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**SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY
DECLARATION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL MEMORIAL DELVILLE WOOD,
(MEMORIAL NATIONAL SUD AFRICAIN) AS A SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL
HERITAGE SITE**

By virtue of the powers vested in the South African Heritage Resources Agency, in terms of section 27 (5) and 56 (2) of the National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999) SAHRA hereby declares the:

The South African National Memorial; Delville Wood at 5 Route de Ginchy and the Delville Wood as a National Heritage Site.

The site constitutes the land in the territory of the town Longueval, Somme District, France, map locality Bois-Deville Section N number 36 and de Ginchy Road Section N number 37 with the capacity 59 hectares, 77 acres and 96 centiares under the ownership of the South African Government, bounded in the north by D197 to Fluers and Farm land, in east by a Country Road and farm land, in the south the Route de Ginchy and the town of Longueval in the west.

Statement of Significance

The Delville Wood South African National Memorial is a World War 1 memorial to all South Africans who fell during the Great War including the African volunteers of the South African Native Labour Corps and the victims of the SS Mendi. It is the only memorial dedicated to the South African Forces and their role in the Battle of Delville Wood. The battle was the debut action of the South African Forces on the Western Front and is considered an example of supreme sacrifice and heroism. It was also the most costly that the South African Forces experienced during their involvement in the War. Included in the memorial is an Altar Stone in commemoration to the South African losses during the 2nd World War.

Schedule

The demarcation of The South African National Memorial; Delville Wood National Heritage Site is as follows:

Country:	Region	Department	Commune	Section	Plan No	Address	Capacity Ha; A; Ca
France	Picardy	Somme	Longueval	X	36	Bois Deville	59 61 66
France	Picardy	Somme	Longueval	X	37	5 RTE de Ginchy	16 30