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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (WITH CONDITIONS) FOR THE EXEMPTION OF A FULL PHASE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE REZONING OF PORTION 4 OF THE FARM "KEURKLOOF" NO. 56, IN THE PATENSIE DISTRICT, (KOUGA MUNICIPALITY), FROM AGRICULTURAL USE TO OPEN SPACE ZONE III AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ± 40 FOOTPRINTS OF RESORT ZONE II ON THE PROPERTY.

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Status of the property

The proposed area for development was investigated on foot. The proposed development will take place on a small portion of the property, on the slopes of a steep hill. The area was previously an orchard and large contour terraces indicate that intense farming activities occurred over a long period of time. It is highly unlikely that any archaeological heritage remains of any value will be found *in situ* or of any contextual value.

Conditions

Should the remainder of the property, which is reserved for nature reserve status, be developed in any way in the future, which may impact on possible archaeological sites, such as caves and shelters with rock paintings, a full phase 1 archaeological heritage impact assessments must be conducted. These archaeological resources are protected by legislation and may not be utilised without the permission of the South African Heritage Resources Agency.

Letter of recommendation

The proposed rezoning, of portion 4 of the farm "Keurkloof" No. 56, in the Patensie District, (Kouga Municipality), from agricultural use to open space zone III and the development of ± 40 footprints of resort zone II on the property, is exempted (with conditions) from a full Phase 1 archaeological heritage impact assessment. The proposed area for development is of very low cultural sensitivity

and it is believed that it is highly unlikely that any archaeological heritage remains will be found on the property previously used for agricultural purposes.

Note: This letter of recommendation **only** exempt the proposed development from a full Phase 1 archaeological heritage impact assessment, but **not** for other heritage impact assessments.

It must also be clear that this letter of recommendation for exemption of a full Phase 1 archaeological heritage impact assessment will be assessed by the relevant heritage resources authority. The final decision rests with the heritage resources authority, which should give a permit or a formal letter of permission for the destruction of any cultural sites.

The National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999, section 35) requires a full Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) in order that all heritage resources, that is, all places or objects of aesthetics, architectural, historic, scientific, social, spiritual linguistic or technological value or significance are protected. Thus any assessment should make provision for the protection of all these heritage components, including archaeology, shipwrecks, battlefields, graves, and structures older than 60 years, living heritage, historical settlements, landscapes, geological sites, palaeontological sites and objects

Community consultation

Consultation with the Gamkwa KhoiSan First Nation, was conducted with Mr K. Reichert as required by the National Heritage Resources Act No. 25 of 1999, Section 38(3e). Mr K. Reichert will communicate their recommendations to Gertenbach Ecological Consultations.

GENERAL REMARKS AND CONDITIONS

It must be emphasised that this letter of recommendation for exemption of a full Phase 1 archaeological heritage impact assessment is based on the visibility of archaeological sites/material and may not therefore, reflect the true state of affairs. Sites and material may be covered by soil and vegetation and will only be located once this has been removed. In the unlikely event of such finds being uncovered, (during any phase of construction work), archaeologists must be informed immediately so that they can investigate the importance of the sites and excavate or collect material before it is destroyed (see attached list of possible archaeological sites and material). The *onus* is on the developer to ensure that this agreement is honoured in accordance with the National Heritage Act No. 25 of 1999.

APPENDIX: IDENTIFICATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES AND MATERIAL FROM INLAND AREAS: guidelines and procedures for developers

1. Caves and shelters

Often these features were inhabited by people in the past, such as the San and KhoiSan, and contain valuable archaeological deposits. These deposits and the remains such as stone artefacts, bone, pot shards and ornaments are protected by legislation and must not be damaged by digging or may artefacts be collected. Contact the nearest archaeologist for information and advise regarding the protection and conservation of these features.

2. Rock art

Rock paintings are often found in caves, rock shelters and also in the open on boulders. They are and easy to recognized and must be treated with care. No water or any other substances must be apply to the paintings. Contact the nearest archaeologist to provide information and advise regarding the protection and conservation of rock art.

3. Human Skeletal material

Human remains, whether the complete remains of an individual buried during the past, or scattered human remains resulting from disturbance of the grave, should be reported. In general the remains are buried in a flexed position on their sides, but are also found buried in a sitting position with a flat stone capping and developers are requested to be on the alert for this.

4. Stone artefacts

These are difficult for the layman to identify. However, large accumulations of flaked stones which do not appear to have been distributed naturally, should be reported. If the stone tools are associated with bone remains, development should be halted immediately and archaeologists notified

5. Fossil bone

Fossil bones may be found embedded in geological deposits. Any concentrations of bones, whether fossilized or not, should be reported.

6. Stone features and platforms

They come in different forms and sizes, but are easy to identify. The most common are an accumulation of roughly circular fire cracked stones tightly spaced and filled in with charcoal. and marine shell. They are usually 1-2 metres in diameter and may represent cooking platforms. Others may resemble circular single row cobble stone markers. These are different sizes and may be the remains of wind breaks or cooking shelters.

7. Historical artefacts or features

These are easy to identified and include foundations of buildings or other construction features and items from domestic and military activities.



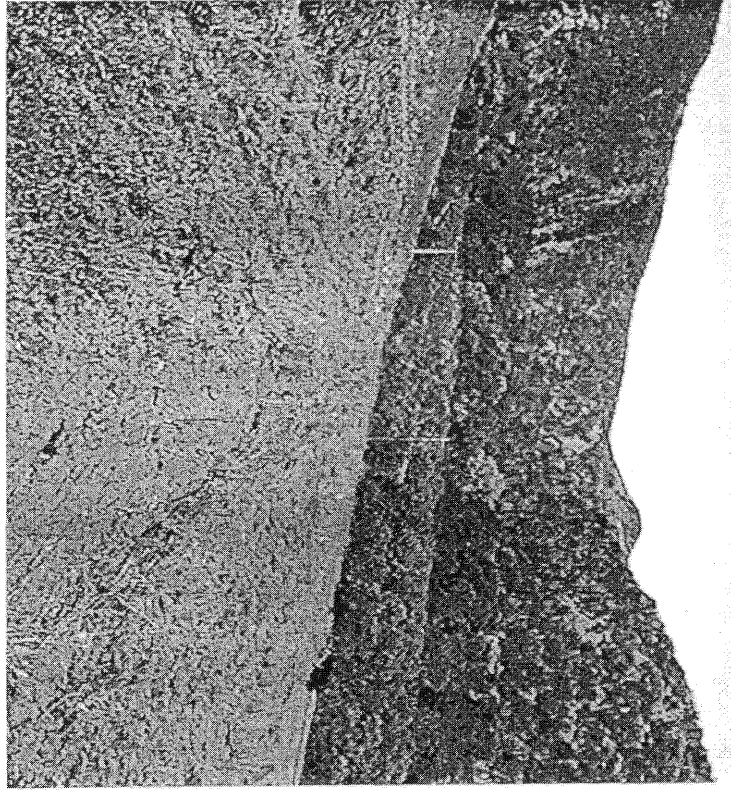
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Geagte Dr. Gertenbach,

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Ons verwys na ons vorige korrespondensie in bostaande verband.

Besoek is afgele by bostaande terrein, en ons het ook insae gehad in die verslag wat uitgereik is deur Dr. Binneman.

Ons is tevrede met sy bevinding, en aanbevelings, en het geen beswaar teen 'n aansoek om vrystelling vir 'n fase 1 Argeologiese Impakstudie nie.

Danke vir die geleentheid om deel te neem aan die proses.

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