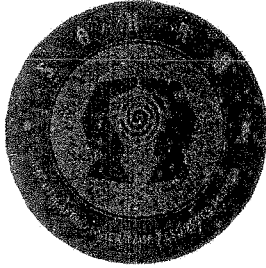


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REVIEW COMMENT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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REVIEW COMMENT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

*D Morris**August 2006, Received 29 August 2006***ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AT THE CLAIM OF MR SETLHABI AT WALDECK'S PLANT, PNIEL, NEAR BARKLY WEST, NORTHERN CAPE.**

This report assesses Waldeck's Plant near Barkly West with respect to proposed mining. Mr Setlhabi's claim is just one of 15 claims within an area not clearly marked on the ground (see report for co-ordinates of the area investigated). Mr Morris notes in his report that Mr Setlhabi was the only one of the fifteen prospective claim-holders who requested an AIA.

Over much of the area there is a low density (mostly less than 1 artefact/ 10m²) of quartzite Middle Stone Age flakes. The more prominent heritage features by far are the traces of twentieth century diamond diggings in the area, including small settlements, including the bases of dwellings, which evidently also reflect the history of forced resettlement. One particular cluster, at the top of the ridge may be worth more detailed documentation, and could be used in the longer term as heritage/tourism resources, but there may be better examples. A Later Stone Age upper grindstone was found near the settlement.

The report recommends that archaeologists of the McGregor Museum should be allowed to carry out inspections from time to time in order to assess the nature of the sedimentation and possible cultural stratigraphy in sections opened up by mining.

If the recommendations made in the specialist are adhered to, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorite Unit has no objection to the development (in terms of the archaeological and palaeontological components of the heritage resources). If any new evidence of sites, graves or other features is found during development, construction or mining, an archaeologist must be alerted immediately.

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