:	27

Impact Assessment Criteria

**Degree of Impact on Site: Total destruction of the site and its attributes**

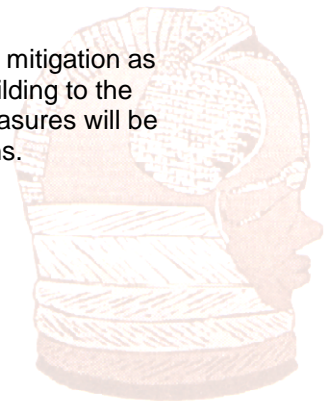
# Resource Management Recommendations

## Cooyong Portion 2 Development

CRD 001.

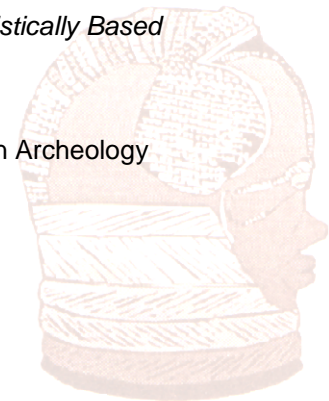
The following recommendations are given for the mitigation of the site identified at CRD 001.;

- The structures should be subjected to a second phase of investigation both physical and archival, to determine its true age and history.
- It is recommended that the designers try and incorporate the structure within the development as a focal point for the *Genius Loci* of the development.
- The building should undergo restoration based on the regulation supplied by SAHRA Limpopo as well as SAHRA National offices. As this is potentially a listed structure there will also be limitations on the activities allowed within.
- Should none of the above be possible, the structure will undergo a third phase of mitigation as determined by SAHRA. This could entail anything from basic surveying of the building to the relocation of the whole structure to a safe area. The extent of such mitigative measures will be determined by the relevant SAHRA official during the second phase investigations.



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# APPENDIX A

## PHOTOGRAPHS





Photo 1. Historic building at CRD 001.

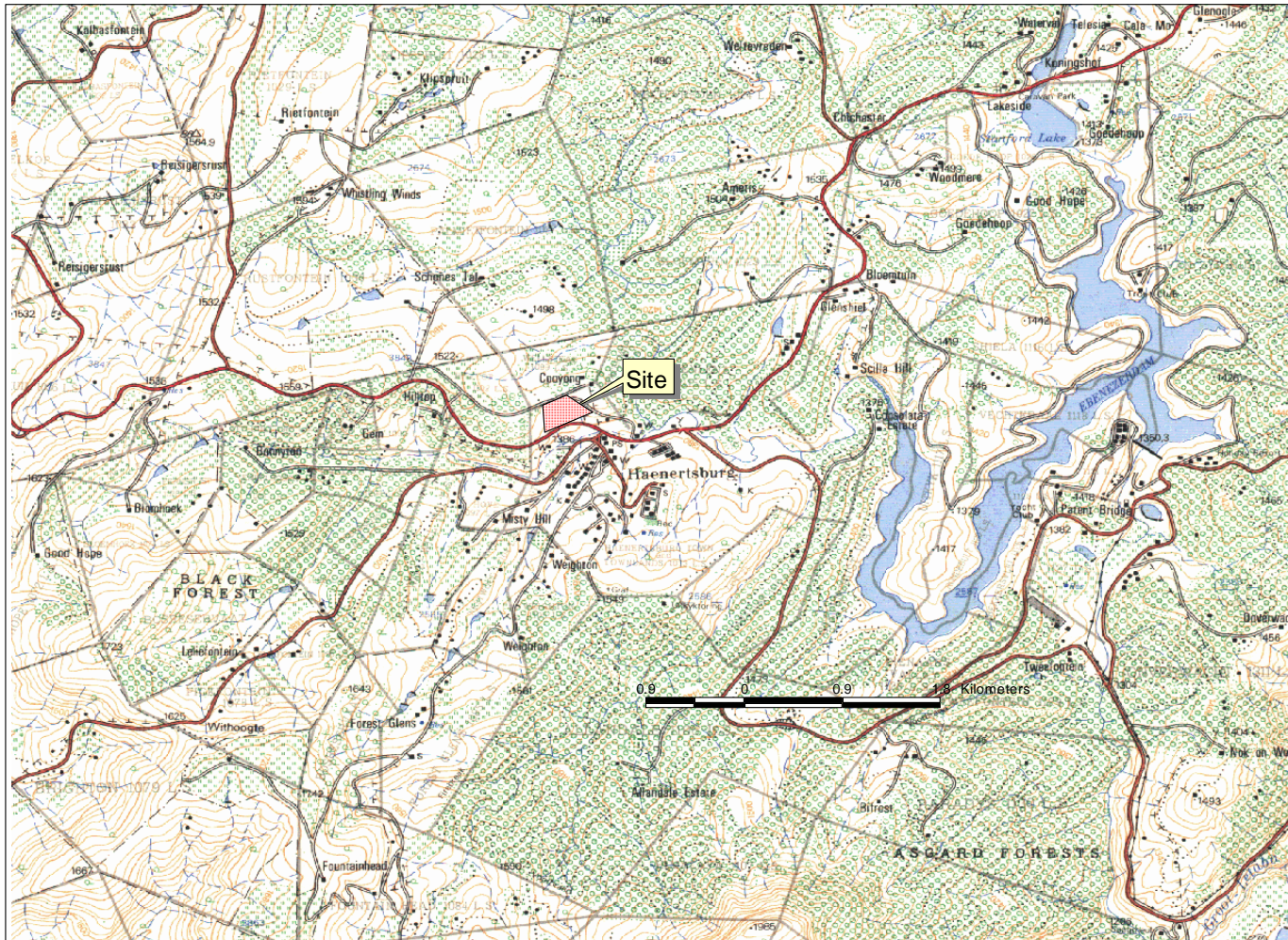


# APPENDIX B

## Location Map



# Cooyong Township



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