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Dear Mr van der Westhuizen

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT METROPOLITAN CEMETERY STUDY PHASE II – DELFT**

The site visit took place on the 17 December 2004.

A locality map is illustrated in Figure 1.

The site is located alongside Town 6 Delft, off Symphony Way extension in the Western Cape Province (refer to Figure 1).

The proposed site is 31 ha in extent.

The Terms of Reference for the specialist archaeological assessment are to:

- Identify and map archaeological heritage resources on the proposed site;
- Determine the importance of archaeological heritage resources on the proposed site;
- Determine and assess the potential impacts of the proposed development on the archaeological heritage resources, and
- Recommend mitigation measures to minimise impacts associated with the proposed development.

The large vacant site is severely degraded and altered (Figures 2-3). The site has been completely reshaped about 8-9 years ago for the proposed Delft housing development (Neville van der Westhuizen pers. comm.), but was never completed. The large parabolic dune tops have been cut and flattened and troughs filled in about 2-3 m above the water table.

Large parts of the site are infested with alien vegetation and numerous footpaths and old tracks cut across the site. Illegal sand mining is extensive on the site, while dumping of domestic refuse and building rubble is also widespread.

No precolonial archaeological-heritage remains were located during the assessment of the site.

No old buildings or structures occur on the site.

The probability of locating significant archaeological heritage remains during implementation of the project is likely to be improbable, since the site has already been completely reshaped.

The site is not considered to be archaeologically sensitive, threatened or vulnerable.

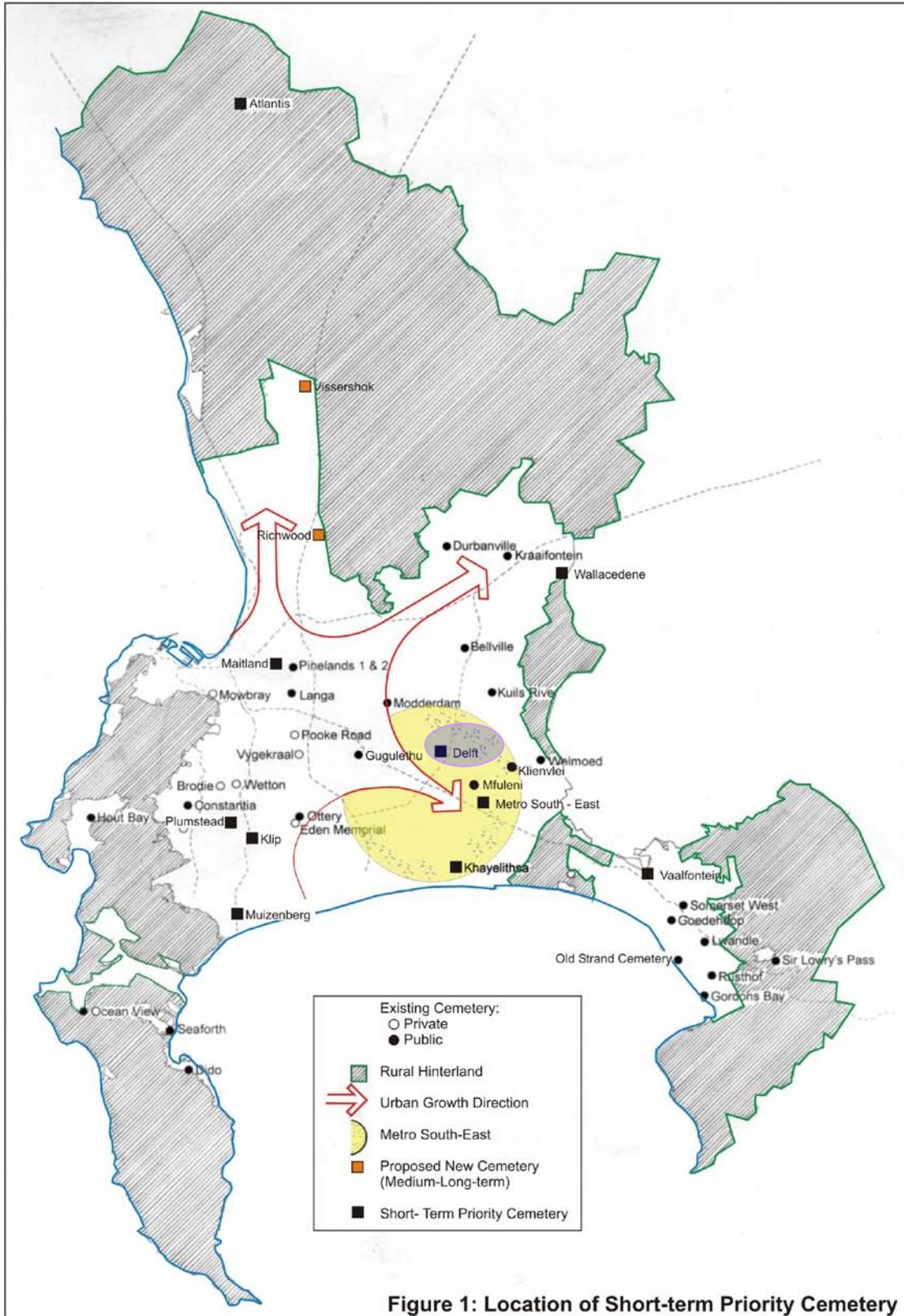
The assessment of the proposed project has rated the potential impacts to archaeological material as being low.

The study has shown that the proposed site is suitable for development.

Yours sincerely

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Jonathan Kaplan



**Figure 1: Location of Short-term Priority Cemetery**



Figure 3. The site facing north.



Figure 4. The site facing north-east.