Exemption of a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment for the old railway bridge at Nathan Street in Bloemfontein, Free State Province\*.

Site: Old Railway Bridge at Nathan Street, Bloemfontein

Map Ref.: 2926AA Bloemfontein

Site coordinates:

Section 1: 29° 7'9.93"S 26°13'51.26"E Section 2: 29° 7'13.69"S 26°13'49.20"E

Planned development calls for the proposed construction of two off ramps at the old railway bridge at Nathan Street and its revamping to a public and road worthy bridge (**Fig. 1 & 2**). The Heritage Impact Assessment was carried out in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act no 25 of 1999 (NHRA). The structure is not archaeological, is less than 60 years old (built in 1962) and is therefore not considered a historic structure in terms of Section 34 of the NHRA which states that no person may alter or demolish any structure or part of a structure which is older than 60 years without a permit issued by the relevant provincial heritage resources authority.

It is recommended that the proposed development footprint as demarcated in **Fig. 1B** is exempt from a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment.

Yours truly,

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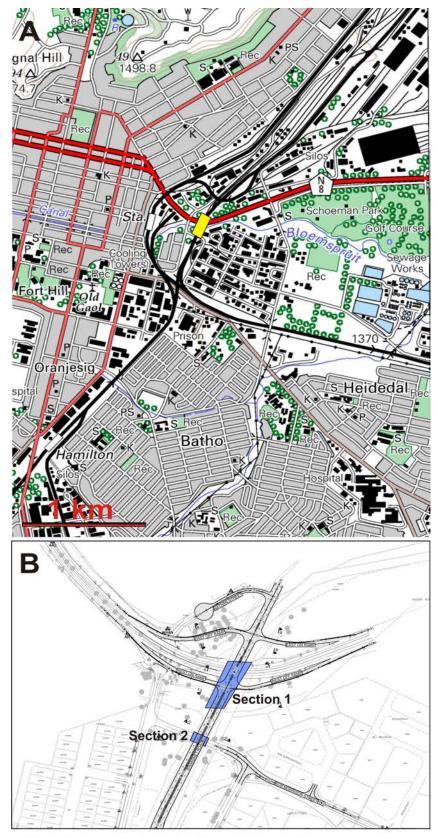


Figure 1. Map of the old railway bridge (yellow rectangle) at Nathan Street (portion of 1:50 000 scale topographic map 2926 AA Bloemfontein) top, and layout of the proposed development footprint marked by blue rectangles (below).

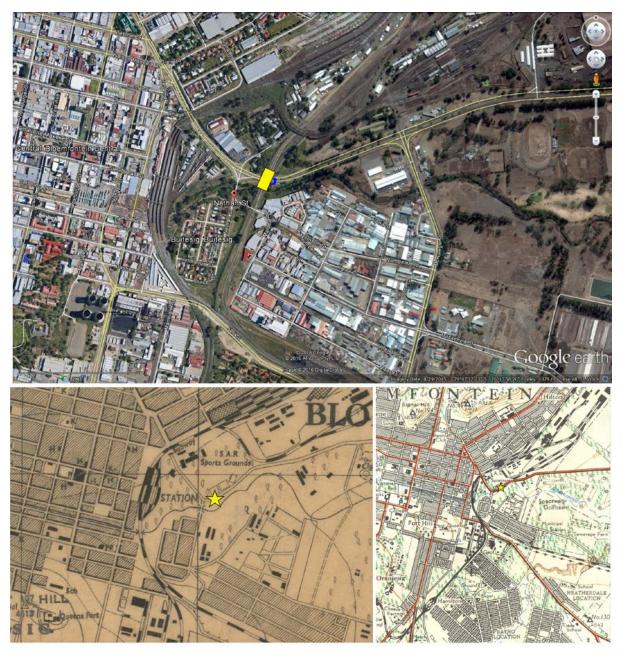


Figure 2. Aerial view of the proposed development footprint (top) and topographic maps c. 1948 (below left) and c. 1951 (below right) of Bloemfontein with the proposed development footprint marked by a yellow star.