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HERITAGE WESTERN CAPE**DECLARATION OF HERITAGE RESOURCES AS PROVINCIAL HERITAGE SITE, "BLAAUWBERG NATURE RESERVE", SITUATED OFF MELKBOSSTRAND ROAD AND THE R27, BLAAUWBERG, CAPE TOWN**

In terms of Section 27(6) of the National Heritage Resources Act, No. 25 of 1999, and by virtue of a resolution of the Council of Heritage Western Cape dated 28 September 2020, the **Blaauwberg Nature Reserve**, as depicted in attached diagram A and as more fully described in the schedule below, is hereby declared a Provincial Heritage Site.

Schedule

Archaeological sites, landscape and natural features of cultural significance, structures and unmarked burials, situated on or at the Blaauwberg nature reserve.

The demarcation of the Provincial Heritage Site is as follows:

Remainder Erf 385 Blaauwbergstrand, in the City of Cape Town, Cape Division, Western Cape Province; In extent: 58, 6975 (Fifty-Eight comma Six Nine Seven Five) Hectares; Held by Deed of Grant No. G62/1969;

Remainder Erf 1 Big Bay, in the City of Cape Town, Cape Division, Western Cape Province; In extent: 23, 8580 (Twenty-Three comma Eight Five Eight Zero) Hectares; Held by Certificate of Consolidated Title No. T2438/2003;

Erf 645 Blaauwbergstrand, in the City of Cape Town, Cape Division, Western Cape Province; In extent: 5326 (Five Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty-Six) Square Metres; Held by Deed of Transfer No. T3434/1975;

Erf 3295 Melkbosch Strand, In the City of Cape Town, Cape Division, Western Cape Province; In extent: 140, 0000 (One Hundred and Forty comma Zero Zero Zero Zero) Hectares; Held by Certificate of Registered Title No. T82954/1999

Portion 11(a portion of Portion 2) of the Farm Van No. 431, in the City of Cape Town, Cape Division, Western Cape Province; In extent: 374, 7398 (Three Hundred and Seventy-Four comma Seven Three Nine Eight) Hectares; Held by Deed of Transfer No. T3027/2011;

Portion 10 (a portion of Portion 1) of the Farm Van No. 431, in the City of Cape Town, Cape Division, Western Cape Province; In extent: 87, 2646 (Eighty-Seven comma Two Six Four Six) Hectares; Held by Deed of Transfer No. T3027/2011;

Portion 1 (Dune) of the Farm No. 144, in the City of Cape Town, Cape Division, Western Cape Province; In extent: 6, 0058 (Six comma Zero Zero Five Eight) Hectares; Held by Deed of Transfer No. T37571/2005;

Portion 1 (Dune) of the Farm No. 145, in the City of Cape Town, Cape Division, Western Cape Province; In extent: 16, 3564 (Sixteen comma Three Five Six Four) Hectares; Held by Deed of Transfer No. T37571/2005;

The Farm No. 99, in the City of Cape Town, Cape Division, Western Cape Province; In extent: 1, 7046 (One comma Seven Zero Four Six) Hectares; Held by Deed of Transfer No. T62980/2002;

The Farm No. 1141, in the City of Cape Town, Cape Division, Western Cape Province; In extent: 330, 5617 (Three Hundred and Thirty-Three comma Five Six One Seven) Hectares; Held by Deed of Transfer No. T62980/2002;

The Farm No. 147, in the City of Cape Town, Cape Division, Western Cape Province; In extent: 7, 2885 (Seven comma Two Eight Eight Five) Hectares; Held by Deed of Transfer No. T62980/2002.

Portions 1 and 2 of Erven 268 Blaauwberg, measuring 363 ha in extent.

Significance

The battle of Blaauwberg was a turning point in the history of the Cape Colony and South Africa in general. The Blaauwberg Nature Reserve over and above being a significance natural heritage site, contains the battleground and field hospital associated with the Battle of Blaauwberg that took place in 1806. The National Monuments Council declared the battle site a conservation area in 1996 under the National Monuments Act. The site includes the landscape where the events around the Battle of Blaauwberg took place including the iconic Blaauwberg Hill, the battle field and the site of the field hospital.

The reserve contains Middle Stone Age and Late Stone Age occurrences which contribute to the understanding of the occupation of the South-Western Cape by the indigenous groups over time.

The Muslim community of Cape Town many of who were slaves were granted their own burial ground (Tana Baru) in recognition of their contribution in the defense of the Cape against the British during the Battle of Blaauwberg.

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DIAGRAM A

