

**PHASE 1 HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT ON A  
PORTION OF THE FARM MAURITZDAM 368 NEAR  
NIEKERKSHOOP, KAROO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN  
CAPE PROVINCE.**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this study was to establish if any heritage sites were present on a portion of the farm Mauritzdam 368 near Niekerkshoop, Karoo District Municipality, Northern Cape. Within the ca. 10 ha strip that was examined, Precambrian jaspilite with Tigers Eye lenses was noted to be thinly covered by reddish sand with occasional artefacts, but no sites, fossil bones or graves were seen. It is consequently considered that the examined area has no heritage significance and that envisaged further open cast diggings would have no impact on the archaeological resources of the Northern Cape.

deposits was a generally thin (0 – 10 cm) covering of rubble and reddish sand that forms the modern surface.

## HERITAGE FINDINGS

My search within the strip produced a half dozen jaspilite artefacts with lightly smoothed surfaces (Fig 2). A best guess is that these amorphous specimens are ascribable to the ESA. No actual sites, palaeontological bones or graves were seen.

## CONCLUSIONS

The inspected strip revealed a very sparse scatter of lithics, but no sign of a site. My conclusion is therefore that the further mining there of Tigers Eye will have no impact on the archaeological resources of the Northern Cape. I note also that the mining of Tigers Eye is one of the few potential jobs available for the many unemployed people in Niekerkshoop.

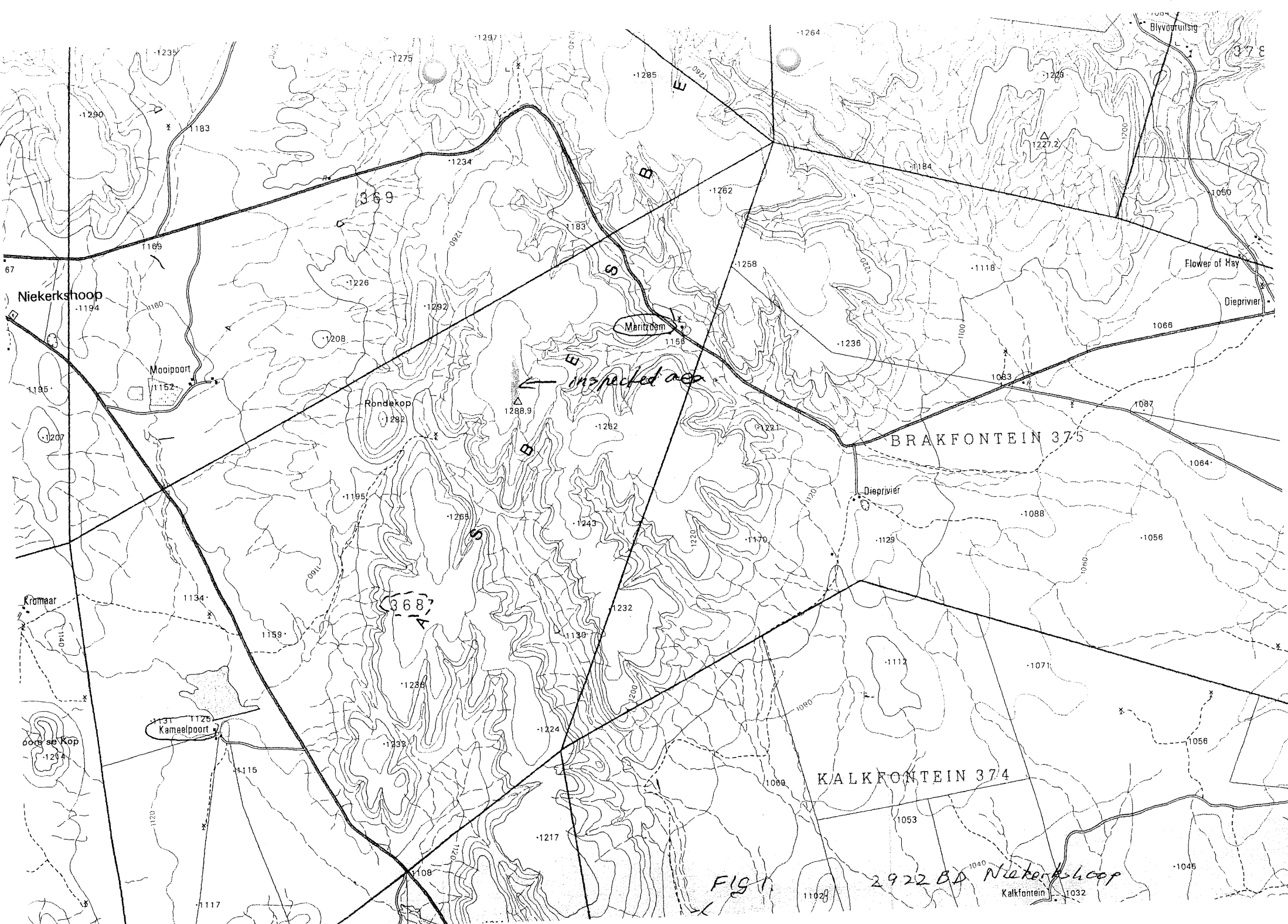
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Mooipoot

Rondekop

Maritzdam

BRAKFONTEIN 375

KALKFONTEIN 374

FIG 1

2922 BA Niekerkshoop  
Kalkfontein 1032

*inspected area*

368.7

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FIG 2