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NO DAMAGE TO KRUGER STATUES

Pretoria, 3 November 2016. After reports that the Paul Kruger statue group had been damaged yesterday on Church Square, the Voortrekker Monument and the Heritage Foundation would like to confirm the following. The structural conservation specialist from the Heritage Foundation visited Church Square early this morning to see if any repairs would be necessary to the statues. He confirmed that there was NO damage to any of the bronze statues or the granite pedestal.

The fence around the statues had been broken open and the place looks like a war zone but the Heritage Foundation has heard that the Mayor himself has undertaken to see to it that the place is cleaned up.

The statues will not be removed from their rightful place and the Afrikaans cultural community will not be threatened by vandalism or the behaviour of any group. The Heritage Foundation has also heard that the Tshwane authority has no plans to remove any public statues.

If there is ever a real reason for concern, the correct procedures will be followed to secure the safety of the artworks. Any enquiries regarding the work done by the Heritage Foundation may be directed to Etta Judson on museum@vtm.org.za.

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