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Dear Mr Nel

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: ALLANDALE PRISON, PAARL

As requested, we have inspected the site of the proposed development at the Allendale Prison in the Paarl District of Western Province. The prison is located east of Van Der Stel Avenue and south of Bodal Street in the greater Paarl area.

The objective of this visit was to investigate an area immediately adjacent to the one previously inspected. Our previous report on this site, dated 7 March 2005, therefore has relevance.

The current land-use of most of this area is agricultural – vegetables are produced for the prison inmates. Two old buildings, being a barn and a stable occur here, with a third, a house, currently occupied by prison staff, some distance away.

- Mr de Wet, who is in charge of the “Buildings Section” of Correctional Services at Allendale Prison and who has been associated with this facility since the early 1980s, indicated that these structures all post-date the start of the prison facility in 1967.
- Except for the house, the farm buildings are rundown, with some fixtures, e.g., doors and window frames removed.
- Neither of these buildings shows unique or interesting architectural or cultural attributes.
- None of the buildings can be associated with an important event or individual, as they have always solely been used in the agricultural activities of the prison.

The buildings are accordingly viewed as having no significance and their demolition would not present a problem.

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National Cultural History Museum/Nasionale Kultuurgeskiedenis Museum
Transvaal Museum
National Museum of Military History/Nasionale Museum vir Militêre Geskiedenis
Pioneer/Pionier Museum - Kruger Museum - Tswaing Crater/Krater Museum – Sammy Marks Museum –
Willem Prinsloo Agricultural/Landbou Museum
In conclusion, we have found no obvious features, sites or artefacts of cultural significance that would be impacted on by the proposed development. We therefore recommend, from a heritage point of view, that the proposed development can continue and requests that if archaeological sites or graves are exposed during construction work, it should immediately be reported to a museum, preferably one at which an archaeologist is available, so that an investigation and evaluation of the finds can be made.

Yours sincerely

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