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Dear Mr Prinsloo

PHASE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT: ERF 7141, SOMERSET WEST

I visited the site yesterday and had a good look around. I did locate dispersed artefactual material but this is of such a nature that my recommendation is that no further mitigatory action on the part of the developer will be necessary.

The archaeological material can be briefly summarised thus:

Some archaeological material is present in the form of scattered Early and Middle Stone Age stone artefacts made predominantly of quartzite with some silcrete also having been used. These were noticed on the slopes in the vicinity of the rocky outcrops towards the center of the property as well as in the erosion gullies around the edge of the dam. The nature of the occurrences is dispersed and no focus for the material could be identified. Given the generally steep nature of the slopes this is not surprising and it is quite likely that material has been washed down from higher up the mountain. No colonial remains or artefacts were observed.

As there are no substantial findings, no report will be produced. This letter includes my recommendation that no further archaeological input is necessary on this property and should be forwarded to the National Monuments Council for their information.

I have attached a delivery note in respect of the above work and would appreciate it if you could return it to me by fax.

Yours sincerely

Dave Halkett