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Dear Ms Germishuys

PHASE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROPOSED REZONING AND SUBDIVISION ERF 7072 SOMERSET WEST WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

1. Introduction

I.C. @ Plan Town Planners requested that the Agency for Cultural Resource Management conduct a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of the proposed rezoning and subdivision of Erf 7072 Somerset West, in the Western Cape Province (Figure 1).

The proposed rezoning of the property (from Agricultural Zone I) will also comprise the subdivision of the property into between five and seven residential erven.

The extent of the proposed development (some 2 ha) falls within the requirements for an archaeological impact assessment as required by Section 38 of the South African Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999).

The site visit and assessment took place on 11 March 2005.

An aerial photograph of the affected property is illustrated in Figure 2.

2. Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference for the specialist Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment are to:

- Identify and map archaeological heritage resources on the proposed site;
- Determine the importance of archaeological heritage resources on the proposed site;
- Determine and assess the potential impacts of the proposed development on the archaeological heritage resources, and
- Recommend mitigation measures to minimise impacts associated with the proposed development.

3. The study site

The study site (GPS reading S° 34 03 105 E 18° 48 374 set on Map Datum WGS 84) is located near the top of Paarl Road in Somerset West. The approach to the property is by way of Lourensford Road off Main Road in Somerset West.

A large modern residential home, with outbuildings, swimming pool, tennis court and large landscaped garden currently occupies a significant portion of the property (Figure 3).

The remainder of the property comprises a large wooded forest of mature Blue Gum trees (refer to Figure 2 and Figure 4) set on a steep vegetated slope. A small stream runs through the forest below the property.

3. Approach to the study

The property was subjected to a detailed foot survey.

5. Findings

No precolonial archaeological heritage remains were located on the property.

No old buildings or structures occur on the property.

The impact of the proposed development on archaeological heritage remains is likely to be very low.

The probability of locating significant archaeological heritage remains during implementation of the project is likely to be highly improbable.

The study has shown that the proposed site is suitable for development.

Yours sincerely



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Jonathan Kaplan

Figure 1. Site locality map

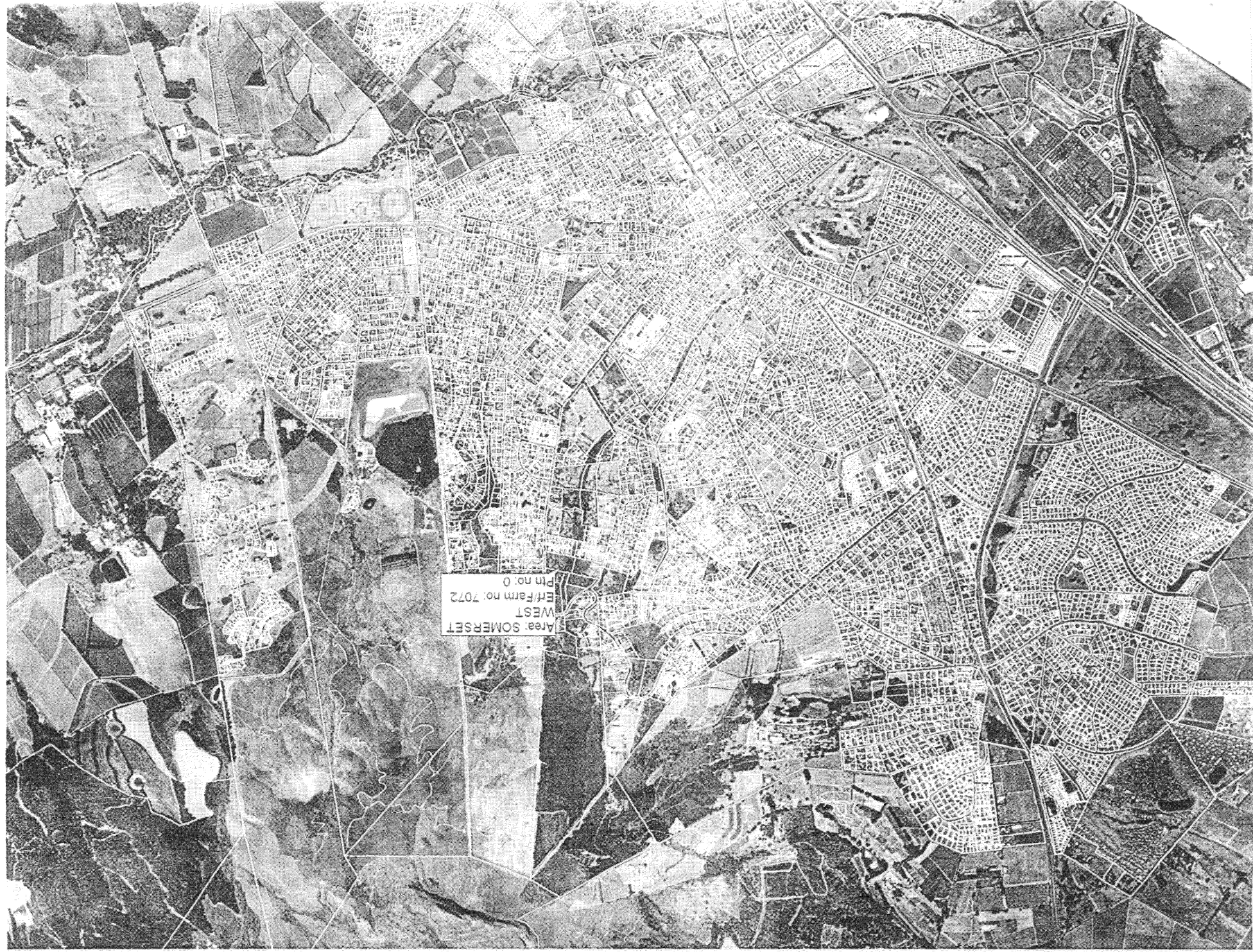


Figure 2. Aerial photograph of the site





Figure 3. A large modern home is set on the property.

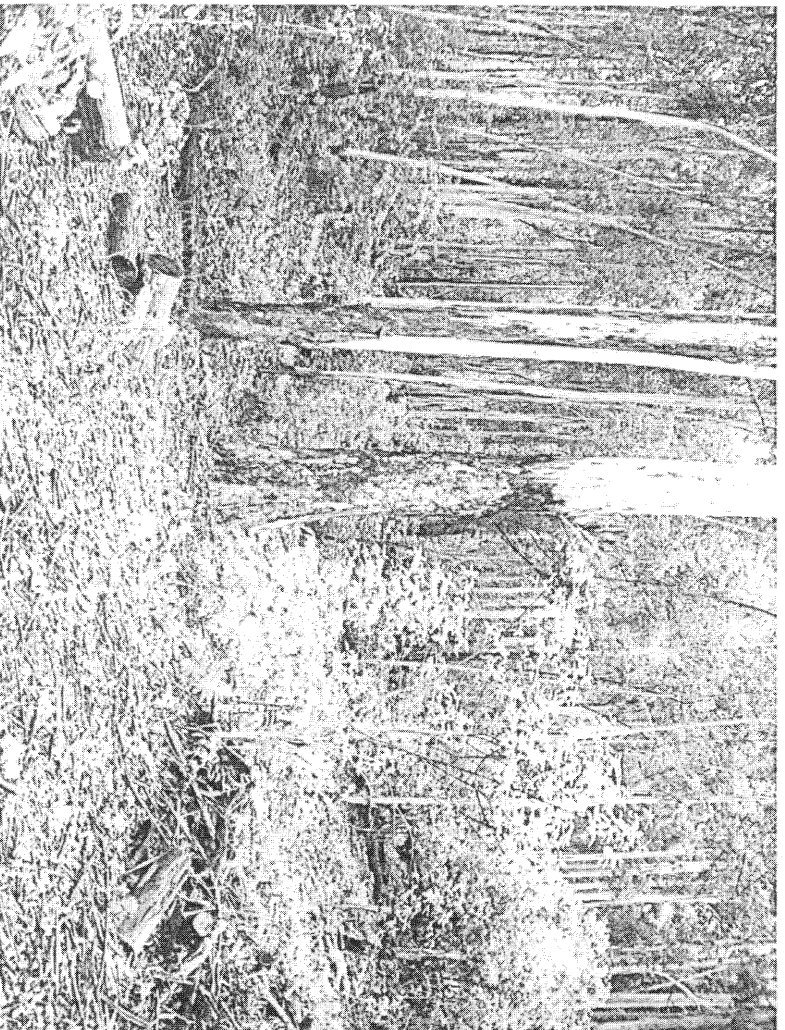


Figure 4. View of the site facing northwest.