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**ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDY:
KLEIN DOOLHOF, WELLINGTON**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A handful of Early and Middle Stone Age artefacts were located during a baseline archaeological study of a 30 ha portion of land on the farm Klein Doolhof, Wellington.

Most of the tools were located in existing vineyards bordering the planned new fields.

A few tools were found on slope washes and gravel patches in the planned new vineyards.

The parcels of land identified for the new vineyards are well vegetated and relatively steep, resulting in low archaeological visibility.

The tools were located in already severely disturbed context. The significance of the archaeological finds are therefore considered to be low to negligible. As a result, no mitigation is required.

The probability of locating sites of archaeological significance during implementation of the planned project is also considered to be low. No further in depth studies are required.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background and brief

The Agency for Cultural Resource Management has been requested by Steffen Robertson and Kirsten Consulting Engineers and Scientists to undertake a baseline archaeological study of a 30 ha portion of land on the farm Klein Doolhof, near the Boland town of Wellington. The land is being developed for the establishment and production of wine on the farm.

The aim of the archaeological study is to locate, identify and map archaeological remains that may be negatively impacted by the project.

2 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference for the archaeological study were:

1. to determine whether there are likely to be any archaeological, historical or cultural sites in the study area;
2. to identify and map any sites of archaeological, historical or cultural interest that may exist in the study area;
3. to assess the status and conservation significance of any impacts resulting from the proposed development; and
4. to identify measures to maintain any valuable sites that may exist in the study area.

3. THE STUDY SITE

The study site for the proposed development is illustrated in Figure 1.

The study site is situated on the farm Klein Doolhof, about 6 kms east of the town of Wellington.

Seven parcels of land have been identified on the farm for the establishment and production of wine. The planned sites are thickly covered by mainly indigenous grass and bush, on relatively steep slopes. Archaeological visibility is low.

4. STUDY APPROACH AND DOCUMENTATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

4.1 Method of survey

The approach used in the archaeological study entailed a detailed foot survey of the study area.

In addition to the field study an examination of the existing records in the South African Museum (SAM) was also undertaken. According to the records of the Archaeological Data Recording Centre (SAM), no archaeological sites have been recorded in the study area.

5. RESULTS OF THE PRELIMINARY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT.

A handful of Early Stone Age¹ (ESA) and Middle Stone Age² (MSA) artefacts were located during the baseline study of a 30 ha portion of land on the farm Klein Doolhof, Wellington.

Most of the tools were located in the existing vineyards bordering some of the planned new fields, in already severely disturbed context. A few tools were also found on fairly steep slope washes, and some gravel patches in the study site.

The artefacts comprised mostly large quartzite flakes, chunks and a cleaver.

Significance of finds: **low**

Suggested mitigation: **none required**

6. IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed establishment and development of land for wine production on the farm Klein Doolhof, Wellington, will not impact negatively on significant archaeological sites. A handful of artefacts were found in already severely disturbed context. The probability of the proposed development impacting on significant archaeological sites is considered to be low to negligible.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

With regard to the proposed establishment of land for wine production on the farm Klein Doolhof, Wellington, the following archaeological recommendations are made.

1. No archaeological mitigation is required.

¹ a term referring to the period between 2 million and 200 000 years ago.

² a term referring to the period between 200 000 years and about 20 000 years ago.

New Viçagards.

