

**NOTICE 2464 OF 2004**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE**

**SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY**

**DECLARATION OF HERITAGE RESOURCES AS NATIONAL HERITAGE SITES**  
**THE FOSSIL HOMINID SITES OF SOUTH AFRICA**

In terms of section 27 of the National Heritage Resources Act, No. 25 of 1999, the South African Heritage Resources Agency hereby declares the Fossil Hominid Sites of South Africa, fully described in the schedule, as a National Heritage Site.

**Schedule**

The fossil sites demarcated as a National Heritage Site are described as follows:

| Fossil Site Name | Farm                                   | Portion                       | Province   | SG Diagram | Figure        | Extent             | Deed of Transfer           |
|------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Boks Farm        | Sterkfontein 173 IQ                    | 12                            | Gauteng    | 2288/2004  | ABCOEA        | 5.5443 hectares    | T761/1975                  |
|                  | Sterkfontein 173 IQ                    | 32                            | Gauteng    | 2293/2004  | ABCOEA        | 30.2924 hectares   | T88259/2000                |
|                  | Sterkfontein 173 IQ                    | 38                            | Gauteng    | 2290/2004  | ABCOA         | 1.8257 hectares    | T48118/2003                |
| Coopers          | Zwartkrans 172 IQ                      | 2                             | Gauteng    | 2288/2004  | ABCOEFA       | 5.0097 hectares    | T76043/1989                |
| Drimolen         | Sterkfontein 519 JQ                    | 24                            | Gauteng    | 2298/2004  | ABCOA         | 3.7027 hectares    | T38805/1997                |
| Gladysvale       | Uitkomst 489 JQ                        |                               | Gauteng    | 2296/2004  | ABCD A        | 3.0134 hectares    | T21567/1978                |
| Gondolin         | Broederstroom 481 JQ                   | 224 & Rem 112                 | North West | 2295/2004  | ABCOEA        | 3.5442 hectares    | T17206/1971<br>T63623/1988 |
| Haagat           | Leeuwenkloof 480 JQ                    | 46 & Rem 3                    | North West | 2294/2004  | ABCOA         | 3.0551 hectares    | T56928/1981                |
| Kromdraai        | Kromdraai 520 JQ                       | 5                             | Gauteng    | 2299/2004  | ABCDEFGA      | 2.7587 hectares    | T12309/1985                |
| Minnaars         | Daniëlsrust 518 JQ (previously 617 JQ) | Rem 8 (previously portion 17) | Gauteng    | 2297/2004  | ABCD A        | 8592 square metres | T25872/1975                |
| Motsotse         | Tweefontein 623 JQ                     | Rem 6                         | Gauteng    | 2301/2004  | ABCD A        | 8708 square metres | T57920/2002                |
| Plover's Lake    | Kromdraai 520 JQ                       | 62 & 47                       | Gauteng    | 2300/2004  | ABCDEF GH JKA | 5.7022 hectares    | T88242/198<br>T2169/1988   |
| Sterkfontein     | Zwartkrans 172 IQ                      | 85 (previously 1)             | Gauteng    | 2282/2004  | ABCOEA        | 17.1314 hectares   | T20082/1958                |
| Swartkrans       | Zwartkrans 172 IQ                      | 85 (previously R)             | Gauteng    | 2281/2004  | ABCD A        | 3.0904 hectares    | T23384/1968                |

**Significance**

This series of fossil sites is one of the most important in the world for the study of human evolution in the context of changing ecological and biological processes. Collectively, they are of national and international significance because they encapsulate a superbly preserved record of the fauna that lived in this part of southern Africa over the past 4 million years, including an invaluable record of stages in the emergence and evolution of our early ancestors and their relatives.

***Previous Notices in terms of the National Monuments Act (Act No 28 of 1988) and the Historical Monuments, Relics and Antiquities Act, 1934 (Act No 4 of 1934)***

The following notices relating to the declaration of Kromdraai, Sterkfontein and Swartkrans as National Monuments are hereby withdrawn:

Notice No 2494, Gazette No 14251 dated 4 September 1992;

Notice No 622 dated 11 March 1948, Gazette No 3619 dated 22 March 1946;

Notice No 514, Gazette No 477 dated 11 April 1963;

Notice No 2293, Gazette No 3571 dated 23 November 1945..

***South African Heritage Resources Agency***

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