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Dear Mr van der Westhuizen

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT METROPOLITAN CEMETERY STUDY PHASE II – KLIP WEST (PHASE 2 & 1)

The site visit and assessment took place on the 17 December 2004.

A locality map is illustrated in Figure 1.

An aerial photograph of the affected property is illustrated in Figure 2.

The proposed site is bounded by Prince George Drive and Klip Road in the Western Cape Province (refer to Figure 1).

The proposed site is 8.2 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 vacant site (Klip West Phase 2) is covered in grass and some low scrub (Figure 3). Informal diggings are extensive in the southern portion of the site, and dumping of modern domestic refuse (such as glass, bits of ceramics, gravel, building rubble, etc.) is also fairly widespread. Dune mole rat activity is extensive over the affected property.

Test excavations undertaken by Settlement Planning Services indicate that the below ground deposits comprise mainly white, sterile dune sand. No archaeological remains were uncovered during trial excavations, nor located on the spoil dumps.

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

No buildings or structures occur on the affected property.

No pre-colonial or historical archaeological remains (such as old bottles, glass, bone, ceramics, etc.) were noted associated with dune mole rat activity, suggesting that below ground archaeological heritage remains do not occur on the affected property.

The probability of locating significant archaeological heritage remains during implementation of the project (Phase 2) is likely to be improbable.

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

Klip West (Phase 1) comprises a large sports field, which is also occasionally used for community outdoor activities (Figure 4). Some modern glass, ceramics, and domestic refuse were noted in a footpath alongside the existing Klip Cemetery fence line.

Test excavations undertaken by Settlement Planning Services in the eastern portion of the site indicate that the below ground deposits comprise mainly white dune sand and some 'koffieklip'. No archaeological remains were uncovered during trial excavations, nor located on the spoil dumps.

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

No buildings or structures occur on the affected property, which will be affected by the proposed development.

The probability of locating significant archaeological heritage remains during implementation of the project (Phase 1) is likely to be improbable.

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

The study has shown that the proposed sites (Phase 1 and 2) are suitable for development.

Yours sincerely

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Jonathan Kaplan

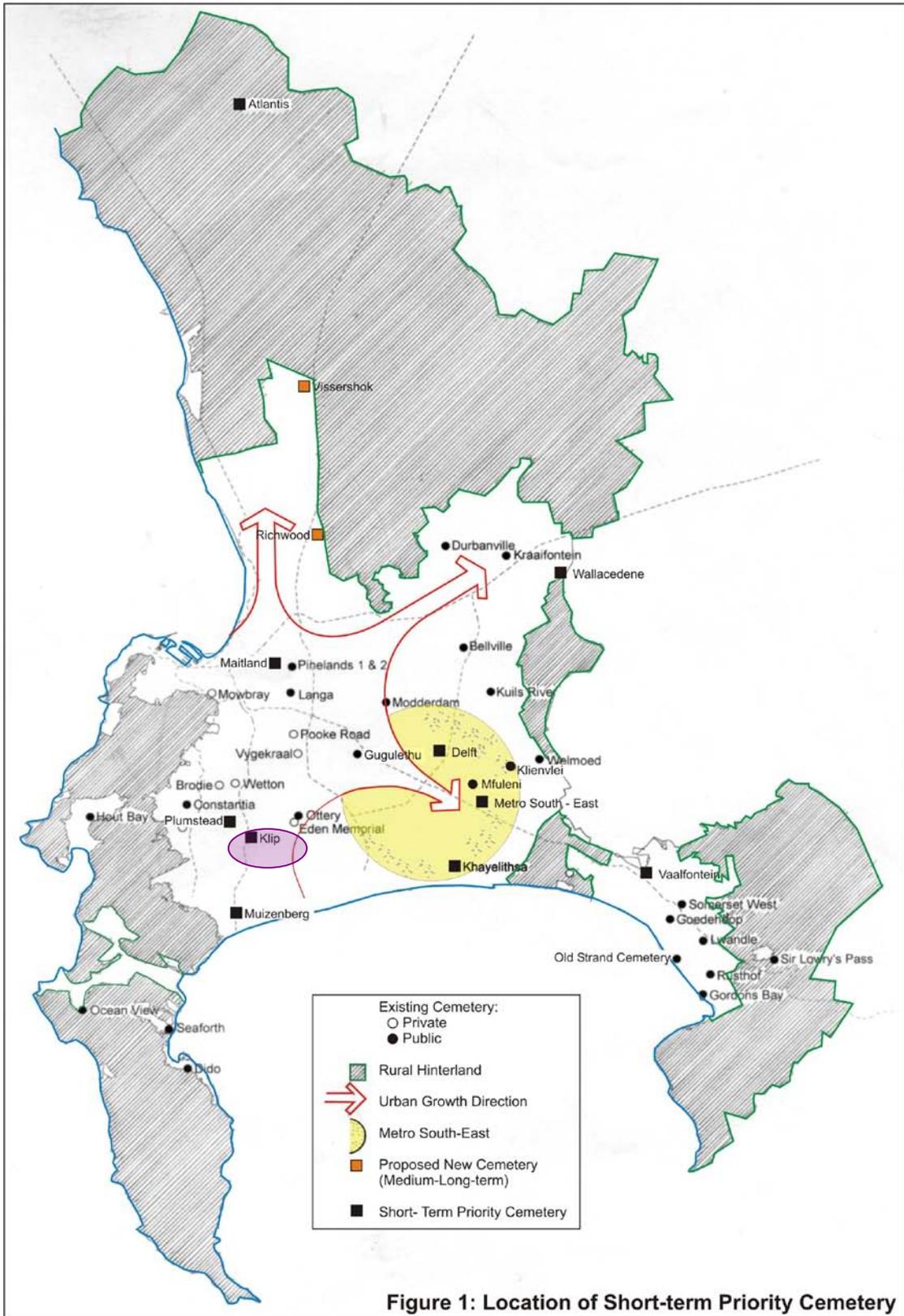


Figure 1: Location of Short-term Priority Cemetery



Figure 2. Aerial photograph of the affected property.



Figure 3. Phase 2 site facing south.



Figure 4. Phase 1 site facing south.