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CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF PORTION 92 DE RUST 478 JQ MADIBENG NORTH WEST PROVINCE.

1. DEFINITION

The broad generic term *Cultural Heritage Resources* refers to any physical and spiritual property associated with past and present human use or occupation of the environment, cultural activities and history. The term includes sites, structures, places, natural features and material of palaeontological, archaeological, historical, aesthetic, scientific, architectural, religious, symbolic or traditional importance to specific individuals or groups, traditional systems of cultural practice, belief or social interaction.

2. PROTECTED SITES IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT, ACT NO. 25 OF 1999

The following are the most important sites and objects protected by the National Heritage Act:

Structures or parts of structures older than 60 years.

Archaeological sites and objects.

Palaeontological sites.

Meteorites.

Ship wrecks.

Burial grounds.

Graves of victims of conflict.

Public monuments and memorials.

Structures, places and objects protected through the publication of notices in the Gazette and Provincial Gazette.

Any other places or object, which are considered to be of interest or of historical or cultural significance.

Geological sites of scientific or cultural importance.

Sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa.

Objects to which oral traditions are attached.

Sites of cultural significance or other value to a community or pattern of South African history.

3. METHODOLOGY

The site was visited and inspected on foot. All appropriate documents on the area were studied.

4. RESULTS

The area is flat grassland with eucalyptus and thorn trees. There is also a modern farmhouse (\pm 1980) and outbuildings. No indication of archaeological sites or structures older than 60 years could be found. There are also no graves present.

The original farm De Rust belonged to Andries W J Pretorius the famous Voortrekker leader, well known for his military success against the Zulus at Blood River. He later became Commandant-General of the Natal Republic, but after the British occupation of Natal he acquired the farm "Grootplaas" now called "De Rust". The original farm is now partly flooded by the Hartebeespoort dam. The proposed development area on portion 92 of De Rust lays some 4km to the west of the original Pretorius settlement (Carruthers V 2000:270)

5. CONCLUSION

There are no important cultural heritage resources or graves present on the proposed development area.

6. RECOMMENDATION

There is no objection to the development of the site from a cultural heritage resources point of view.

If during construction any cultural heritage resources or graves are unearthed all work has to be stopped until the site has been inspected and mitigated by a cultural heritage practitioner.

7. REFERENCES

- 1/50 000 Map 2527 DB

- Archaeological database of the National Cultural History Museum, Pretoria.
- Carruthers Vincent 2000 The Magaliesberg. Protea Book House Pretoria.
- Survey of Cultural Heritage resources of the Hartebeestpoort dam area Madibeng (Unpublished report).
- Küssel U.S. 2003 Survey of the Cultural Heritage Resources of the North West Province (Unpublished Report).

8. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

<p>Owners contact details:</p> <p>R-J Beach CC Titus & Heather Orpen 082 659 1103 titus@icon.co.za</p>
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<p>Type of development (e.g. low cost housing project, mining etc.)</p> <p>Medium cost housing development</p>
<p>Whether rezoning and/or subdivision of land is involved:</p> <p>Rezoning and subdivision is involved – town proclamation</p>
<p>Full location of Province, Magisterial District/Local Authority, property (e.g. farm, erf name and number:</p> <p>Portion 92 of the farm De Rust 479 JQ, Madibeng Local Municipality, Northwest Province</p>

Location map must have the polygon of the area to be surveyed on it and full geographical coordinates for all relevant points and where applicable indication of the area to be developed (footprint):

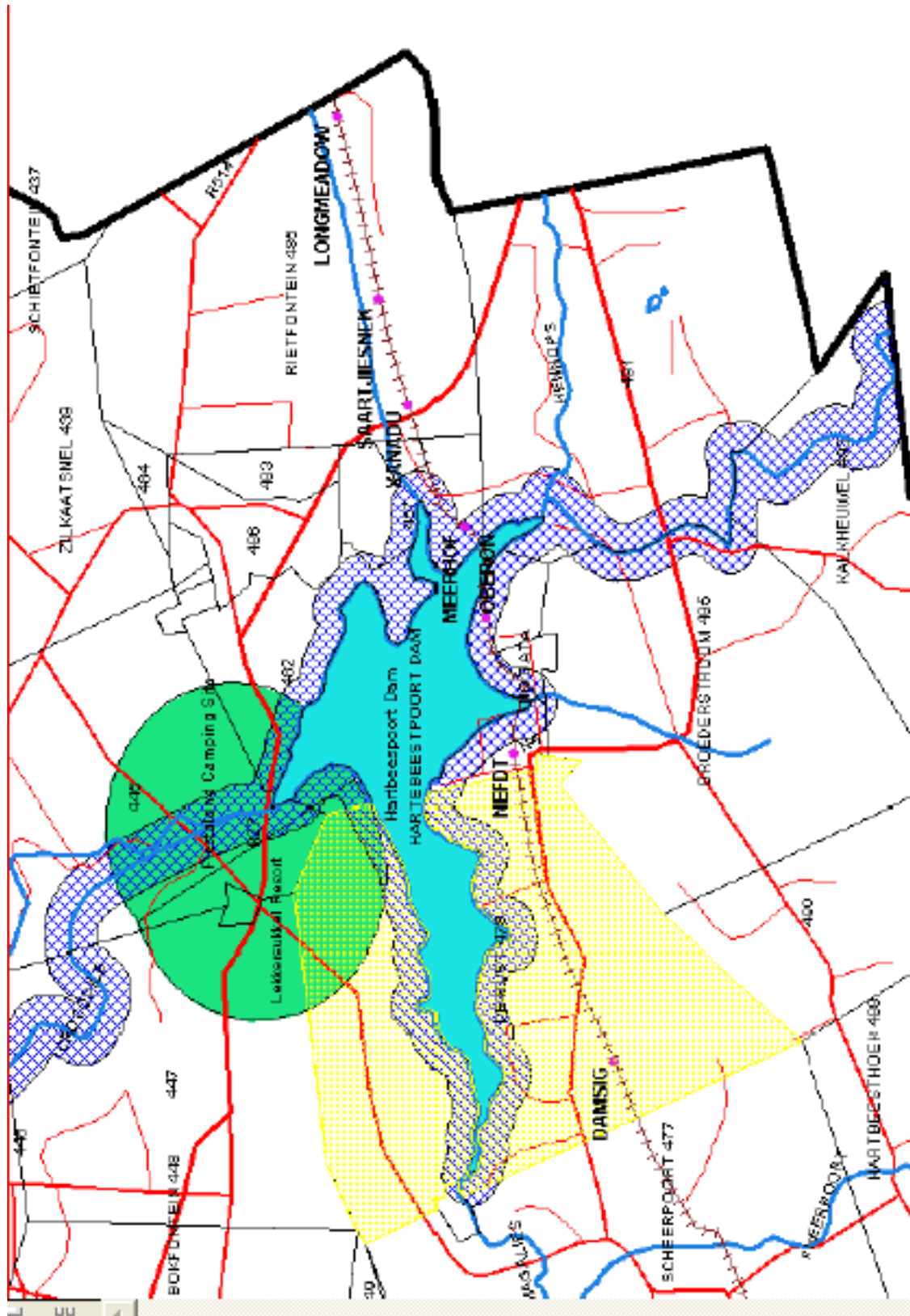
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If possible an aerial photograph of the specific area showing the location of all site.

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9. MAPS

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