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Dear Mr Nel

#### HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: ROAD DR 1298 AT BEREAVILLE NEAR GENADENDAL

As requested, we have investigated a portion of the above road located to the west of the hamlet of Genadendal in the Greyton area of Overberg, Western Cape. Essentially, the site is a 4.2 km gravel road that is to be upgraded and resurfaced.

The scope of work consisted of conducting a Phase 1 archaeological survey of the site in accordance with the requirements of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999). This included:

- Conducting a desk-top investigation of the area
- A visit to the proposed development site

The objectives were to

- Identify possible archaeological, cultural and historic sites within the proposed development areas;
- Evaluate the potential impacts of construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed development on archaeological, cultural and historical resources;
- Recommend mitigation measures to ameliorate any negative impacts on areas of archaeological, cultural or historical importance.

The geology is made up of arenite, except on the western side, where there is a wedge shaped intrusion of shale. The original vegetation of the area is classified as South and South-west Coast Renosterveld, which is a narrow strip of vegetation bounded on the northern and southern side by Mountain Fynbos. No features (eg. hills, outcrops or rock shelters) that usually drew people to settle in its vicinity, occurs in the area.

Being an existing road that is to be upgraded, any heritage resources that might have occurred here, would have been damaged. Apart from this, two areas were specifically investigated. The one is the area of the existing borrow pit, in case it is decided to open it again. The second area is where a 400 metre long realignment of the road is planned.

#### NORTHERN FLAGSHIP INSTITUTION/NOORDELIKE VLAGSKIPINSTELLING

INCORPORATING/GEINKORPOREER

National Cultural History Museum/Nasionale Kulturhistoriese Museum

Transvaal Museum

National Museum of Military History/Nasionale Museum vir Militêre Geskiedenis

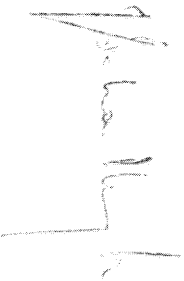
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Willem Prinsloo Agricultural/Landbou Museum

We have found no obvious features, sites or artefacts of cultural significance that would be impacted on by the proposed development. We therefore recommend, from a heritage point of view, that the proposed development can continue and requests that if archaeological sites or graves are exposed during construction work, it should immediately be reported to a museum, preferably one at which an archaeologist is available, so that an investigation and evaluation of the finds can be made

Yours sincerely

J van Schalkwyk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J van Schalkwyk', written in a cursive style.