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**PHASE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HERITAGE  
IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE  
PROPOSED MINING PERMIT APPLICATION  
ON PORTION OF PORTION 2 OF THE FARM  
COUWENBURG 300 IR UNDER THE  
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF VICTOR  
KHANYE, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.**

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## DOCUMENT SYNOPSIS (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY)

Item	Description
Proposed development and location	Proposed Mining Permit Application on Portion 2 of the Farm Couwenburg 300 IR located within the Victor Khanye Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province
Purpose of the study	The Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment for the Mining Permit Application in Mpumalanga Province
Coordinates	See Figure 2
Municipalities	Victor Khanye Local Municipality, Nkangala District Municipality
Predominant land use of surrounding area	Agriculture and commercial
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This report serves to inform and guide the applicant and contractors about the possible impacts that the proposed mining may have on heritage resources (if any) located in the study area. In the same light, the document must also inform South African heritage authorities (SAHRA) about the presence, absence and significance of heritage resources located within the Portion 2 of the Farm Couwenburg 300 IR located within the Victor Khanye Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province earmarked for coal mining. This report is submitted in terms of Section 38 (8) of the National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999 as part of the Mining Permit Application. The purpose of this study is to identify, record and if necessary, salvage the irreplaceable heritage resources that may be impacted upon by the proposed mining activities. In compliance with these laws, Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd on behalf of Matshambane Trading CC engaged Integrated Specialist Services (Pty) Ltd to conduct a Phase 1 Archaeological and Heritage Impact Assessment (AIA/HIA) for the proposed Mining Permit Application on Portion 2 of the Farm Couwenburg 300 IR in the Mpumalanga Province. Desktop studies, drive-throughs and fieldwalking were conducted in order to identify heritage landmarks within the Mining Permit Application site. The study site is not on pristine ground, having seen significant transformations owing previous and current land use activities. The general mining area is known for occurrence of archaeological and historical sites. In terms of the built environment there are no buildings or structures within the site. It should be noted that archaeological material and unmarked graves exist and when encountered during mining, work must be stopped forthwith, and the finds must be reported to the South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA) or the heritage practitioner. This report must be submitted to the SAHRA for review in terms of Section 38 (4) of the NHRA.

The report makes the following observations:

- The findings of this report have been informed by desktop data review, field survey and impact assessment reporting which include recommendations to guide heritage authorities in making decisions with regards to the proposed mining.
- Most sections of the proposed coal mining site are accessible; the field survey was effective enough to cover significant sections of the project receiving environs.
- The immediate project area is predominantly commercial agriculture.
- Some sections of the proposed Mining Permit site are severely degraded from previous and current agriculture activities.

The report sets out the potential impacts of the proposed mining on heritage matters and recommends appropriate safeguard and mitigation measures that are designed to reduce the impacts where appropriate.

The Report makes the following recommendations:

1. It is recommended that SAHRA endorse the report as having satisfied the requirements of Section 38 (8) of the NHRA requirements
2. It is recommended that SAHRA make a decision in terms of Section 38 (4) of the NHRA to approve the proposed Mining Permit Application without any further investigation and mitigation.
3. From a heritage perspective supported by the findings of this study, the Mining Permit Application is supported. However, the Mining Permit Application should be approved under observation that mining does not extend beyond the area considered in this report/affect the identified heritage sites.
4. Should chance archaeological materials or human remains be exposed during mining on any section of the site, work should cease on the affected area and the discovery must be reported to the heritage authorities immediately so that an investigation and evaluation of the finds can be made. The overriding objective, where remedial action is warranted, is to minimize disruption in mining scheduling while recovering archaeological and any affected cultural heritage data as stipulated by the NHRA regulations.
5. Subject to the recommendations herein made and the implementation of the mitigation measures and adoption of the project EMP, there are no significant cultural heritage resources barriers to the proposed Mining Permit Application. The Heritage authority may approve the Mining Permit Application as planned with special commendations to implement the recommendations here in made.

This report concludes that the impacts of the proposed mining on the cultural environmental values are not likely to be significant on the entire site if the EMP includes recommended safeguard and mitigation measures identified in this report.

## NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THIS REPORT

This is a specialist report' and is compiled in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014.

## DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

In terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act of 1998 specialists involved in Impact Assessment processes must declare their independence.

I, **Trust Mlilo**, do hereby declare that I am financially and otherwise independent of the client and their consultants, and that all opinions expressed in this document are substantially my own, notwithstanding the fact that I have received fair remuneration from the client for preparation of this report.

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**Authorship:** This AIA/HIA Report has been prepared by Mr Trust Mlilo (Professional Archaeologist). The report is for the review of the Heritage Resources Agency (PHRA).

**Geographic Co-ordinate Information:** Geographic co-ordinates in this report were obtained using a hand-held Garmin Global Positioning System device. The manufacturer states that these devices are accurate to within +/- 5 m.

**Maps:** Maps included in this report use data extracted from the NTS Map and Google Earth Pro.

**Disclaimer:** The Authors are not responsible for omissions and inconsistencies that may result from information not available at the time this report was prepared.

The Archaeological and Heritage Impact Assessment Study was carried out within the context of tangible and intangible cultural heritage resources as defined by the SAHRA Regulations and Guidelines as to the approval of the Mining Permit Application being submitted by Matshambane Trading CC.

Signed by



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## ABBREVIATIONS

<b>AIA</b>	Archaeological Impact Assessment
<b>ASAPA</b>	Association of South African Professional Archaeologists
<b>EIA</b>	Environmental Impact Assessment
<b>EIA</b>	Early Iron Age ( <i>EIA refers to both Environmental Impact Assessment and the Early Iron Age but in both cases the acronym is internationally accepted.</i> )
<b>EIAR</b>	Environmental Impact Assessment Report
<b>ESA</b>	Early Stone Age
<b>GPS</b>	Global Positioning System
<b>HIA</b>	Heritage Impact Assessment
<b>ICOMOS</b>	International Council of Monuments and Sites
<b>LIA</b>	Late Iron Age
<b>LFC</b>	Late Farming Community
<b>LSA</b>	Late Stone Age
<b>MIA</b>	Middle Iron Age
<b>MSA</b>	Middle Stone Age
<b>NEMA</b>	National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998
<b>NHRA</b>	National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999
<b>PHRA</b>	Provincial Heritage Resource Agency
<b>SAHRA</b>	South African Heritage Resources Agency
<b>ToR</b>	Terms of Reference

## KEY CONCEPTS AND TERMS

### Periodization

**Periodization** Archaeologists divide the different cultural epochs according to the dominant material finds for the different time periods. This periodization is usually region-specific, such that the same label can have different dates for different areas. This makes it important to clarify and declare the periodization of the area one is studying. These periods are nothing a little more than convenient time brackets because their terminal and commencement are not absolute and there are several instances of overlap. In the present study, relevant archaeological periods are given below.

Early Stone Age (~ 2.6 million to 250 000 years ago)

Middle Stone Age (~ 250 000 to 40-25 000 years ago)

Later Stone Age (~ 40-25 000, to recently, 100 years ago)

Early Iron Age (~ AD 200 to 1000)

Late Iron Age (~ AD1100-1840)

Historic (~ AD 1840 to 1950, but a Historic building is classified as over 60 years old)

### Definitions

**Definitions** Just like periodization, it is also critical to define key terms employed in this study. Most of these terms derive from South African heritage legislation and its ancillary laws, as well as international regulations and norms of best practice. The following aspects have a direct bearing on the investigation and the resulting report:

**Cultural (heritage) resources** are all non-physical and physical human-made occurrences, and natural features that are associated with human activity. These can be singular or in groups and include significant sites, structures, features, ecofacts and artefacts of importance associated with the history, architecture, or archaeology of human development.

**Cultural significance** is determined by means of aesthetic, historic, scientific, social, or spiritual values for past, present, or future generations.

**Value** is related to concepts such as worth, merit, attraction or appeal, concepts that are associated with the (current) usefulness and condition of a place or an object. Although significance and value are not mutually exclusive, in some cases the place may have a high level of significance but a lower level of value. Often, the evaluation of any feature is based on a combination or balance between the two.

**Isolated finds** are occurrences of artefacts or other remains that are not in-situ or are located apart from archaeological sites. Although these are noted and recorded, but do not usually constitute the core of an impact assessment, unless if they have intrinsic cultural significance and value.

**In-situ** refers to material culture and surrounding deposits in their original location and context, for example an archaeological site that has not been disturbed by farming.

**Archaeological site/materials** are remains or traces of human activity that are in a state of disuse and are in, or on, land and which are older than 100 years, including artefacts, human and hominid remains, and artificial features and structures. According to the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA) (Act No. 25 of 1999), no archaeological artefact, assemblage or settlement (site) and no historical building or structure older than 60 years may be altered, moved or destroyed without the necessary authorisation from the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) or a provincial heritage resources authority.

**Historic material** are remains resulting from human activities, which are younger than 100 years, but no longer in use, including artefacts, human remains and artificial features and structures.

**Chance finds** means archaeological artefacts, features, structures or historical remains accidentally found during development.

**A grave** is a place of interment (variably referred to as burial) and includes the contents, headstone or other marker of such a place, and any other structure on or associated with such place. A grave may occur in isolation or in association with others where upon it is referred to as being situated in a cemetery (contemporary) or burial ground (historic).

**A site** is a distinct spatial cluster of artefacts, structures, organic and environmental remains, as residues of past human activity.

**Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA)** refers to the process of identifying, predicting and assessing the potential positive and negative cultural, social, economic and biophysical impacts of any proposed project which requires authorisation of permission by law, and which may significantly affect the cultural and natural heritage resources. Accordingly, an HIA must include recommendations for appropriate mitigation measures for minimising or

circumventing negative impacts, measures enhancing the positive aspects of the proposal and heritage management and monitoring measures.

**Impact** is the positive or negative effects on human well-being and / or on the environment.

**Mitigation** is the implementation of practical measures to reduce and circumvent adverse impacts or enhance beneficial impacts of an action.

**Mining heritage sites** refer to old, abandoned mining activities, underground or on the surface, which may date from the prehistorical, historical or the relatively recent past.

**Study area** or '**project area**' refers to the area where the developer wants to focus its development activities (refer to plan).

**Phase I studies** refer to surveys using various sources of data and limited field walking in order to establish the presence of all possible types of heritage resources in any given area.

#### Assumptions and disclaimer

The investigation has been influenced by the unpredictability of buried archaeological remains (absence of evidence does not mean evidence of absence) and the difficulty in establishing intangible heritage values. It should be remembered that archaeological deposits (including graves and traces of mining heritage) usually occur below the ground level. Should artefacts or skeletal material be exposed during coal mining activities, such activities should be halted immediately, and a competent heritage practitioner and SAHRA must be notified in order for an investigation and evaluation of the find(s) to take place (see NHRA (Act No. 25 of 1999), Section 36 (6). Recommendations contained in this document do not exempt the applicant from complying with any national, provincial, and municipal legislation or other regulatory requirements, including any protection or management or general provision in terms of the NHRA. Integrated Specialist Services (Pty) Ltd assumes no responsibility for compliance with conditions that may be required by SAHRA in terms of this report.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Integrated Specialist Services (Pty) Ltd was retained by Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd on behalf of Matshambane Trading CC to carry out a Phase 1 AIA/ HIA for the proposed Mining Permit Application on Portion 2 of the Farm Couwenburg 300 IR, in the Victor Khanye Local Municipality in Mpumalanga Province. This study was conducted to fulfil the requirements of Section 38 (8) of the NHRA. The purpose of this heritage study is to identify, assess any heritage resources that may be located within the proposed mining site in order to make recommendations for their appropriate management. To achieve this, we conducted background research of published literature, maps, and databases (desktop studies) which was then followed by ground-truthing by means of drive-through surveys and field walking. Desktop studies revealed that the general project area is rich in Late Iron Age (LIA) and historical sites. It should be noted that while heritage resources may have been located in the entire study area, subsequent developments previous and agriculture, settlements, road and boundary fence lines have either obliterated these materials or reduced them to isolated finds that can only be identifiable as chance finds during mining. The proposed Mining Permit Application may be approved subject to adopting recommendations and mitigation measures proposed in this report. Based on the findings there is no archaeological and heritage reasons why the Proposed Mining Permit Application cannot be approved, taking full cognizance of clear procedures to follow in the event of chance findings.

### 1.1 Terms of Reference (ToR)

The Integrated Specialist Services (Pty) Ltd was requested by Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd to conduct an AIA/HIA study addressing the following issues:

- Archaeological and heritage potential of the proposed coal mining site including any known data on affected areas.
- Provide details on methods of study; potential and recommendations to guide the SAHRA to make an informed decision in respect of authorisation of the Mining Permit Application
- Identify all objects, sites, occurrences and structures of an archaeological or historical nature (cultural heritage sites) located within the project site;
- Assess the significance of the cultural resources in terms of their archaeological, historical, scientific, social, religious, aesthetic and tourism value;
- Describe the possible impact of the proposed mining on these cultural remains, according to a standard set of conventions;

- Propose suitable mitigation measures to minimize possible negative impacts on the cultural resources; and
- Review applicable legislative requirements.

## 1.2 Project Location

The proposed project is situated on a portion of Portion 2 of the Farm Couwenburg 300 IR within the jurisdiction of Victor Khanye Local Municipality under the Nkangala District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. It is located approximately 8.18 km North of Devon and approximately 19.53 km East of Vischkuil. Matshambane Trading CC' mining methodology to be used will be open cast. The application is on Portion 2 of the Farm Couwenburg 300 IR approximately 5 hectares (ha) in extent.

**Table 1: Description of Properties affected by the proposed mining project.**

Farm Name:	Portion 2 of the Farm Couwenburg 300 IR
Application area (Ha)	5Ha
Magisterial district:	Victor Kanye Local Municipality
Distance and direction from nearest town	Approximately 8.18 km North of Devon and approximately 19.53 km East of Vischkuil.



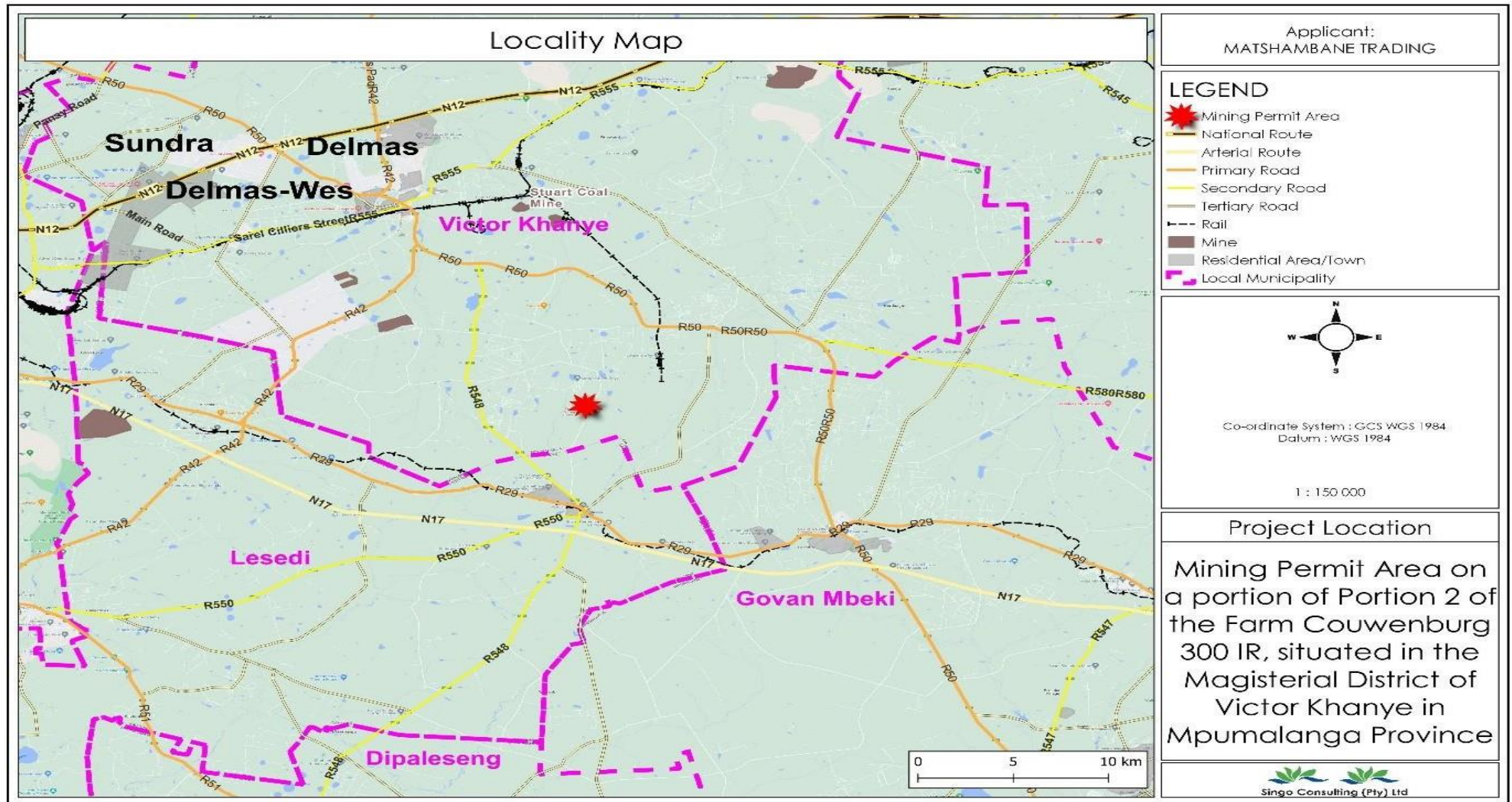


Figure 1: Location of the proposed project site (Singa Consulting, 2022)

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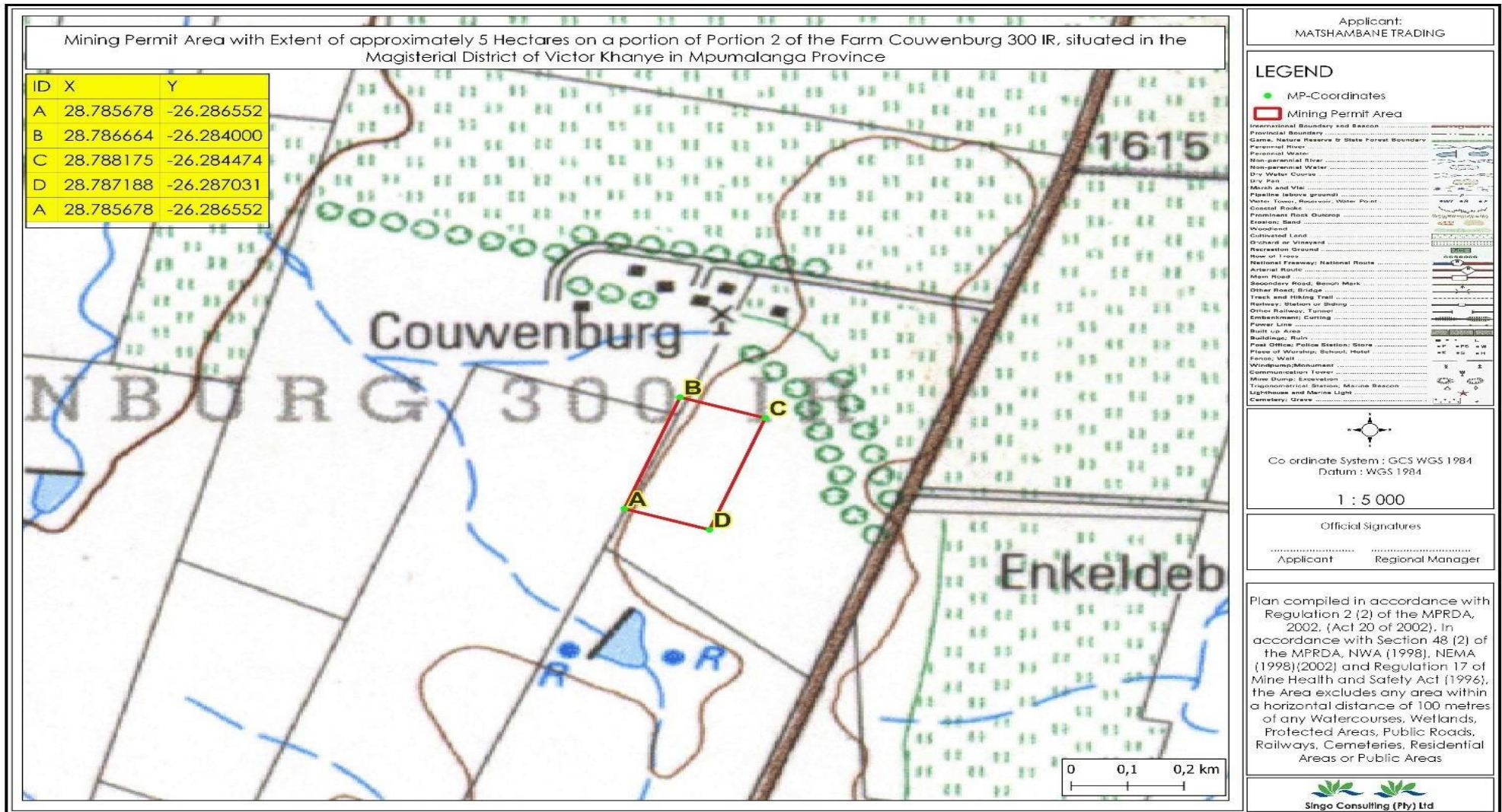


Figure 2: Location of mining site (Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd 2022)

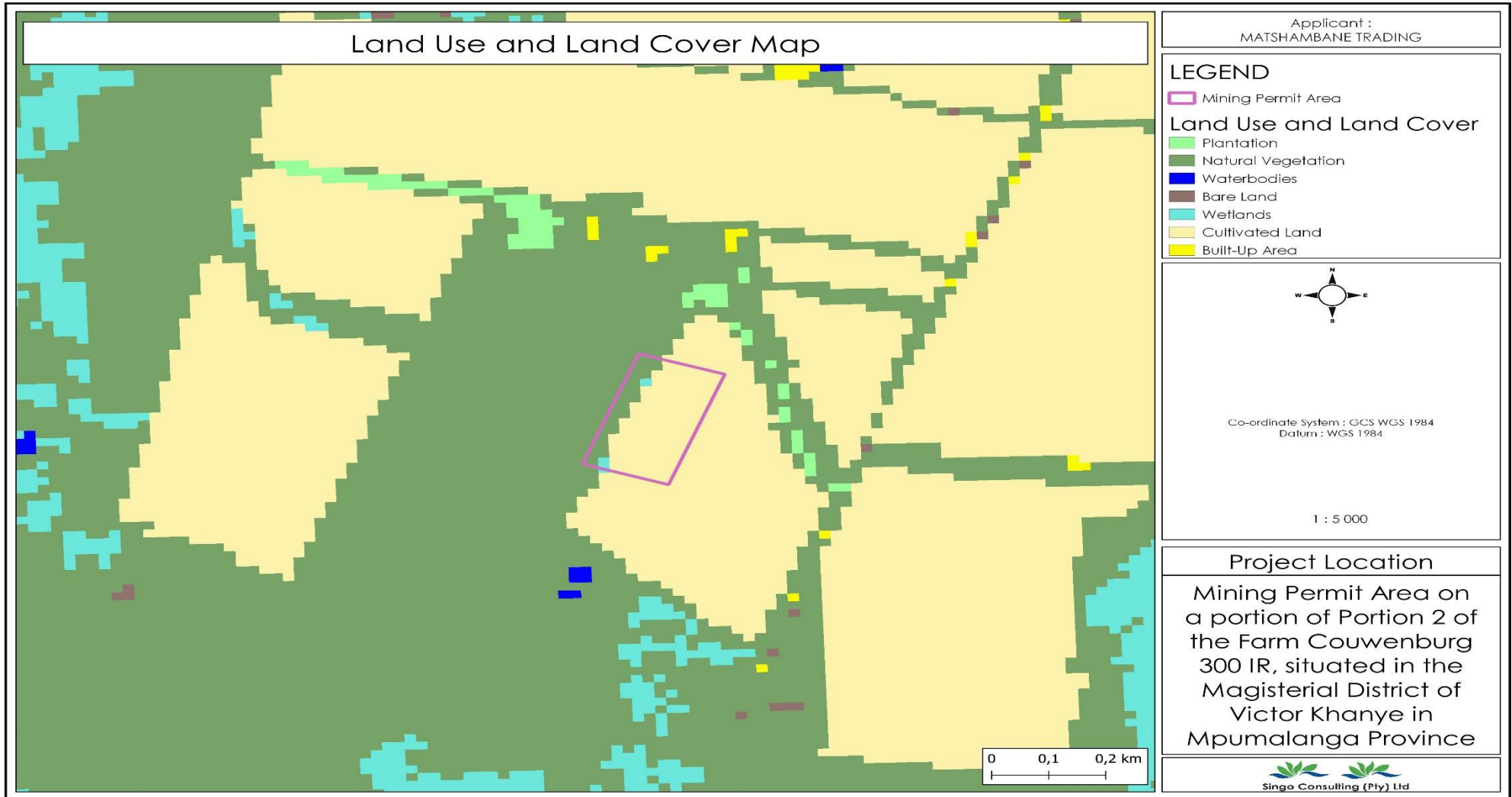


Figure 3: Tracklogs for survey area (ISS (Pty) Ltd 2022)



Figure 4: Tracklogs for survey area (ISS (Pty) Ltd 2022)

## 2 LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Three main pieces of legislations are relevant to the present study. The proposed Mining Permit Application is submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 EIA Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA) (As amended). Therefore, this is in fulfilment of the assessment of the impact to heritage resources as required by section 24(4)(b)(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). An AIA or HIA is required as a specialist sub-section of the Basic Assessment (BA) process. This study was conducted in terms of Section 38(8) as part of environmental authorisation. The provisions of this section do not apply to a development as described in subsection (1) if an evaluation of the impact of such development on heritage resources is required in terms of the Environment Conservation Act, 1989 (Act No. 73 of 1989), or the integrated environmental management guidelines issued by the Department of Environment Affairs and Tourism, or the Minerals Act, 1991 (Act No. 50 of 1991), or any other legislation: Provided that the consenting authority must ensure that the evaluation fulfils the requirements of the relevant heritage resources authority in terms of subsection (3), and any comments and recommendations of the relevant heritage resources authority with regard to such development have been taken into account prior to the granting of the consent.

Thus, any person undertaking any development in the above categories, must at the very earliest stages of initiating such a development, notify the responsible heritage resources authority and furnish it with details regarding the location, nature and extent of the proposed development. Section 38 (2) (a) of the same act also requires the submission of a heritage impact assessment report for authorization purposes to the responsible heritage resources agencies (SAHRA/PHRAs). Because the proposed development will change the character of a site exceeding 5000 m<sup>2</sup>, then an HIA is required according to this section of the Act.

Related to Section 38 of the NHRA are Sections 34, 35, 36 and 37. Section 34 stipulates that no person may **alter damage, destroy and relocate any building or structure older than 60 years, without a permit issued by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority**. This section may not apply to present study since none were identified. Section 35 (4) of the NHRA stipulates that no person may, without a permit issued by SAHRA, destroy, damage, excavate, alter, or remove from its original position, or collect, any archaeological material or object. This section may apply to any significant archaeological sites that may be discovered before or during construction. This means that any chance find must be reported to the heritage practitioner or SAHRA/PHRA, who will assist in investigating the extent and significance of the finds and inform the applicant about further actions. Such actions may entail the removal of material after documenting the find site or mapping of larger sections before destruction. Section 36 (3) of the NHRA also stipulates that no person may, without a permit issued by the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), destroy, damage, alter, exhume or remove

from its original position or otherwise disturb any grave or burial ground older than 60 years, which is situated outside a formal cemetery administered by a local authority. This section may apply in case of the discovery of chance burials, which is unlikely. The procedure for reporting chance finds also applies to the unlikely discovery of burials or graves by the applicant or his contractors. Section 37 of the NHRA deals with public monuments and memorials but this may not apply to this study because no protected monument will be physically affected by the proposed coal mining.

In addition, the EIA Regulations of 2014 (as amended in 2017) promulgated in terms of NEMA (Act 107 of 1998) stated that environmental assessment reports will include cultural (heritage) issues. The new regulations in terms of Chapter 5 of the NEMA provide for an assessment of development impacts on the cultural (heritage) and social environment and for Specialist Studies in this regard. The end purpose of such a report is to alert the applicant (Matshambane Trading CC), SAHRA/ PHRA and interested and affected parties about existing heritage resources that may be affected by the proposed mining, and to recommend mitigatory measures aimed at reducing the risks of any adverse impacts on these heritage resources.

Table 2: Evaluation of the proposed development as guided by the criteria in NHRA and NEMA

ACT	Stipulation for developments	Requirement details
NHRA Section 38(8)	The provisions of this section do not apply to a development as described in subsection (1) if an evaluation of the impact of such development on heritage resources is required in terms of the Environment Conservation Act, 1989 (Act No. 73 of 1989), or the integrated environmental management guidelines issued by the Department of Environment Affairs and Tourism, or the Minerals Act, 1991 (Act No. 50 of 1991), or any other legislation: Provided that the consenting authority must ensure that the evaluation fulfils the requirements of the relevant heritage resources authority in terms of subsection (3), and any comments and recommendations of the relevant heritage resources authority with regard to such development have been taken into account prior to the granting of the consent	Yes
NHRA Section 34	Impacts on buildings and structures older than 60 years	Subject to identification during Phase 1
NHRA Section 35	Impacts on archaeological and palaeontological heritage resources	Subject to identification during Phase 1
NHRA Section 36	Impacts on graves	Subject to identification during Phase 1
NHRA Section 37	Impacts on public monuments	Subject to identification during Phase 1
Chapter 5 (21/04/2006) NEMA	HIA is required as part of an EIA	Yes
Section 39(3)(b) (iii) of the MPRDA	AIA/HIA is required as part of an EIA	Yes

### 3 METHODOLOGY

This document aims at providing an informed heritage-related opinion about the proposed Mining Permit Application in Mpumalanga Province. The study included a review of existing literature and a site inspection. As part of the desktop study, published literature and cartographic data, as well as archival data on heritage legislation, the history and archaeology of the area were studied. The desktop study was followed by field surveys. The field assessment was conducted according to generally accepted AIA/HIA practices and aimed at locating all possible objects, sites, and features of cultural significance on the mining footprint. Initially a drive-through was undertaken around the proposed coal mining site as a way of acquiring the archaeological impression of the general area. This was then followed by a walk down survey in the study area, with a handheld Global Positioning System (GPS) for recording the location/position of each possible site. Detailed photographic recording was also undertaken where relevant. The findings were then analysed in view of the proposed Mining Permit Application in order to make recommendations to the competent authority. The result of this investigation is a report indicating the presence/absence of heritage resources and how to manage them in the context of the proposed Mining Permit Application.

#### 3.1 The Fieldwork survey

The fieldwork survey was undertaken on the 16th of November 2022. The focus of the survey involved a pedestrian survey which was conducted within the proposed mine site. The pedestrian survey focused on parts of the project area where it seemed as if disturbances may have occurred in the past, for example bald spots in the grass veld; stands of grass which are taller than the surrounding grass veld; the presence of exotic trees; evidence of building rubble, existing buildings and ecological indicators such as invader weeds.

The literature survey suggests that prior to the 20th century modern agriculture development; the general area would have been a rewarding region to locate heritage resources related to Iron Age and historical sites (Bergh 1999: 4). However, the situation today is completely different. The study area now lies on a clearly modified landscape that is dominated by commercial farming infrastructure (see Figure 1).

#### 3.2 Visibility and Constraints

The proposed coal mining site was accessible although visibility was compromised in some sections due to dense grass cover. The study team did not assess the farmstead since it is still in use. It is conceded that due to the subterranean nature of cultural remains this report should not be construed as a record of all archaeological and historic sites in the area.



### 3.3 Consultations

The Basic Assessment (BA) Public Participation process is conducted by the EAP. The study team consulted residents who provided vital information about the heritage character of their area. The BA Public Participation Process will also invite and address comments from the public and any registered heritage bodies on any matter related to the proposed Mining Permit Application including heritage concerns that may arise relating to the mining activities. The heritage issues and concerns raised by the public will also be included in the Mining Permit Application to be submitted to DMRE.

The following photographs illuminate the nature and character of the Project Area.



Plate 1: showing the proposed Mining Right Application Site

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Plate 2: showing proposed coal mining site within a ploughed field.



Plate 3: showing mining permit application site.



Plate 4: showing mining permit application site



Plate 5: showing proposed mining permit application site within ploughed agriculture fields.

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Plate 6: showing the proposed mining permit site.



Plate 7: showing the proposed mining permit application site.



Plate 8: showing the proposed mining permit application site



Plate 9: showing the mining permit application site



Plate 10: showing the mining permit application site



Plate 11: showing proposed mining permit site



Plate 12: showing the proposed mining permit site.



Plate 13: showing the proposed mining permit site.

## 4 ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTEXT

### Stone Age Archaeology

In order to place the project area in archaeological and historical context, primary and secondary sources were consulted. Ethnographical and linguistic studies by early researchers such as Theal and Van Warmelo provide insights on the cultural groups who lived in and around the project area since ca 1600. Historic and academic sources by Küsel and Bergh, Makhura, Delius, and Webb were also consulted. There are no museums in the towns which could be consulted, and no historical information was available at the municipalities or information centres (Van Wyk Rowe 2012). Very little contemporary research has been done on prehistoric African settlements in the study area, and according to Bergh, there are no recorded sites that date from the Stone Age, (including Rock paintings or engravings), Early or Later Iron Age. The topographical map 2730AB, shows that the project area is highly disturbed with cultivated land, residential and mining developments as well as other infrastructure development.

#### 4.2 Stone Age Archaeology

Stone Age sites are generally identifiable by stone artifacts found scattered on the ground surface, as deposits in caves and rock shelters as well as eroded in gullies or river sections. Archaeological sites recorded in the project area confirms the existence of Stone Age sites that conform to the generic South African periodisation split into the Early Stone Age (ESA) (from 2.6 million years ago to 250 000 years ago), the Middle Stone Age (MSA) (refers to the period from 250 000 years ago to 22 000 years ago), and the Later Stone Age (LSA) (the period from 22 000 years ago to 300 years ago).

Concentrations of Early Stone Age sites are usually present on the flood plains of perennial rivers and may date to over 2 million years ago. The Early Stone Age may contain scatters of stone tools and manufacturing debris from pebble tool choppers to core tools such as handaxes and cleavers. The earliest hominids who made these stone tools, probably not always actively hunted, instead relying on opportunistic scavenging of meat from carnivore kill sites. Archaeological studies done in the project area and the closer surroundings did not locate any Early Stone Age artifacts. In the wider study area, Early Stone Age tools have been found at Maleoskop near Groblersdal (Esterhuysen & Smith 2007).

Middle Stone Age sites also occur on flood plains but are also scattered within caves and rock shelters (overhangs). Sites usually consist of knapped stone flakes such as scrapers, points and blades, and associated manufacturing debris (Volman 1984). Tools may have been hafted but organic materials, such as those used in hafting activities are also associated with the period. There is no record of Middle Stone Age sites in the study



area. In the wider region of the study area, evidence of MSA occupation has been found at the Bushman Rock Shelter near Ohrigstad (Esterhuysen & Smith 2007).

The Later Stone Age is described by Deacon (1984) as a period when man refined small blade tools conversely abandoning the MSA prepared-core technique. Thus, refined artefacts such as thumbnails, convex –edge scrapers, crescents, and bladelets are associated with this period. Other tools of the period are hammers, adzes, bores, grooved stones, hafted tools, points. The period also saw the introduction of poisoned arrows to enhance the effectiveness of bone points, and this led to improved hunting (Walker & Thorp 1997). Faunal evidence suggests that LSA hunter-gatherers trapped and hunted zebras, impala. Later Stone Age material culture is well preserved in rock shelters, although open sites with scatters of mainly stone tools can occur. Well protected deposits in shelters allow for the stable conditions that result in the preservation of the material culture. In addition to bow-hunting and marine sources collection, human behaviour was recognisably modern in many ways; uniquely traits such as rock art and purposefully burial with ornaments was a common practice (Villa et al.2012). Rock art in form of paintings and engravings is an important signature of this period.

Later Stone Age of Mpumalanga has been recorded at Bushman Rocks Shelter dating back to between 12000 BP and 9000 BP. Another site that has yielded LSA culture is Honningstkrans near Badfontein dating between 4 870 BP and 200BP (Esterhuysen & Smith 2007). Later Stone Age of Mpumalanga just like in other regions of South Africa is dominated by rock paintings and engravings, as a result sites bearing rock art and engravings have been found throughout the province and is widespread and include those found in eMalahleni, Lydenburg, White River, Kruger National Park, Nelspruit and Emerlo (Wadley & Turner 1987; Maggs 2008; Smith & Zubieta 2007). The rock art of the province can be divided into San or Khoekhoe rock art which stretches from Limpopo Province and the localised late white Farmer paintings. The farmer paintings are further divided into Sotho- Tswana finger paintings and Nguni engravings. Farmer paintings are more localised than the San or Khoekhoe paintings and were mainly used for the purpose of instruction (Smith & Zubieta 2007). In time with the arrival of Bantu people, there were intermarriages, and one San group that emerged or survived this cultural interaction are the Batwa people who persisted till the colonial times. With the arrival of the colonialists in the nineteenth century, many of the Batwa became labourers in white farms. Descendants of the Batwa people still live in the larger project area (Potgieter 1955).

### **4.3 Iron Age Archaeology**

The Iron Age of the Mpumalanga region dates to the 5th Century AD when the Early Iron Age (EIA) proto-Bantu-speaking farming communities began arriving in this region which was then occupied by hunter-gatherers. These EIA communities are archaeologically referred to as the Mzonjani Facies of the Urewe EIA Tradition (Huffman,

2007: 127-9). They occupied the foothills and valley lands along the general Indian Ocean coastland introducing settled life, domesticated livestock, crop production and the use of iron (also see Maggs 1984a; 1984b; Huffman 2007). Alongside the Urewe Tradition was the Kalundu Tradition whose EIA archaeological sites have been recorded along the Mpumalanga areas. From AD 650 to 750 the EIA sites in the region were classified as the Msuluzi facies which was replaced by the Ndongondwane and Ntsekane facies from AD 750 to 950 and AD 950 to 1050 respectively (Huffman, 2007).

By 1050 AD proto-Nguni Bantu-speaking groups associated with the Late Iron Age (LIA) called the Blackburn sub-branch of the Urewe Tradition had arrived in the eastern regions of South Africa, including modern day Mpumalanga, migrating from the central African region of the Lakes Tanganyika and Victoria (Huffman 2007: 154-5). According to archaeological data available, the Blackburn facies ranged from AD 1050 to 1500 (ibid. p.155). The Mpumalanga and the Natal inland regions saw the development of the LIA Moor Park facies between AD 1350 and 1750. These archaeological facies are interpreted as representing inland migration by LIA Nguni speaking groups (Huffman 2007). Moor Park is associated with settlements marked by stonewalling. The period from AD 1300 to 1750 saw multiple Nguni dispersal from the coastland into the hinterland and eventually across the Drakensberg Escapement into central and eastern South Africa (ibid).

No Iron Age sites are indicated on a historical atlas around the town of Witbank, but this may only indicate a lack of research. The closest known Iron Age occurrences to the surveyed area are Late Iron Age sites that have been identified to the west of Bronkhorstspuit and in the vicinity of Bethal (Bergh 1999: 7-8). The good grazing and access water in the area would have provided a good environment for Iron Age people although building material seem to be reasonably scarce. One would therefore expect that Iron Age people may have utilized the area. This is the same reason why white settlers moved into this environment later on.

#### **4.4 Historical Background**

The Historical period dates from 1600. It deals with Europe's infiltration, settlement, spread and domineering influence in southern Africa. Its segments are; Dutch settlement in the Western Cape, the troubled times of Zululand (mfeqane/difaqane), Voortrekkers, early missions and the diamond rush. This period also witnessed or saw the compilation of early maps by missionaries, explorers and military personnel.

There are no colonial or historical monuments in the study area; however, two Anglo-Boer war sites worth mentioning are the Bronkhorstspuit and the Battle of Bakenlaagte. The Battle of Bonkhorstspuit took place on 20 December 1880 and is considered to be the first open battle of the first Boer war. The Battlefield is located about 36 km North West of the study area. The other battle, the battle of Bakenlaagte took place on 30 October 1901 during the second Boer War. This one is 36 km from the study area.

The colonial history of Delmas is not complete without mentioning the two dominant economic activities which is farming and mining. The town of Belfast came into existence in 1907 on the farm Witklip which means white stone. As the settlement started the farm was divided into 192 residential stands, 48 small holdings of 4ha each and commonage of 138ha. The owner of the farm one Frank Dumat who originated from France where his grandfather had a small farm. He named the town Delmas deriving the name from the French word 'mas' which means a small farm from his southern French dialect. In 1909 the government added another 5500 ha to the original rural settlement to further develop it into a town. The Delmas district was proclaimed in 1954 and used to be mainly agricultural. As early as 1909, the Delmas Estate and Colliery Company began mining coal in the district. Apart from coal, silica is also mined in the project area.

The earliest mining in the wider study area dates to 1868 when farmers exploited coal for personal use in the Middelburg district. Large scale of coal at eMalahleni started after the discovery of gold in the Witwatersrand in 1886. Due to the discovery of coal in the Brakpan and Springs surroundings in 1887, and with no railway line linking eMalhleni with the Rand, the mines closed as it was cost-effective to exploit the coal deposits at Brakpan and Springs than the further eMalahleni (Schimer 2007:316). Later, a railway line was established resulting in improved exploitation of coal deposits. The first collieries in the wider project area were Daglous, Transvaal and Delagoa Bay. The coal at eMalahleni was considered to be of high quality compared to the one at Brakpan and Springs. Further developments in the rail transport further boosted production when the railway line between Pretoria and Lorenzo Marques (Maputo) was completed on 2 November 1894, and the connection between eMalahleni and Johannesburg around 1910 (Heydenrych 1999). There is no evidence of mining heritage in or closer to the project area.

#### **4.5 Mining History**

Historically coal is known to have been used from around 300 to 1880 in South Africa during Iron Age when charcoal was used to melt iron and copper (<https://www.miningforschools.co.za/lets-explore/coal/brief-history-of-coal-mining-in-south-africa>). Officially, coal was discovered in KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga and the Eastern Province, and first documented between 1838 and 1859 (McGill *et al* 2015). The recorded old coal mining site may fall within this period since it was confirmed to probably more than 100 years old. The first commercial mining took place near Molteno, in the Eastern Cape Province in 1871(McGill *et al* 2015). The demand for coal was increased by the discovery of diamonds at Kimberley in 1870 and gold on the Witwatersrand in 1886, with new mines opening in Vereeniging in 1879 and Witbank in 1895. Further developments occurred in KwaZulu-Natal, Gauteng and Mpumalanga (currently home to about 84% of local coal production), followed by the Free State and Limpopo (McGill *et al* 2015). Coal mining has undergone major development over the years. In the early days of coal mining men used to physically create tunnels to get to the coal deposits by digging as is the case with the

identified old coal mining site (<https://miningafrica.net/natural-resources-africa/coal-mining-in-africa>). They then extracted the coal and transported the coal on mine carts. These days coal mines are technologically advanced and use sophisticated equipment including; trucks, jacks, conveyors, draglines and shearers to extract the coal.

### **Intangible Heritage**

As defined in terms of the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003) intangible heritage includes oral traditions, knowledge and practices concerning nature, traditional craftsmanship and rituals and festive events, as well as the instruments, objects, artefacts and cultural spaces associated with group(s) of people. Thus, intangible heritage is better defined and understood by the particular group of people that uphold it. In the present study area, very little intangible heritage is anticipated on the development footprint because most historical knowledge does not suggest a relationship with the study area per se, even though several other places in the general area.

### **SAHRIS Database and Impact assessment reports in the proposed project area**

Several archaeological and heritage studies were conducted in the project area since 2002 and these presents the nature and heritage character of the area. The HIA conducted in the area also provide some predictive evidence regarding the types and ranges of heritage resources to be expected in the proposed project area: (see reference list for HIA reports). Several previous Cultural Resource Management projects were conducted in the study area. The studies include residential, powerlines, substations and mining projects completed by Matakoma (2007), Schalkwyk (2014); Du Piesanie (2014) and recent studies by Pistorius (2018); Pelsler (2019) and Magoma (2019) Van Schalkwyk (2007, 2014); Matakoma (2007) and Du Piesanie (2014) recorded several heritage sites consisting of buildings and structures that date to the historic period. Matakoma Heritage Consultants (2007), Du Piesanie (2014); Magoma (2019) and Pelsler (2019) recorded several burial sites. The findings by various specialist studies provide an insight into the heritage character of the study area.

## 5 RESULTS OF THE FIELD STUDY

### 5.1 Archaeology

The site was scanned for archaeological remains, but given the previous and current land use activities, no archaeological remains were identified during the survey (see Figure 1 & Plates 1-8). Based on the field study results and field observations, the receiving environment for the proposed mining permit site has low potential to yield previously unidentified archaeological sites during mining. Literature review also revealed that no Stone Age and LIA sites are not shown on a map contained in a historical atlas of this area. This, however, should rather be seen as a lack of research in the area and not as an indication that such features do not occur.

### 5.2 Burial grounds and Graves

Human remains and burials are commonly found close to archaeological sites and abandoned settlements; they may be found in abandoned and neglected burial sites or occur sporadically anywhere because of prehistoric activity, victims of conflict or crime. It is often difficult to detect the presence of archaeological human burials on the landscape as these burials, in most cases, are not marked at the surface and concealed by dense vegetation cover. Human remains are usually identified when they are exposed through erosion, earth moving activities and construction. In some instances, packed stones or bricks may indicate the presence of informal burials. If any human bones are found during the course of mining work, then they should be reported to an archaeologist and work in the immediate vicinity should cease until the appropriate actions have been carried out by the archaeologist. Where human remains are part of a burial, they would need to be exhumed under a permit from either SAHRA (for pre-colonial burials as well as burials later than about AD 1500) or Department of Health for graves younger than 60 years.

The field survey did not identify any burial sites within the proposed coal Mining Permit application site. It should be noted that burial grounds and gravesites are accorded the highest social significance threshold (see Appendix 3). They have both historical and social significance and are considered sacred. Wherever they exist or not, they may not be tampered with or interfered with without a permit from SAHRA. It should also be borne in mind that the possibility of encountering human remains during subsurface earth moving works anywhere on the landscape is ever present. The possibility of encountering previously unidentified burial sites is low within the cleared and ploughed site, however, should such sites be identified during mining, they are still protected by applicable legislations, and they should be protected.

### 5.3 Public Monuments and Memorials

The study did not record any public memorials and monuments within the proposed coal mining site that require protection during mining. As such the proposed Mining Permit Application may be approved without any further investigation and mitigation in terms of Section 27 & 9 of the NHRA.

### 5.4 Buildings and Structures

The study did not record any historical buildings and structures within the proposed mining permit site. In terms of Section 34 of the NHRA, the proposed Mining Permit Application may be approved without any further investigation and mitigation.

### 5.5 Impact Statement

The main cause of impacts to archaeological sites is direct, physical disturbance of the archaeological remains themselves and their contexts. It is important to note that the heritage and scientific potential of an archaeological site is highly dependent on its geological and spatial context. This means that even though, for example a deep excavation may expose buried archaeological sites and artefacts, the artefacts are relatively meaningless once removed from their original position. The primary impacts are likely to occur during clearance and mining, indirect impacts may occur during movement of heavy mining vehicles. Any additional excavation for foundations of buildings and structures as well as fence line posts will result in the relocation or destruction of all existing surface heritage material (if any are present).

Similarly, the clearing of access roads will impact material that lies buried in the topsoil. Since heritage sites, including archaeological sites, are non-renewable, it is important that they are identified, and their significance assessed prior to mining. It is important to note that due to the localised nature of archaeological resources, that individual archaeological sites could be missed during the survey, although the probability of this is very low within the proposed mining site. Further, archaeological sites and unmarked graves may be buried beneath the surface and may only be exposed during surface clearance. The purpose of the AIA is to assess the sensitivity of the area in terms of archaeology and to avoid or reduce the potential impacts of coal mining by means of mitigation measures (see appended Chance Find Procedure). There is still a possibility of finding archaeological remains buried beneath the ground. It is the considered opinion of the author that the chances of recovering significant archaeological materials is present within the coal mining site.

Table 3: Summary of Findings

Heritage resource	Status/Findings
Buildings, structures, places and equipment of cultural significance	None exist within the proposed Mining Permit Application site
Areas to which oral traditions are attached or which are associated with intangible heritage	None exists
Historical settlements and townscapes	None survives in the proposed area
Landscapes and natural features of cultural significance	None
Archaeological and palaeontological sites	None recorded
Graves and burial grounds	None
Movable objects	None
Overall comment	No archaeological or heritage material was recorded at the proposed Mining Permit Application is supported.

## 5.6 Assessment of development impacts

An impact can be defined as any change in the physical-chemical, biological, cultural, and/or socio-economic environmental system that can be attributed to human activities related to the project site under study for meeting a project need. The significance of the impacts of the process will be rated by using a matrix derived from Plomp (2004) and adapted to some extent to fit this process. These matrixes use the consequence and the likelihood of the different aspects and associated impacts to determine the significance of the impacts.

The significance of the impacts will be assessed considering the following descriptors:

Table 4: Criteria Used for Rating of Impacts

Nature of the impact (N)		
Positive	+	Impact will be beneficial to the environment (a benefit).
Negative	-	Impact will not be beneficial to the environment (a cost).
Neutral	0	Where a negative impact is offset by a positive impact, or mitigation measures, to have no overall effect.
Magnitude(M)		
Minor	2	Negligible effects on biophysical or social functions / processes. Includes areas /

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		environmental aspects which have already been altered significantly and have little to no conservation importance (negligible sensitivity*).
Low	4	Minimal effects on biophysical or social functions / processes. Includes areas / environmental aspects which have been largely modified, and / or have a low conservation importance (low sensitivity*).
Moderate	6	Notable effects on biophysical or social functions / processes. Includes areas / environmental aspects which have already been moderately modified and have a medium conservation importance (medium sensitivity*).
High	8	Considerable effects on biophysical or social functions / processes. Includes areas / environmental aspects which have been slightly modified and have a high conservation importance (high sensitivity*).
Very high	10	Severe effects on biophysical or social functions / processes. Includes areas / environmental aspects which have not previously been impacted upon and are pristine, thus of very high conservation importance (very high sensitivity*).
<b>Extent (E)</b>		
Site only	1	Effect limited to the site and its immediate surroundings.
Local	2	Effect limited to within 3-5 km of the site.
Regional	3	Activity will have an impact on a regional scale.
National	4	Activity will have an impact on a national scale.
International	5	Activity will have an impact on an international scale.
<b>Duration (D)</b>		
Immediate	1	Effect occurs periodically throughout the life of the activity.
Short term	2	Effect lasts for a period 0 to 5 years.
Medium term	3	Effect continues for a period between 5 and 15 years.
Long term	4	Effect will cease after the operational life of the activity either because of natural process or by human intervention.
Permanent	5	Where mitigation either by natural process or by human intervention will not occur in such a way or in such a time span that the impact can be considered transient.
<b>Probability of occurrence (P)</b>		
Improbable	1	Less than 30% chance of occurrence.
Low	2	Between 30 and 50% chance of occurrence.
Medium	3	Between 50 and 70% chance of occurrence.
High	4	Greater than 70% chance of occurrence.
Definite	5	Will occur, or where applicable has occurred, regardless or in spite of any mitigation measures.

Once the impact criteria have been ranked for each impact, the significance of the impacts will be calculated using the following formula:



**Significance Points (SP) = (Magnitude + Duration + Extent) x Probability**

The significance of the ecological impact is therefore calculated by multiplying the severity rating with the probability rating. The maximum value that can be reached through this impact evaluation process is 100 SP (points). The significance for each impact is rated as High (SP≥60), Medium (SP = 31-60) and Low (SP<30) significance as shown in the below.

Table 5: Criteria for Rating of Classified Impacts

<b>Significance of predicted NEGATIVE impacts</b>		
Low	0-30	Where the impact will have a relatively small effect on the environment and will require minimum or no mitigation and as such have a limited influence on the decision
Medium	31-60	Where the impact can have an influence on the environment and should be mitigated and as such could have an influence on the decision unless it is mitigated.
High	61-100	Where the impact will definitely have an influence on the environment and must be mitigated, where possible. This impact will influence the decision regardless of any possible mitigation.
<b>Significance of predicted POSITIVE impacts</b>		
Low	0-30	Where the impact will have a relatively small positive effect on the environment.
Medium	31-60	Where the positive impact will counteract an existing negative impact and result in an overall neutral effect on the environment.
High	61-100	Where the positive impact will improve the environment relative to baseline conditions.

Table 6: Operational Phase

Impacts and Mitigation measures relating to the proposed project during Mining Phase														
Activity/Aspect	Impact /	Aspect	Nature	Magnitude	Extent	Duration	Probability	Impact before mitigation	Mitigation measures	Magnitude	Extent	Duration	Probability	Impact after mitigation
Clearing and mining	Destruction of archaeological remains	Cultural heritage	-	2	1	1	2	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use chance find procedure to cater for accidental finds</li> </ul>	2	1	1	2	8
	Disturbance of graves	Cultural heritage	-	2	1	1	1	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use appended Chance find procedure to cater for accidental finds.</li> </ul>	2	1	1	1	4
	Disturbance of buildings and structures older than 60 years old	Operational	-	2	1	1	1	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction management and workers must be educated about the value of historical buildings and structures.</li> </ul>	2	1	1	1	4
Haulage	Destruction public monuments and plaques	Operational	-	2	1	1	1	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mitigation is not required because there are no public monuments within the project site</li> </ul>	2	1	1	1	4

## 5.7 Cumulative Impacts

Cumulative impacts are defined as impacts that result from incremental changes caused by other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable actions together with the project. Therefore, the assessment of cumulative impacts for the proposed coal mining is considered the total impact associated with the proposed mining project when combined with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future developments projects. The impacts of the proposed mining development were assessed by comparing the post-project situation to a pre-existing baseline. This section considers the cumulative impacts that would result from the combination of the proposed coal mining development.

The current Mining Permit Application will see the entire site being destroyed and will have significant impact on the visual and sense of place. This proposed coal mine combined with other proposed mining activities will effectively transform a natural agriculture area into a mining area. The mining and other proposed infrastructure developments will have a combined visual impact on the landscape. The cumulative impact will negatively affect the landscape quality of the area which are ordinarily considered to be source. The frequency of mining and other proposals in the area has a potential of collectively changing the character of the landscape (see Kathu and eMalahleni area as an example). The once isolated landscape will see volumes of people establishing low settlement or enlarging the existing ones such as Delmas to provide accommodation for workers and office facilities. In the long run the accumulative impact will be of high significance in terms of its potential to change the characteristics and quality of the landscape in the long run. The field survey focused on potential LIA sites, historical buildings and structures as well as burial grounds and graves.

## 5.8 Mitigation

Mitigation for the proposed coal mining site is not required since no significant archaeological remains were recorded within the proposed prospecting site.

## 6 ASSESSING SIGNIFICANCE

The Guidelines to the SAHRA Guidelines and the Burra Charter define the following criterion for the assessment of cultural significance:

### 6.1 Aesthetic Value

Aesthetic value includes aspects of sensory perception for which criteria can and should be stated. Such criteria may include consideration of the form, scale, colour, texture, and material of the fabric; sense of place, the smells and sounds associated with the place and its use.

### 6.2 Historic Value

Historic value encompasses the history of aesthetics, science, and society, and therefore to a large extent underlies all the terms set out in this section. A place may have historic value because it has influenced, or has been influenced by, an historic figure, event, phase, or activity. It may also have historic value as the site of an important event. For any given place, the significance will be greater where evidence of the association or event survives in situ, or where the settings are substantially intact, than where it has been changed or evidence does not survive. However, some events or associations may be so important that the place retains significance regardless of subsequent treatment.

### 6.3 Scientific value

The scientific or research value of a place will depend upon the importance of the data involved, on its rarity, quality, or representativeness, and on the degree to which the place may contribute further substantial information. Scientific value is also enshrined in natural resources that have significant social value. For example, pockets of forests and bushvelds have high ethnobotany value.

### 6.4 Social Value

Social value embraces the qualities for which a place has become a focus of spiritual, religious, political, local, national, or other cultural sentiment to a majority or minority group. Social value also extends to

natural resources such as bushes, trees and herbs that are collected and harvested from nature for herbal and medicinal purposes.

## 7 DISCUSSION

Various specialists conducted several Phase 1 Archaeological/ Heritage studies for various infrastructure developments in the project area since 2002. Although the proposed Mining Permit Application site did not yield any confirmable heritage resources, it is important to note that the possibility of encountering archaeological sites beneath surface is for ever present. However, the lack of confirmable archaeological sites recorded on the Mining Permit Application site is thought to be a result of destructive land use activities such as agriculture. This may have reduced archaeological remains to isolated chance finds without provenance. It should be borne in mind that the absence of confirmable and significant archaeological cultural heritage site is not evidence in itself that such sites did not exist within the proposed mining site.

Based on the significance assessment criterion employed for this report, the proposed mining development site was rated low from an archaeological perspective although it is surrounded by significant sites. It should be noted that significance of the sites of Interest is not limited to presence or absence of physical archaeological sites. Significant archaeological remains may be unearthed during mining. (See appended chance find procedure).

## 8 CONCLUSION

Integrated Specialist Services (Pty) Ltd was tasked by Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd to carry out a HIA for the Mining Permit Application for coal on Portion 2 of the Farm Couwenburg 300 IR located within Victor Khanye Local Municipality of Mpumalanga Province. Desktop research revealed that the project area is rich in LIA archaeological sites and historical sites, however, the field study did not identify any sites within the Mining Permit Site. In terms of the archaeology, there are no obvious 'Fatal Flaws' or 'No-Go' areas. However, the potential for chance finds, remains and the applicant and contractors are urged to be diligent and observant during mining. The procedure for reporting chance finds has clearly been laid out and if this report is adopted by SAHRA, then there are no archaeological reasons why the Mining Permit Application cannot be approved.

## 9 RECOMENDATIONS

Report makes the following recommendations:

1. It is recommended that SAHRA endorse the report as having satisfied the requirements of Section 38 (8) of the NHRA requirements
2. It is recommended that SAHRA make a decision in terms of Section 38 (4) of the NHRA to approve the proposed Mining Permit Application without any further investigations and mitigation.
3. From a heritage perspective supported by the findings of this study, the Mining Permit Application is supported. However, the mining permit application should be approved under observation that mining does not extend beyond the area considered in this report/affect the identified heritage sites.
4. Should chance archaeological materials or human remains be exposed during mining on any section of the site, work should cease on the affected area and the discovery must be reported to the heritage authorities immediately so that an investigation and evaluation of the finds can be made. The overriding objective, where remedial action is warranted, is to minimize disruption in mining scheduling while recovering archaeological and any affected cultural heritage data as stipulated by the NHRA regulations.
5. Subject to the recommendations herein made and the implementation of the mitigation measures and adoption of the project EMP, there are no significant cultural heritage resources barriers to the proposed Mining Permit Application. The Heritage authority may approve the Mining Permit Application as planned with special commendations to implement the recommendations made herein.

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11 APPENDIX 1: CHANCE FIND PROCEDURE FOR THE PROPOSED MINING RIGHT APPLICATION ON PORTION 2 OF THE FARM COUWENBURG 300 IR, WITHIN THE VICTOR KHANYE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

SEPTEMBER 2022

**ACRONYMS**

<b>BGG</b>	Burial Grounds and Graves
<b>CFPs</b>	Chance Find Procedures
<b>ECO</b>	Environmental Control Officer
<b>HIA</b>	Heritage Impact Assessment
<b>ICOMOS</b>	International Council on Monuments and Sites
<b>NHRA</b>	National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999)
<b>SAHRA</b>	South African Heritage Resources Authority
<b>SAPS</b>	South African Police Service
<b>UNESCO</b>	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation

## 11.1 CHANCE FIND PROCEDURE

### 11.1.1 Introduction

An Archaeological Chance Find Procedure (CFP) is a tool for the protection of previously unidentified cultural heritage resources during mining. The main purpose of a CFP is to raise awareness of all construction, mine workers and management on site regarding the potential for accidental discovery of cultural heritage resources and establish a procedure for the protection of these resources. Chance Finds are defined as potential cultural heritage (or paleontological) objects, features, or sites that are identified outside of or after Heritage Impact studies, normally as a result of mining monitoring. Chance Finds may be made by any member of the project team who may not necessarily be an archaeologist or even visitors. Appropriate application of a CFP on development projects has led to discovery of cultural heritage resources that were not identified during archaeological and heritage impact assessments. As such, it is considered to be a valuable instrument when properly implemented. For the CFP to be effective, the site manager must ensure that all personnel on the proposed mining development site understand the CFP and the importance of adhering to it if cultural heritage resources are encountered. In addition, training or induction on cultural heritage resources that might potentially be found on site should be provided. In short, the Chance find procedure details the necessary steps to be taken if any culturally significant artefacts are found during mining.

### 11.1.2 Definitions

In short, the term 'heritage resource' includes structures, archaeology, meteors, and public monuments as defined in the South African National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999) (NHRA) Sections 34, 35, and 37. Procedures specific to burial grounds and graves (BGG) as defined under NHRA Section 36 will be discussed separately as this require the implementation of separate criteria for CFPs.

### 11.1.3 Background

The proposed Mining Permit Application is located on Portion 2 of the Farm Couwenburg 300 IR situated in the Victor Khanye Local Municipality of the Mpumalanga Province. The proposed mining development is subject to heritage survey and assessment at planning stage and Mining Permit Application in accordance with Section 38(8) of NHRA. These surveys are based on surface indications alone and it is therefore possible that sites or significant archaeological remains can be missed during surveys because they occur

beneath the surface. These are often accidentally exposed in the course of construction or any associated construction work and hence the need for a Chance Find Procedure to deal with accidental finds. In this case an extensive Archaeological Impact Assessment was completed by T. Mlilo (2022) on the proposed coal mining site. The AIA/HIA conducted was very comprehensive covering the entire site. The current study (Mlilo 2022) did not record any significant heritage site within the proposed mining site.

#### 11.1.4 Purpose

The purpose of this Chance Find Procedure is to ensure the protection of previously unrecorded heritage resources within the Mining Permit site. This Chance Find Procedure intends to provide the applicant and contractors with appropriate response in accordance with the NHRA and international best practice. The aim of this CFP is to avoid or reduce project risks that may occur as a result of accidental finds whilst considering international best practice. In addition, this document seeks to address the probability of archaeological remains finds and features becoming accidentally exposed during mining and movement of mining equipment. The proposed mining activities have the potential to cause severe impacts on significant tangible and intangible cultural heritage resources buried beneath the surface or concealed by tall grass cover. Integrated Specialist Services (Pty) Ltd developed this Chance Find Procedure to define the process which govern the management of Chance Finds during mining. This ensures that appropriate treatment of chance finds while also minimizing disruption of the mining schedule. It also enables compliance with the NHRA and all relevant regulations. Archaeological Chance Find Procedures are to promote preservation of archaeological remains while minimizing disruption of mining scheduling. It is recommended that due to the moderate archaeological potential of the project area, all site personnel and contractors be informed of the Archaeological Chance Find procedure and have access to a copy while on site. This document has been prepared to define the avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures necessary to ensure that negative impacts to known and unknown archaeological remains as a result of project activities and are prevented or where this is not possible, reduced to as low as reasonably practical during mining.

Thus, this Chance Finds Procedure covers the actions to be taken from the discovering of a heritage site or item to its investigation and assessment by a professional archaeologist or other appropriately qualified person to its rescue or salvage.

## 11.2 GENERAL CHANCE FIND PROCEDURE

### 11.2.1 General

The following procedure is to be executed in the event that archaeological material is discovered:

- All construction/clearance activities in the vicinity of the accidental find/feature/site must cease immediately to avoid further damage to the find site.
- Briefly note the type of archaeological materials you think you have encountered, and their location, including, if possible, the depth below surface of the find
- Report your discovery to your supervisor or if they are unavailable, report to the project ECO who will provide further instructions.
- If the supervisor is not available, notify the Environmental Control Officer immediately. The Environmental Control Officer will then report the find to the Site Manager who will promptly notify the project archaeologist and SAHRA.
- Delineate the discovered find/ feature/ site and provide 100m buffer zone from all sides of the find.
- Record the find GPS location, if able.
- All remains are to be stabilised *in situ*.
- Secure the area to prevent any damage or loss of removable objects.
- Photograph the exposed materials, preferably with a scale (a yellow plastic field binder will suffice).
- The project archaeologist will undertake the inspection process in accordance with all project health and safety protocols under direction of the Health and Safety Officer.
- **Finds rescue strategy:** All investigation of archaeological soils will be undertaken by hand, all finds, remains and samples will be kept and submitted to a museum as required by the heritage legislation. In the event that any artefacts need to be conserved, the relevant permit will be sought from the SAHRA.
- An on-site office and finds storage area will be provided, allowing storage of any artefacts or other archaeological material recovered during the monitoring process.
- In the case of human remains, in addition, to the above, the SAHRA Burial Ground Unit will be contacted and the guidelines for the treatment of human remains will be adhered to. If skeletal remains are identified, an archaeologist will be available to examine the remains.

- The project archaeologist will complete a report on the findings as part of the Mining Permit application process.
- Once authorisation has been given by SAHRA, the Applicant will be informed when activities can resume.

#### 11.2.2 Management of chance finds

Should the Heritage specialist conclude that the find is a heritage resource protected in terms of the NRHA (1999) Sections 34, 36, 37 and NHRA (1999) Regulations (Regulation 38, 39, 40), Integrated Specialist Services (Pty) Ltd will notify SAHRA and/or PHRA on behalf of the applicant. SAHRA/PHRA may require that a search and rescue exercise be conducted in terms of NHRA Section 38, this may include rescue excavations, for which ISS will submit a rescue permit application having fulfilled all requirements of the permit application process.

In the event that human remains are accidentally exposed, SAHRA Burial Ground Unit or ISS Heritage Specialist must immediately be notified of the discovery in order to take the required further steps:

- a. Heritage Specialist to inspect, evaluate and document the exposed burial or skeletal remains and determine further action in consultation with the SAPS and Traditional authorities:
- b. Heritage specialist will investigate the age of the accidental exposure in order to determine whether the find is a burial older than 60 years under the jurisdiction of SAHRA or that the exposed burial is younger than 60 years under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health in terms of the Human Tissue Act.
- c. The local SAPS will be notified to inspect the accidental exposure in order to determine where the site is a scene of crime or not.
- d. Having inspected and evaluated the accidental exposure of human remains, the project Archaeologist will then track and consult the potential descendants or custodians of the affected burial.

- e. The project archaeologist will consult with the traditional authorities, local municipality, and SAPS to seek endorsement for the rescue of the remains. Consultation must be done in terms of NHRA (1999) Regulations 39, 40, 42.
- f. Having obtained consent from affected families and stakeholders, the project archaeologist will then compile a Rescue Permit application and submit to SAHRA Burial Ground and Graves Unit.
- g. As soon as the project archaeologist receives the rescue permit from SAHRA he will, in collaboration with the company/contractor, arrange for the relocation in terms of logistics and appointing of an experienced undertaker to conduct the relocation process.
- h. The rescue process will be done under the supervision of the archaeologist, the site representative and affected family members. Retrieval of the remains shall be undertaken in such a manner as to reveal the stratigraphic and spatial relationship of the human skeletal remains with other archaeological features in the excavation (e.g., grave goods, hearths, burial pits, etc.). A catalogue and bagging system shall be utilised that will allow ready reassembly and relational analysis of all elements in a laboratory. The remains will not be touched with the naked hand; all Contractor personnel working on the excavation must wear clean cotton or non-powdered latex gloves when handling remains in order to minimise contamination of the remains with modern human DNA. The project archaeologist will document the process from exhumation to reburial.
- i. Having fulfilled the requirements of the rescue/burial permit, the project archaeologist will compile a mitigation report which details the whole process from discovery to relocation. The report will be submitted to SAHRA and to the client.

Note that the relocation process will be informed by SAHRA Regulations and the wishes of the descendants of the affected burial.

## 12 APPENDIX 2: HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN INPUT INTO THE PROPOSED MINING PERMIT APPLICATION

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection of archaeological sites and land considered to be of cultural value.</li> <li>• Protection of known physical cultural property sites against vandalism, destruction and theft; and</li> <li>• The preservation and appropriate management of new archaeological finds should these be discovered during construction.</li> </ul>								
No.	Activity	Mitigation Measures	Duration	Frequency	Responsibility	Accountable	Contacted	Informed
<b>Pre-Mining Phase</b>								
1	Planning	Ensure all known sites of cultural, archaeological, and historical significance are demarcated on the site layout plan and marked as no-go areas.	Throughout Project	Weekly Inspection	Contractor [C] CECO	SM	ECO	EA EM PM
<b>Mining Phase</b>								
1	Emergency Response	Should any archaeological or physical cultural property heritage resources be exposed during excavation for the purpose of construction, construction in the vicinity of the finding must be stopped until heritage authority has cleared the development to continue.	N/A	Throughout	C CECO	SM	ECO	EA EM PM
		Should any archaeological, cultural property heritage resources be exposed during excavation or be found on development site, a registered heritage specialist or PHRA official must be called to site for inspection.		Throughout	C CECO	SM	ECO	EA EM PM
		Under no circumstances may any archaeological, historical or any physical cultural property heritage material be destroyed or removed from site;		Throughout	C CECO	SM	ECO	EA EM PM
		Should remains and/or artefacts be discovered on the development site during earthworks, all work will cease in the area affected and the Contractor will immediately inform the Construction Manager who in turn will inform Northern Cape		When necessary	C CECO	SM	ECO	EA EM PM

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		PHRA						
		Should any remains be found on site that is potentially human remains, the Northern Cape PHRA and South African Police Service should be contacted.		When necessary	C CECO	SM	ECO	EA EM PM
Rehabilitation Phase								
		Same as mining phase.						
Operational Phase								
		Same as mining phase.						



## 13 APPENDIX 4: LEGAL PRINCIPLES OF HERITAGE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA

Extracts relevant to this report from the National Heritage Resources Act No. 25 of 1999, (Sections 5, 36 and 47):

General principles for heritage resources management

5. (1) All authorities, bodies and persons performing functions and exercising powers in terms of this Act for the management of heritage resources must recognise the following principles:

(a) Heritage resources have lasting value in their own right and provide evidence of the origins of South African society and as they are valuable, finite, non-renewable and irreplaceable they must be carefully managed to ensure their survival;

(b) every generation has a moral responsibility to act as trustee of the national heritage for succeeding generations and the State has an obligation to manage heritage resources in the interests of all South Africans.

(c) heritage resources have the capacity to promote reconciliation, understanding and respect, and contribute to the development of a unifying South African identity; and

(d) heritage resources management must guard against the use of heritage for sectarian purposes or political gain.

(2) To ensure that heritage resources are effectively managed

(a) the skills and capacities of persons and communities involved in heritage resources management must be developed; and

(b) provision must be made for the ongoing education and training of existing and new heritage resources management workers.

(3) Laws, procedures and administrative practices must

(a) be clear and generally available to those affected thereby;

(b) in addition to serving as regulatory measures, also provide guidance and information to those affected thereby; and

(c) give further content to the fundamental rights set out in the Constitution.

(4) Heritage resources form an important part of the history and beliefs of communities and must be managed in a way that acknowledges the right of affected communities to be consulted and to participate in their management.

(5) Heritage resources contribute significantly to research, education and tourism and they must be developed and presented for these purposes in a way that ensures dignity and respect for cultural values.

(6) Policy, administrative practice and legislation must promote the integration of heritage resources conservation in urban and rural planning and social and economic development.

(7) The identification, assessment and management of the heritage resources of South Africa must—

- (a) take account of all relevant cultural values and indigenous knowledge systems;
- (b) take account of material or cultural heritage value and involve the least possible alteration or loss of it;
- (c) promote the use and enjoyment of and access to heritage resources, in a way consistent with their cultural significance and conservation needs;
- (d) contribute to social and economic development;
- (e) safeguard the options of present and future generations; and
- (f) be fully researched, documented and recorded.

### 13.1 Burial grounds and graves

36. (1) Where it is not the responsibility of any other authority, SAHRA must conserve and generally care for burial grounds and graves protected in terms of this section, and it may make such arrangements for their conservation as it sees fit.

(2) SAHRA must identify and record the graves of victims of conflict and any other graves which it deems to be of cultural significance and may erect memorials associated with the grave referred to in subsection (1), and must maintain such memorials.

(3) (a) No person may, without a permit issued by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority

(a) destroy, damage, alter, exhume or remove from its original position or otherwise disturb the grave of a victim of conflict, or any burial ground or part thereof which contains such graves;

(b) destroy, damage, alter, exhume, remove from its original position or otherwise disturb any grave or burial ground older than 60 years which is situated outside a formal cemetery administered by a local authority; or

(c) bring onto or use at a burial ground or grave referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) any excavation equipment, or any equipment which assists in the detection or recovery of metals.

(4) SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority may not issue a permit for the destruction or damage of any burial ground or grave referred to in subsection (3)(a) unless it is satisfied that the applicant has made satisfactory arrangements for the exhumation and re-interment of the contents of such graves, at the cost of the applicant and in accordance with any regulations made by the responsible heritage resources authority.

(5) SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority may not issue a permit for any activity under subsection (3)(b) unless it is satisfied that the applicant has, in accordance with regulations made by the responsible heritage resources authority

(a) made a concerted effort to contact and consult communities and individuals who by tradition have an interest in such grave or burial ground; and

(b) reached agreements with such communities and individuals regarding the future of such grave or burial ground.

(6) Subject to the provision of any other law, any person who in the course of development or any other activity discovers the location of a grave, the existence of which was previously unknown, must immediately cease such activity and report the discovery to the responsible heritage resources authority which must, in co-operation with the South African Police Service and in accordance with regulations of the responsible heritage resources authority

(a) carry out an investigation for the purpose of obtaining information on whether or not such grave is protected in terms of this Act or is of significance to any community; and

(b) if such grave is protected or is of significance, assist any person who or community which is a direct descendant to make arrangements for the exhumation and re-interment of the contents of such grave or, in the absence of such person or community, make any such arrangements as it deems fit.

(7) (a) SAHRA must, over a period of five years from the commencement of this Act, submit to the Minister for his or her approval lists of graves and burial grounds of persons connected with the liberation struggle and who died in exile or as a result of the action of State security forces or agents provocateur and which, after a process of public consultation, it believes should be included among those protected under this section.

(b) The Minister must publish such lists as he or she approves in the Gazette.

(8) Subject to section 56(2), SAHRA has the power, with respect to the graves of victims of conflict outside the Republic, to perform any function of a provincial heritage resources authority in terms of this section.

(9) SAHRA must assist other State Departments in identifying graves in a foreign country of victims of conflict connected with the liberation struggle and, following negotiations with the next of kin, or relevant authorities, it may re-inter the remains of that person in a prominent place in the capital of the Republic.

## 13.2 General policy

47. (1) SAHRA and a provincial heritage resources authority—

(a) must, within three years after the commencement of this Act, adopt statements of general policy for the management of all heritage resources owned or controlled by it or vested in it; and

(b) may from time to time amend such statements so that they are adapted to changing circumstances or in accordance with increased knowledge; and

(c) must review any such statement within 10 years after its adoption.

(2) Each heritage resources authority must adopt for any place which is protected in terms of this Act and is owned or controlled by it or vested in it, a plan for the management of such place in accordance with the best

environmental, heritage conservation, scientific and educational principles that can reasonably be applied taking into account the location, size and nature of the place and the resources of the authority concerned, and may from time to time review any such plan.

(3) A conservation management plan may at the discretion of the heritage resources authority concerned and for a period not exceeding 10 years, be operated either solely by the heritage resources authority or in conjunction with an environmental or tourism authority or under contractual arrangements, on such terms and conditions as the heritage resources authority may determine.

(4) Regulations by the heritage resources authority concerned must provide for a process whereby, prior to the adoption or amendment of any statement of general policy or any conservation management plan, the public and interested organisations are notified of the availability of a draft statement or plan for inspection, and comment is invited and considered by the heritage resources authority concerned.

(5) A heritage resources authority may not act in any manner inconsistent with any statement of general policy or conservation management plan.

(6) All current statements of general policy and conservation management plans adopted by a heritage resources authority must be available for public inspection on request.

## 14 APPENDIX 4: CV OF THE ARCHAEOLOGIST (Trust Mlilo)

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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<b>QUALIFICATION: MA (ARCHAEOLOGY), BA Hons (Archaeology), [Univ. of Pretoria, Pretoria], PDGE, BA (Archaeology) UZ</b>					

### BRIEF PROFILE

#### Mr Trust Mlilo

Mr Trust Mlilo is the Archaeology/Heritage specialist at Sativa Travel and Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd. He is professional member of ASAPA and listed as an archaeologist and heritage specialist by Amafa aKwaZulu Natal and Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Agency (ECPHRA). Prior to joining SATIVATEC (Pty) Ltd, Trust Mlilo served as the Archaeologist and Heritage Manager at Nzumbululo Heritage Solutions (RSA Ltd.) [www.nzumbululo.com]. He has also collaborated in a number of archaeological and Heritage work with Siyathembana 293Trading (Pty) Ltd, Finishing Touch (Pty) Ltd, Vhubvo Archaeo Heritage (Pty) Ltd. And Integrated Specialist Services (Pty) Ltd. He is a professional heritage manager and research consultant with more than 15 years of practice and experience in archaeology, heritage management and education management. He has vast experience in Heritage Impact Assessments, Heritage induction, public consultations, monitoring and pre-construction heritage mitigation. He has worked as a researcher in Heritage development and nomination of heritage sites such

as Nelson Mandela Legacy sites, Shembe sites and Delmas Treason Trial just to mention a few. He has attended and participated in several academic and professional symposiums and conferences.

Mr Miilo has undertaken and assisted research teams in several projects in Sustainability, Energy & Environment (SEE); Environmental Health and Safety Solutions; Cultural Heritage Development (CHD) and Applied Socio-Economic Research and Enterprise Development [RED]. His willingness to learn has seen him participate as a researcher and coordinator in research teams responsible, for example, in developing a Heritage Management Plans for O.R Tambo and Chris Hani memorial sites (2016) as well as the Nelson Mandela sites (2014 -2015), Integrated Development Planning (IDP) Environmental Toolkit (Mpumalanga Province [2011]), the Tourism Development Toolkit (Department of Environment and Tourism [2009]), etc. He is also effective in public engagements and consultations and has facilitated in massive grave relocation projects for several mining and infrastructure developments companies such as BHP Billiton 2013-2015 and Rhino Minerals 2009-2014 as well as Eskom and Road Agency Limpopo. He has conducted hundreds of Heritage Impact Assessment projects for Eskom minor reticulation projects in North West Province, KwaZulu Natal, Eastern Cape, Limpopo Province, Mpumalanga, Gauteng and the Free State Province as well as HIAs for various public and private developers (See SAHRIS website for HIA reports registered under Nzumbululo Heritage Solutions [Murimbika and Miilo as the authors], Sativa and Integrated Specialist Services. The major highlight of his work was the Heritage Impact Assessment for the 700km, 765KV Gamma Kappa and Kappa Omega powerline in the Western Cape. Under Sativa Travel and Environmental Consultants, Miilo served high profile companies such as GIBB, Afrimat, Eskom and Trans Africa Projects. Trust Miilo has sound knowledge of heritage permit application processes and heritage mitigation processes. He is also effective in resource mobilization, team building and coordination. In addition, he has vast experience in project presentation and consultation.

## EDUCATION

Institution [Date from - Date to]	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
University of Pretoria 2013 - 2015	MA in Archaeology
University of Pretoria 2009 – 2010	BA Honours in Archaeology
University of Zimbabwe, 2000	Post Graduate Diploma in Education (History)
University of Zimbabwe (1991-1993)	BA Gen. (Archaeology, African Languages & Linguistics)

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (Good, Fair, Poor)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	Good	Good	Good
Shona	Good	Good	Good
Ndebele	Good	Good	Fair
Zulu	Fair	Good	Fair
Tsonga	Good	Good	Good
Tshivenda	Poor	Fair	Poor
Sesotho	Poor	Fair	Poor
Setswana	Poor	Fair	Poor
Xhosa	Poor	Fair	Poor
Afrikaans	Beginner's stage		

## SKILLS MATRIX

Current Skills levels:

1 Had appropriate training only

2 Limited practical experience

3 Solid practical experience

4 Well versed, extensive experience

5 Expert, extensive experience

Type of Experience	Experience In months	Date Last used	Skill level
Communication and Marketing	+120	Current	4
Inter-personal and inter-governmental liaison	+120	Current	3
Organizational skills	+120	Current	4
Coordination	+120	Current	5
Facilitation	+120	Current	5
Planning	+120	Current	4
People Management	+120	Current	4
Time Management	+120	Current	5
Computer literacy (MS Office, Project management software, MAC OS)	+120	Current	3
Project management	+120	Current	4

## COMPUTER SKILLS:

- MS Operating System
  - Professional Level Competencies in MS Word, MS Excel, MS Power-point, PMS Publisher, and Internet.
- Mac Operating System
- Photoshop



## ACADEMIC WORKS

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### Title of Post-Graduate University Theses & Dissertations:

- **Master in Archaeology** (2013-2015), University of Pretoria) Management of the Klasies River main site along the Tsitsikamma Coast in the Eastern Cape Province.
- **BA Hons in Archaeology.** (2010, University of Pretoria): Comparison of conservation of archaeological sites under the jurisdiction of museums and sites in rural locations, the case BaKoni Malapa and Mahumane Late Iron Age sites in Limpopo Province.
- **Post Graduate Diploma in Education.** (2000, University of Zimbabwe): An assessment of attitudes towards use of media in the teaching of History in Secondary schools in Gweru, Zimbabwe

### Selected Seminars, Lectures & Conference Papers

**July 2014: Pan Africanist Archaeologist Conference.** Johannesburg, South Africa Paper to be presented:

- *The challenges of heritage management in South Africa: A focus on the Klasies River main site.*

## WORK & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**PERIOD:** 2015 to Present: Archaeologist/Heritage Manager at Integrated Specialist Services (Pty) Ltd [Web Site: [www.sativatec.co.za](http://www.sativatec.co.za)] and emerging consultancy with highly experienced Heritage, Palaeontology and Ecology/Biodiversity Specialists. Sativa (Pty) Ltd 's main focus is to provide quality specialist services in Environmental and Heritage Management. Sativa (Pty) Ltd team has successfully completed a significant number of projects and is looking forward to building its profile in both Environmental and Heritage Management. The major clients are Bigtime Strategic Group Science and Research, Afrimat, Trans Africa Projects, Kimopax, Mawenje Consulting and Road Agency Limpopo. The following is a list of selected projects completed at Sativa (Pty). Ltd

- **ESKOM:** HIA study for the household electrification infrastructure of the proposed 22kv powerline for Norlim-Taung (15km) and Norlim Dikhuting (13km) in the Buxton area (Taung World Heritage Site) Greater Taung Municipality, North West Province.
- **GIBB:** HIA for proposed Assen / Tambotie Mining PermitApplication for the development of the Assen / Tambotie mine in Madibeng Local Municipality of North West Province
- HIA for proposed Eskom 13,5km, 132kv Randfontein Northern Strategy Power line and associated substations in Mogale City and Rand West City Local Municipalities of Gauteng Province
- HIA for proposed Eskom 132kv Westgate.Tarilton Power line in Mogale City and Rand West City Local Municipalities of Gauteng Province: Archaeological and Heritage Impact Assessment Report

- Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment for Eskom's proposed 11.065km 22kV Phase 3 Ngqeleni Electrification in Nyandeni Local Municipality of Eastern Cape Province
- HIA for proposed Eskom Wolvekrans Substation and 132kv Powerline in Mogale City and of Gauteng Province:
- HIA for Proposed Zandrivers Drift Mining PermitApplication in Madibeng Local Municipality of North West Province
- Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment for Eskom's proposed KwaZamoxolo normalization power line development at Noupoot in Umsobomvu Local MunicipalityMpumalanga Province
- Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment for Eskom's proposed 0.659km 22kv Murraysburg powerline move in the Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province
- A Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed, Tubatse Special Economic Zone in Burgersfort, Limpopo, under the jurisdiction of the Greater Tubatse Local Municipality of Limpopo Province.
- A Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed construction of a new 20ML/D Pump station and bulk water pipeline in Middleburg, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality in Province.
- A Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed 5.5km 88kV power line and substation in Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province.

**PERIOD: 2008 to 2014: Archaeologist and Heritage Manager** – Nzumbululo Holdings Limited [www.nzumbululo.com] (dynamic and market-leading consultancy providing innovative solutions in Applied Social-Economic Research and Enterprise Development services, Cultural Heritage Development, Sustainability, and Energy & Environment, Environmental Health and Safety).

**Specialist Responsibilities:** Assist in Project Management, fieldwork, community consultation and report compilation.

- Researcher for heritage and cultural landscape management projects that involve cultural resources management, heritage conservation management planning, heritage and environmental impact assessment, basic assessment, project management, public participation coordination, predevelopment planning specialists input coordination and liaison with compliant agencies such as government departments.

## CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITIES

None

## SPECIALIST POSITIONS AND PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE

### 2007 - 2014 Archeological and Heritage Impact Assessment Studies

Have participated in phase 1 (scoping studies) to Phase 2 and 3 heritage and archeological impact assessment studies (mitigation excavations, rescue or salvage excavation and monitoring studies) for infrastructural developments including, powerlines, roads and other developments. The HIA and AIA portfolio during this period amounts to more than 300 projects across all nine provinces of South Africa and neighboring countries with an estimated value in excess of Million Rands in professional specialist's fees and billions in associated project budgets.

### January 2008 – 2014: Environmental and Heritage Impact Assessment Study for Eskom SOC Limited 765kV Powerline Development Northern to Western Cape Provinces.

**Field Archaeologist and Assistant Heritage Manager:** Environmental Authorisation (EIA) and Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) studies for Eskom SOC Transmission Gamma-Kappa & Kappa-Omega 765kV Powerlines Development in Northern & Western Cape Provinces in South Africa 2012-14. The Field archaeologist and heritage manager responsibilities involve coordinating a team of 4 (Archaeology, Palaeontology, Visual and Cultural Landscapes and Built Environment). This power transmission project is one of the largest and strategic transmission projects Eskom has ever embarked on in the past two decades.

### July 2011 – March 2012: Research, Design and Development of the Delmas Treason Trials Commemorative Monument Project at Delmas Magistrate's Court, Mpumalanga Province.

**Project Heritage Manager** and Research Assistant for archival, oral and historical research on the 1985-1989 Delmas 22 and 1989 Delmas 4 Treason Trials (the last of the infamous apartheid treason trials). The project entails detailed legal history on treason trials, conceptualise, design and develop and commission a public commemorative monument in honour of the treason Trialists. Hundreds of hours of digital recordings of interviews with legal struggle icons such as George Bizos, the late Justice Arthur Chaskalson, Advocate Gcina Malindi, Justice Yacob, former Premier Popo Molefe and all surviving Delmas trialists and their families were collected, project report was generated and South Africa's first monument dedicated to commemoration of treason trials was developed and unveiled in March 2012 at Delmas Court in Delmas Town, Mpumalanga.

### 2009 – October 2010: eThekweni Metropolitan Shembe Baptist Nazareth Church Cultural Landscape Project

Commissioned by the eThekweni Metro Council as **Assistant Heritage Manager and Research Assistant** for the eThekweni Metropolitan Shembe Baptist Nazareth Church Cultural Landscape Project. The project involved conducting historical research into the evolution of Shembe Church, one of Africa's older and

continuous independent churches that were founded by Isaiah Shembe in 1910. The second object was to propose, nominate the Shembe Cultural Landscape as Provincial Heritage Site under the protection of provincial and national heritage laws. The project closed with development of the cultural heritage Conservation Management Plan and nomination of Shembe cultural Landscape as Provincial Heritage Site (Nomination Approved by the KwaZulu Natal Provincial Heritage Council (Amafa Council) on October. 18 2010).

### **2008- 2009: Mpumalanga Province Greening, Heritage and Greening Mpumalanga Flagship Program Management Unit [PMU]**

**Research Assistant (Heritage)** for the Mpumalanga Provincial Government commissioned Mpumalanga Province Greeting, Heritage and Greening Mpumalanga Flagship Program Management Unit [PMU]. Mr Mlilo assisted in archaeological and heritage components of the project.

### **AUXILIARY PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**1996-2006:** ‘O’ and ‘A’ Level History Examiner (Ministry of Education in collaboration with Cambridge University, UK).

### **AUXILLIARY SPECIALIST SKILLS**

#### **Key Management skills**

- Applied Environment & Heritage Management Research
- Sustainable development programmes assessment.
- Project Management
- Adult Education

#### **Other skills**

- Performance management
- Public Finance Management
- School administration and teaching
- Professional Archaeologist.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- **Member of Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA) No.396.**  
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