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Dear Mr Bothma,

PERLEMOENBAAI ERF 1092: GANSBAAI: ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS

In accordance with the recommendations of the Phase 1 archaeological study undertaken by Dr. G. Avery of the S.A. Museum in 1994, the Archaeology Contracts Office was requested to carry out more detailed test excavations to establish if any of the identified middens would require more extensive excavation.

Those coastal shell middens identified by Dr. Avery within the development area (sites 2,3,4) were tested by means of small trial holes to establish if any substantial buried *in situ* archaeological remains existed. Ten trial holes were excavated.

Having completed these tests it is our opinion that no further mitigation of the sites is necessary. Material exposed in the track in the area of site 4 is out of context and it is not clear what research value this would have if collected. The concrete tanks are part of a system to exploit the water of underground springs. These do not appear to be very old and are not considered to be of particular cultural significance.

A copy of this letter should be forwarded to the National Monuments Council Head Office, for the attention of Dr. J. Deacon. The address is PO Box 4637 Cape Town 8000 Fax (021) 462 4509. A permit needs to be issued for the destruction of remaining archaeological material.

I draw your attention to point 5 of Averys' report the second half of which deals with the possibility of human remains being uncovered. If such material is recognised, an archaeologist should be called to site to excavate and remove them.

I attach a delivery note and would appreciate it if you could return it at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely