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Coetzee, F.P. 2017. Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment: Phase 1 Investigation for a Prospecting Right Application of Diamond Alluvial, Diamond General and Diamond Kimberlite near Kimberley on a Portion of the Farm Rooifontein 1722 (previously known as a Portion of the Farm Dutoitspan 119), Tokologo Local Municipality, Lejweleputswa District Municipality, Free State Province.

## 1. Introduction

SAHRA commented on the abovementioned report on 20 November 2017 (Case ID: 11148). After comparing the findings with another report (Miller, S. 2017: Case ID 11717) conducted in the same area several amendments were proposed.

## 2. Proposed Amendments

The following finds were listed that should be addressed:

- Old Wesselton mine village
- Three middens
- Rooifontein fountain (*spring?*)
- Pipeline feature
- Iron Reservoir
- Second South African War Fortification
- Pit and Dump
- Trenches

## 3. Survey Areas

Please note that the specific areas that were surveyed differ substantially.



Figure 1: The Miller survey is indicated by the red area and the Coetzee survey is indicated by the white and yellow areas.

It is clear that although there is overlap in terms of the survey areas, the Miller survey covers a much larger region. Also note that, as indicated in my report, the proposed prospecting activities are restricted to the yellow demarcated area.

## 4. Location of Sites



Figure 2: The red dots indicate sites in the Coetzee survey and the blue dots the Miller survey

#### 5. Discussion

All the sites in the Miller (2017) report focus around a rocky outcrop some distance away from the survey area for the Coetzee (2017) report. It is well known that this landscape feature is imbued with significance ranging from prehistory (archaeological remains [rock art engravings and stone tools]) and the more recent history (fortifications, bomb testing and a water reservoir). For this reason the following was included under **6.1 Review of existing information/data** in my report:

In addition it should be noted that a proposal has been submitted to SAHRA for the declaration of the Rooifontein Farm 1722 on the eastern outskirts of Kimberley as a suite of significant heritage resources worthy of formal protection. The application includes the following (Date submitted on SAHRIS: 21 November 2016; Case ID: 10477):

- early diamond mining sites and remains of associated infrastructure
- traces of the South African War Siege of Kimberley Boers positions and HQ sites
- pre-colonial rock engravings and Stone Age sites

Also note the following sources consulted in my report: (Hollman & Fourie 2017 & 2016, Morris 1988, 2014a & 2014b, Rossouw n.d. and Van Vollenhoven 2014).

Please note that my Site 3 encompasses most if not all of the various types of sites listed above (in the Miller report). Although I focused on the extensive rock art engravings at the rocky outcrop, I did also record the possible fort foundations and the iron water reservoir. As these were outside the scope of my study I did not elaborate.

Also note that the shrapnel deposits that were recorded are associated with a Second World War bomb test site as discussed in my report and is included under **7.1. Isolated occurrences**.

# 6. Report Update

Please note that I have updated my report in terms of the areas associated with my Site 3 to incorporate the variety of heritage resources at the rocky outcrop.

I hope this meets with your approval. Kind regards

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