

# PHASE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF A PROPOSED EXTENSION OF MOUNTAIN ROAD, FISH HOEK, SOUTH PENINSULA

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Archaeology Contracts Office of the University of Cape Town was appointed by Jessica Hughes (environmental consultant) to conduct a Phase 1 archaeological assessment of a portion of land set aside for the extension of Mountain Road, Fish Hoek, South Peninsula. The area in question involves the steep middle slopes of Elsie's Peak above Fish Hoek Bay, which has been subject to development activities in the past. Extension of the road is required so as to service a number of privately owned plots and properties (development of which has already been approved).

## **2. METHOD**

The site was inspected by foot by archaeologist Jayson Orton (BA hons). The area was checked for traces of pre-colonial archaeological material as well as any other material that is protected by the National Heritage Resources Act of 1999. No trial excavations were completed.

### **2.1 Restrictions**

No restrictions were encountered. Ground surface visibility was adequate.

## **3. FINDINGS**

There are reports of archaeological material (marine shell and artefact scatters) existing immediately below Elsie's Peak (Orton Pers Comm) as well as remains of old quarrying activity to the west of the development area. The National Heritage Resources Act of 1999 protects both of these sites, which lie outside the development area.

The only archaeological occurrence noted within the development area was a single silcrete flake (position is marked on Figure 1). This is not considered to be significant and does not require mitigation.

## **4. CONCLUSION**

Development activities may proceed. The provincial archaeologist (Dr Antonietta Jerardino) at Heritage Western Cape must be allowed to inspect the site at her discretion.



Location of the Mountain Rd study area is indicated by the red arrow.  
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