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CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED VOLKSRUST TRUCK STOP ON PORTION 9 OF THE FARM SMALKLOOF 122 HS VOLKSRUST MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

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 paleontological, archaeological, historical, aesthetic, scientific, architectural, religious, symbolic or traditional importance to specific individuals or groups, traditional systems of cultural practice, belief or social interaction.

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 50 years.
- Archaeological sites and objects.
- Paleontological 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 objects, 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.

METHODOLOGY

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

RESULTS

The proposed area lies north of the N17 road. The area originally was Highveld grassland. The proposed development area was later used as maize fields and a portion there of planted with eucalyptus trees. Ploughing over a long period of time would have destroyed any possible archaeological site – see photograph.



The only structure on the site is the ruin of a structure which possible was used as a pig stay (varkhok). This structure most probably dates to the 1970/80`s and has no heritage value – see photograph.



CONCLUSION

There are no visible cultural heritage resources or graves on the proposed development site.

RECOMMENDATIONS

There is no objection to the proposed development of the Volksrust Truck Stop from a cultural heritage resources point of view.

If any heritage elements such as graves are revealed during the construction phase, then the correct procedures as described in Act 25 of 1999 should be adhered to.

SITE INFORMATION

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Type of development (e.g. low cost housing project, mining etc.)
Filling Station and Truck Stop
Whether rezoning and/or subdivision of land is involved: Rezoning is not required
Full location of Province, Magisterial District/Local Authority, property (e.g. farm, erf name and number: The farm is Smalkloof 122, portion 9.

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):

(Google map is attached and the coordinates taken during site visit)

REFERENCES

- 1/50 000 Map 2729 BD
- Archaeological database of the National Cultural Museum Pretoria



