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Attention: Mr Martin Klopper

Dear Sir

PROPOSED REZONING OF A PORTION OF FARM GROOT PHESANTEKRAAL, DURBANVILLE

Members of the ACO have completed a Heritage Impact Assessment of a portion of erf 1165 at Durbanville. We hereby convey to you our findings.

1. The affected environment

The portion of land in question is currently a ploughed field used for the cultivation of wheat. Standing structures are a windpump and various fences. The lands have been cleared of loose boulders and large stones. These have been stock piled on the edges of the field and on uncultivated rocky outcrops. In general the land surface has been heavily disturbed, apart from a few areas where silcrete and ferricrete outcrops have made agriculture difficult.

2. Archaeological material

2.1 Quarrying

Surface silcrete/quartzite rock which is quite common in the Durbanville area, was an important source of raw material used by prehistoric people for making stone tools. Inspection of the silcrete boulders that have been moved out of the lands showed some evidence of ancient flake scars, indicating that some raw material quarrying had taken place, probably during Early Stone Age times (over 300 000 years ago). Since the boulders are in a secondary context, and the scarring of a very "incidental" nature, the finds are not considered significant.

2.2 Stone artefact scatter

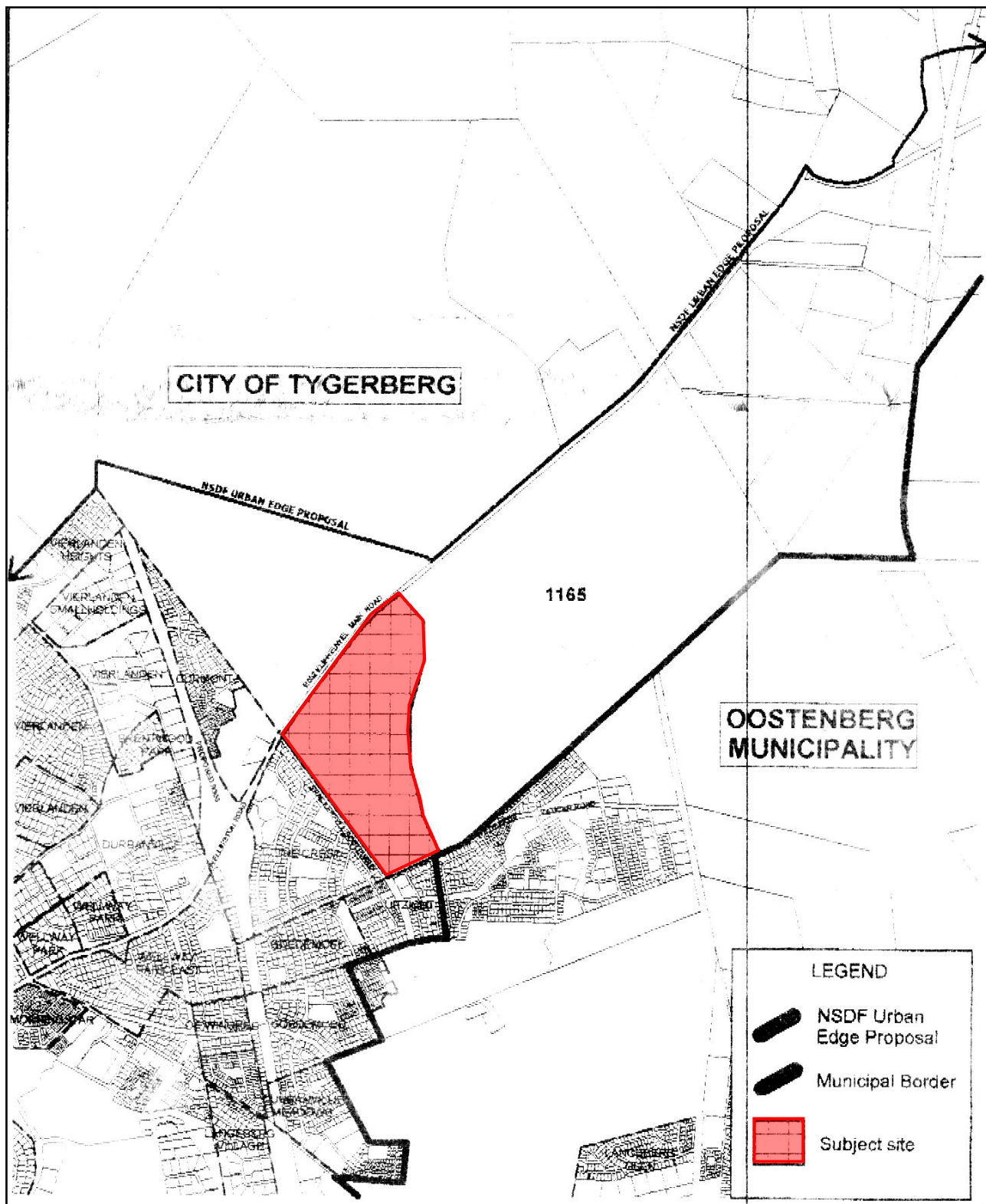
An ephemeral stone artefact scatter consisting of dispersed silcrete flakes (two with retouch) and irregular cores was found at location 33° 48' 42.1"S, 18° 40' 46.0"E. These are of Early Stone Age origin. Due to the fact that the artefacts are in ploughed land and very dispersed, the site is not considered significant.

3. Recommendation

No further mitigatory measures are required. It is recommended that in terms of the requirements of the South African Heritage Resources Act of 1999 (Act 25) that a permit be issued to the developer to proceed.

Yours sincerely

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PROJECT
**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF
 A PORTION OF ERF 1165, GROOT PHESANTEKRAAL**

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