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Dear Sir,

**PHASE 2 GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION - NEW KWAZULU NATAL MUSEUM, 96  
JABU NDLOVU STREET, PIETERMARITZBURG.**

Drennan Maud (Pty) Ltd carried out the Phase 1 shallow field investigation for the new KZN Museum on the 08<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The field investigation comprised inspection pitting with TLB plant, Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) testing and sampling of recovered materials.

The Phase 1 shallow field investigation encountered weathered shale bedrock across the majority of the site. However, the inspection pits encountered a Karoo dolerite within the footprint of the new museum structures. Of concern is the deeply weathered residual clayey state of the dolerite intrusion which locally was observed to underlay a thin  $\pm 1$ m thick crust of hard baked shale. The thickness, extent and orientation of the residual dolerite clay intrusion could not be determined from the Phase 1 shallow investigation.

Considering the size of the development as well as the anticipated high foundation loading, DML recommended the commencement of the Phase 2 deep investigation comprising the drilling of five geotechnical boreholes to maximum 15m depth.

Confirmation to proceed with the Phase 2 investigation was received from Sakhisizwe Architects on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The Phase 2 drilling investigation is in its final week of borehole drilling at the date of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

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