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**PRELIMINARY REPORT  
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FARM BRANDHOEK 180  
JOUBERTINA DISTRICT, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE  
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**ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION OF TIERKLOOF SHELTER**

This report has nothing new to add to the previous reports in 1999 and 2000 as far as the archaeological investigation is concerned.

**Please note**

1. The dispute, as to whether Tierkloof Shelter is on the Farm Brandhoek 180 or Braamrivier 193, has been resolved.
2. The site has been seriously damaged by one of the farmers, who fenced the shelter off with razor wire. The poles planted in the site, caused great damage to the deposit.

**For the record**

1. The above damage has been reported in the previous reports for 1999 and 2000.
2. The above damage has been reported on National TV and pictures were shown of what appeared to be human remains scattered on the floor near one of the poles (SABC-TV news, 5 May 2001).
3. The above damage has been reported to the SAHRA Council during a slide presentation at a meeting at the Albany Museum (28 June 2001).
4. The site was visited on 16 February 2002 by Mrs M. Leslie, archaeologist of SAHRA, accompanied by the landowner, Mr S.J. Gerber.

Enclosed is a preliminary floor plan of Tierkloof Shelter and the position where the burial area is.

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\* This report was postponed until February 2002 to accommodate a visit to the shelter by representatives from SAHRA.

SKETCH MAP AND LOCATION OF THE EXCAVATIONS AT TIERKLOOF SHELTER

