

PROPOSED WRENCHVILLE PHASE 2 LOW-COST HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, KURUMAN, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO DEVELOP

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Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25, 1999)

1. PROPERTY DETAILS:	
Name of property:	Remainder Erf 1
Street Address or location:	The Wrenchville phase 2 Low-Cost housing development is situated adjacent to the existing residential neighborhood of Wrenchville, approximately 3.5 km North- East of Kuruman's town centre.
Erf or Farm number/s:	Remainder Erf 1
Coordinates:	S: 27°26' 27.91" E: 23°27' 36.99"
Town or District:	Kuruman
Municipality:	Ga- Segonyana Municipality
Extent of property:	Approximately 15 Ha
Predominant land use/s of surrounding properties:	The area surrounding this development is mainly residential. The existing community of Wrenchville is located approximately 150m to the south of the Wrenchville Phase 2 Low-Cost housing development.

2. OWNER OF PROPERTY:

Name and Surname:	The Department of Co-Operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Northern Cape (COGHSTA).
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3. DEVELOPMENT DETAILS:

		National Heritage Resources Act [No. 25 of 1999] Section 38 (1) Activities/ Triggers	Description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a.	Construction of a road, wall, powerline, pipeline, canal or other similar form of linear development or barrier over 300m in length.	Construction of internal roads and other linear developments associated with the housing development.
<input type="checkbox"/>	b.	Construction of a bridge or similar structure exceeding 50m in length.	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	c.	Any development or activity that will change the character of a site.	-
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	i.	exceeding 5 000m ² in extent;	The proposed development area is approximately 15 ha.
<input type="checkbox"/>	ii.	involving three or more existing erven or subdivisions thereof;	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	iii.	Involving three or more erven or divisions thereof which have been consolidated within the past five years.	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	d.	Rezoning of a site exceeding 10 000m ² in extent.	-

Description on how the proposed development will change the character of the site:

The proposed development site is currently vacant and is situated north-east, approximately 150m from the existing residential development of Wrenchville. The town centre of Kuruman is approximately 3.5km from the proposed development site and in the administrative area of the Ga-Segonyana Municipality. The proposed Wrenchville phase 2 Low-Cost housing development will provide relief for the current housing shortage to a growing population in Kuruman. There will be numerous internal access roads and no detailed designs are available at this time. The proposed development will be in line with the with the surrounding land uses which supports similar activities.

Information regarding the Impact Assessment Process initiated:

Authority/ Government department: Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC).

Phase at which the process with that authority stands: A site visit was conducted with the case officer on the 18th of April 2019.

Full description of the nature and the extent of the proposed development activity including its potential impacts:

The proposed development site is located approximately 150 m north-east from the existing residential neighbourhood of Wrenchville, Ga Segonyana Municipality in the Northern Cape Province. The site is covered with natural Kuruman Thornveld vegetation with numerous signs of current and previous disturbances in the form of numerous informal footpaths and dumping areas. The Kuruman formal landfill area is located north-west of the concerned property. Earthworks pertaining to phase 1 of the Wrenchville Low-Cost housing Development have already begun. Sufficient space will be retained between the proposed development and the semi natural stream which runs at the Northern boundary of the proposed development site. No development will take place within the 1:100 year floodline. Due to severe disturbance and excavations there is no sign of a definitive stream.

The proposed Wrenchville phase two Low-Cost housing development is approximately 3.5 km north-east from Kuruman's town centre. The proposed development site will be accessed from Buitekant Street within the existing residential area of Wrenchville. The site is currently vacant with an existing residential area located approximately 150 m to the south of the proposed development site. There are

residential areas located to the south and to the west of the proposed development area.

The land is vacant towards the north and east of the proposed development area. The proposed housing units will be used to alleviate the housing shortage in Ga- Segonayna Municipality, Northern Cape Province. This will result in the improved quality of life of the residents of Kuruman.

4. ANTICIPATED IMPACTS ON HERITAGE RESOURCES:

Short history of the site and its surrounding environment: Historically the proposed development site have always been vacant supporting only natural Kuruman Thornveld vegetation. A severely excavated and disturbed semi natural stream is located towards the north of the proposed development site. There are some *Acacia Erioloba* trees located within the 1:100 year floodline. The development will remain outside the 1:100 year floodline. Trees located within the proposed development site are not older than 60 years. An aerial photograph of the proposed development site in 1959 is included as Appendix B as well as a current aerial photograph.

Residential developments are located to the south and the west of the proposed development site and vacant land towards the east and north. The development will thus be in line with the surrounding environment. The proposed development site is located 3.5 km from the town centre of Kuruman which makes it a suitable as well as an accessible site for a residential development.

The Description and nature of impacts on any heritage resources that exists on the site.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Places, buildings, structures and equipment of cultural significance</p> <p>Description of resource: N/A</p> <p>Description of impact on heritage resource: N/A</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Places to which oral traditions are attached or which are associated with living heritage</p> <p>Description of resource: N/A</p>

	Description of impact on heritage resource: N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Historical settlements and townscapes</p> <p>Description of resource: N/A</p> <p>Description of impact on heritage resource: N/A</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Geological resources of scientific or cultural importance</p> <p>Description of resource: N/A</p> <p>Description of impact on heritage resource: N/A</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Archaeological resources (Including archaeological sites and material, rock art, battlefields & wrecks):</p> <p>Description of resource: N/A</p> <p>Description of impact on heritage resource: N/A</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Palaeontological resources (ie: fossils):</p> <p>Description of resource: N/A</p> <p>Description of impact on heritage resource: N/A</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Graves and burial grounds (eg: ancestral graves, graves of victims of conflict, historical graves & cemeteries):</p> <p>Description of Resource: N/A</p> <p>Description of Impact on Heritage Resource: N/A</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Other human remains:</p> <p>Description of resource: N/A</p> <p>Description of impact on heritage resource: N/A</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa:</p> <p>Description of resource: N/A</p> <p>Description of impact on heritage resource: N/A</p>

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Other heritage resources:</p> <p>Description of resource: N/A</p> <p>Description of impact on heritage resource: N/A</p>
<p>Describe elements of the proposed development site that could be deemed to be heritage resources: None</p> <p>Description of impacts on heritage resources on the proposed development site: None</p> <p>Summary of anticipated impacts on heritage resources: It is not anticipated that heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed development site. No artefacts of historical or archaeological significance are expected to occur on the site. Severe excavations and the commencement of construction for phase 1 of the development, have altered the property and its surrounds from its natural state. It is GNEC's professional opinion that a positive ROD be issued.</p>	

<p>5. ILLUSTRATIVE MATERIAL:</p>
<p>Illustrative material is attached to this report. Appendix A illustrates the locality of the proposed development. Appendix B illustrates aerial photography from 1959 of the proposed development site. Appendix C illustrates the layout of the proposed development.</p>

<p>6. RECOMMENDATION:</p>
<p>In your opinion do you believe a heritage impact assessment is required? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Recommended by: Name: Cahlan Williams Capacity: Environmental Assessment Practitioner</p>

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