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## **DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE**

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#### SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY

#### DECLARATION OF THE LILIESLEAF FARM AS NATIONAL HERITAGE SITES

By virtue of the powers vested in the South African Heritage Resources Agency, in terms of section 27 (5) of the National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999) SAHRA hereby declares Liliesleaf Farm, Erf 357 Rivonia Extension as a National Heritage Site

## Statement of Significance

Liliesleaf Farm represents two pivotal points in South Africa's History and the Liberation Struggle. The purchase of the property by the South African Communist Party (SACP) was to serve as both the organisation's headquarters and a "safe house" for activists. This purchase coincided with the shift within the national liberation movement, from passive resistance to armed struggle and the formation of uMkhonto we Sizwe (MK). Liliesleaf subsequently became the headquarters of MK and a crucible for the Liberation Struggle. It was at this property where MK launched operation O Mayibuye leading to the reaction by the Apartheid regime in the form of the Rivonia Arrests (in July 1963) and the Rivonia Trial (which in turn is an important moment in our history). The trial resulted in the conviction and life imprisonment of prominent struggle leaders such as Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu, Govan Mbeki, Ahmed Kathrada, Denis Goldberg, Raymond Mhlaba, Elias Motsoeledi and Andrew Mlangeni."

#### Schedule

The demarcation of Liliesleaf Farm is as follows:

Site	Erf No /	Province	Town	Municipality	Survey	Figure	Deed
Name	Farm				Diagram		
Liliesleaf	357 –	Gauteng	Johannesburg	City of	2445/2010	AadehFGHA	T 013687 07
Farm	Rivonia			Johannesburg			
	Extension			_			
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