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Dear Ms van Zyl

## **PHASE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ERF 8396 GORDONS BAY WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

### **1. Introduction and brief**

I.C. @ Plan Town Planners, on behalf of CRD Holdings No. 4 (Pty) Ltd, requested that the Agency for Cultural Resource Management conduct a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of the proposed rezoning and subdivision of a portion of Erf 8396 Gordon's Bay, in the Western Cape Province.

The proposed rezoning and subdivision of a portion of Erf 8396 entails the establishment of a residential development consisting of 134 sectional title units. The remainder of Erf 8396 already has existing residential rights (refer to Figure 2).

The affected property is currently zoned for business/commercial purposes.

The extent of the proposed subdivision and rezoning ( $\pm 1.7772$  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 13 December 2005.

A 1:50 000 locality map is illustrated in Figure 1.

A colour aerial photograph of the site is illustrated in Figure 2.

A site development plan is illustrated in Figure 3.

## **2. Terms of reference**

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

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

A 'Notification to Heritage Western Cape of Intent to Develop' checklist has been completed by the archaeologist (on behalf of the applicant) at the request of Heritage Western Cape<sup>1</sup>, and submitted to Heritage Western Cape Built Environment and Landscape Committee (BELCOM) for comment.

A copy of the Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment report has been included with this submission.

## **3. The site**

Erf 8396 Gordons Bay is situated on the corner of Sir Lowry's Pass Road and Gustrow Roads on the north eastern boundary of Gordons Bay's urban edge. Access is currently gained off Gustrow Road. The property is bordered on the north by Nautilus Village and Oude Werf residential development and to the south by the Animal Welfare Association.

The site is currently vacant, but has already been prepared for commercial/business/residential development and is in a highly degraded and altered state (Figures 4-7). The site has been levelled and most of the essential services are already in place. There are no significant geographical or landscape features on the site.

## **4. Approach to the study**

The property was subjected to a detailed foot survey.

## **5. Results of the study**

No precolonial archaeological heritage remains were located 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Heritage Western Cape letter dated 2005-11-25. Enquiries: B. September

## **6. Conclusion**

The archaeological assessment has shown that the proposed site (Erf 8396 Gordons Bay) is suitable for residential development.

Yours sincerely

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Jonathan Kaplan



Figure 1. Locality map (3418 BB Somerset West).





Figure 2. Aerial photograph of the site





Figure 3. Proposed site development plan



Figure 4. Subject portion of Erf 8396 Gordon's Bay. View of the site facing south. Sir Lowry's Pass Road is to the left of the plate.



Figure 5. Subject portion of Erf 8396 Gordon's Bay. View of the site facing north. Sir Lowry's Pass Road is to the right of the plate. The Helderberg Mountains are in the distance.



Figure 6. Remainder of Erf 8396 Gordon's Bay which have existing residential rights.  
View of the site facing south east. Gordons Bay Mountains are in the distance.



Figure 7. Remainder of Erf 8396 Gordon's Bay which have existing residential rights.  
View of the site facing south.