

NOTICE 458 OF 2003**GRADING SYSTEM AND HERITAGE RESOURCES ASSESSMENT CRITERIA [SECTION 7 (1)]****Grading system and criteria**

43. The criteria to be applied in assessing the significance of a heritage resource are as follows:

- (1) Grade I: Heritage resources with qualities so exceptional that they are of special national significance should be applied to any heritage resource which is—
 - (a) of outstanding significance in terms of one or more of the criteria set out in section 3 (3) of the Act; and
 - (b) authentic in terms of design, materials, workmanship or setting; and of such universal value and symbolic importance that it can promote human understanding and contribute to nation building, and its loss would significantly diminish the national heritage.
- (2) Grade II: Heritage resources with special qualities which make them significant in the context of a province or region should be applied to any heritage resource which—
 - (a) is of great significance in terms of one or more of the criteria set out in section 3 (3) of the Act; and
 - (b) enriches understanding of cultural, historical, social and scientific development in the province or region in which it is situated, but that does not fulfil the criteria for Grade I status.
- (3) Grade III: Heritage resources worthy of conservation should be applied to any heritage resource which—
 - (a) fulfils one or more of the criteria set out in section 3 (3) of the Act; or
 - (b) in the case of a site, contributes to the environmental quality or cultural significance of a larger area which fulfils one or more of the above criteria, but that does not fulfil the criteria for Grade II status.

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