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HERITAGE RESOURCE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHMENT ON THE FARM STERKSTROOM 126 LQ LEPHALALE

STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO HERITAGE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Map reference: South Africa 1:50 000 2327 BC
General co-ordinates: S23° 22' 21.0" E27° 38' 57.5"

The Project proposal constitutes an activity for which an Environmental Impact Assessment is required in terms of the Environmental Conservation Act (Act No. 73 of 1989), to satisfy the requirements of the List of Activities and Regulation for EIA's published in the government Notice No. R1183. The heritage component of the EIA is provided for in section 26 of the Environmental Conservation Act and endorsed by section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA - Act No. 25 of 1999). In addition the NHRA protects all structures and features older than 60 years (section 34), archaeological sites and material (section 35) and graves and burial sites (section 36).

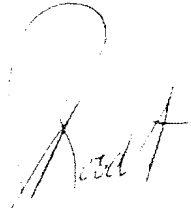
In order to comply with legislation, the developer requires information on the presence of heritage resources, and their significance that may occur on the proposed terrain. This will enable the developer to take pro-active measures to limit the adverse effects that the development could have on such heritage resources.

The author was contracted to undertake a Phase 1 Heritage Resources Impact Assessment of the surface area demarcated for the proposed development. The aim was to determine the presence, or not, of any heritage resources such as archaeological and historical sites and features, graves and places of religious and cultural significance; to assess the impact of the proposed project on such heritage resources; and to submit appropriate recommendations with regard to the cultural resources management measures that may be required at affected sites / features. This survey forms part of the EIA-scoping process and data regarding the environmental conditions and social issues should be read in the main report. Consequently, a letter containing a qualified statement of the *status quo* with regard to heritage resources, instead of a full report, is deemed sufficient.

A thorough survey of the terrain was undertaken on foot. Standard methods of observation were followed, with special emphasis on disturbed areas, i.e., road clearings and animal burrows, etc. The terrain is undisturbed and archaeological visibility is good. It is unlikely that any heritage remains were overlooked.

This letter serves to confirm that no significant heritage resources such as archaeological or historical material, graves or places of social or religious significance were found on the terrain. From a heritage resources management point of view, we have no objection with regard to the development, and no mitigation measures are required. *However, the discovery of previously undetected heritage remains during development must be reported to the Heritage Authority or the archaeologist, and may require mitigation measures.*

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Frans Roodt', written in a cursive style.

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