

## Archaeological Impact Assessment

### Title: Joalid Wine Centre.

Proposal to develop a wine tasting/sales centre with restaurant and art gallery, on part of a 5 ha property, Rem. No 357 Stellenbosch, Western Cape. The property is adjacent to the R44 near the Annandale crossroad and Mooiberge Farm Stall.

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**Figure 1. Location of the Joalid development on the R44 between Stellenbosch and Somerset West (S 33°59'41.9": E 18°49'42.9". 1:50 000 sheet 3318 DD Stellenbosch). The number 273 refers to a GPS waypoint, see Fig. 3.**

## Executive Summary

A survey of the 5 ha of land to be used for the proposed wine centre development with a building footprint of 6500 m<sup>2</sup> adjacent to the R44, 5 km south of Stellenbosch, was undertaken. It is fallow farmland with two standing structures, which will be retained. There are no significant archaeological or palaeontological resources that will be impacted by this development. This AIA report supplements a separate HIA report by Chris Snelling that served before BELcom at their meeting of 10 July 2008.

## Background Information

The purpose of the development is to provide an accessible upmarket point of sale for a number of wine estates off the R44, a road with high traffic volumes in the Winelands between Stellenbosch and Somerset West (Fig.1). The development, a two storey structure with a 6500 m<sup>2</sup> building footprint will occupy some 20% of the 5 ha property, Rem. No. 537 (Fig. 2). The development will house tasting rooms, a restaurant and art gallery and provide parking. The intention is that structures will be designed to blend into the rural landscape with the setting being a major attraction. Cape Heritage Consultancy has submitted a separate HIA report, which has been considered by BELcom.

This report is part of a Basic Assessment EIA process.

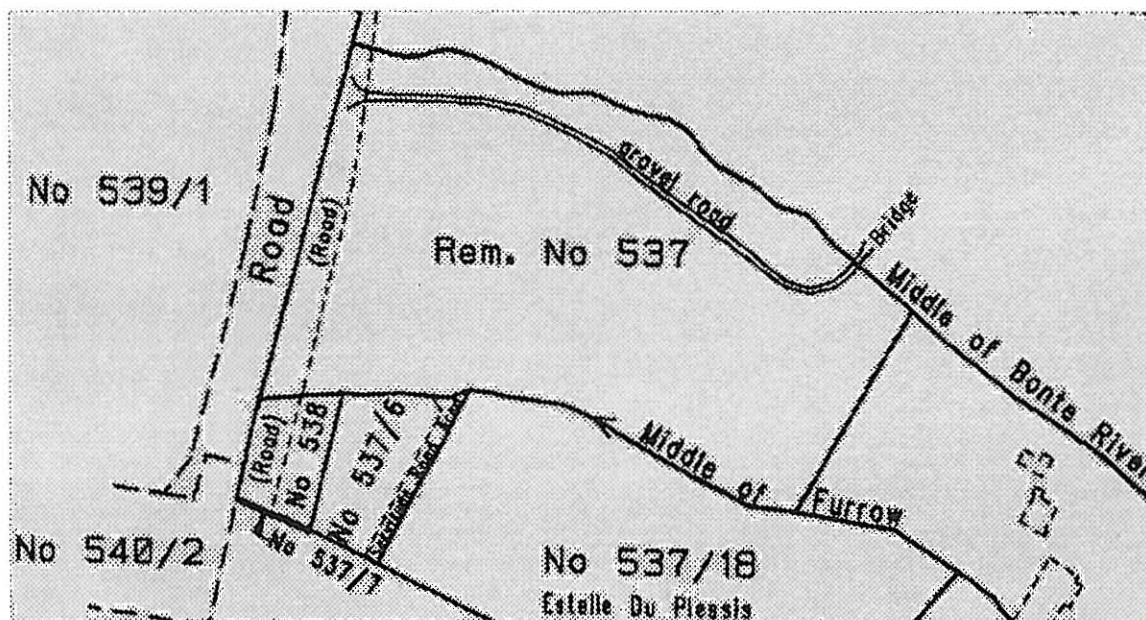


Figure 2. Plan of the 5 ha property Rem No. 537 bordered on the north by the Bonte River. The road is the R44. The bridge across the river leads to the Audacia farm.

## **Archaeological Background**

The Stellenbosch area is known for occurrences of Acheulian stone artefacts. The gravels of the rivers, tributaries and attendant valley slopes were a source of raw materials for the artificers. At assessments of three properties within a 2 km radius of this one, isolated Acheulian artefacts were recorded in derived contexts. Similar finds were anticipated but none recorded. In the absence any old buildings no historical artefacts were anticipated and none were recorded.

## **Description of the property**

The proposed development will be on gently sloping agricultural land bordered by the R44 on west side. There are two structures on the property, one is The Blue Moon Trading Store, a small single storey older building in the flood plain of the Bonte River, and the other is a very modern wine sales/store on the southern boundary. Neither is reported to be older than 60 years in the NID document and both will be retained in the development.

## **Methodology**

The property was traversed and exposures and surface disturbances were examined for archaeological and palaeontological materials.

## **Observations and Results**

No archaeological or palaeontological materials were observed on the property.

## **Sources of Risk and Statement of Significance**

It is unlikely that development will disturb any buried materials and the risks are considered low.

The significance is rated as low.

## **Recommended Mitigations**

There are no specific recommendations.

A general recommendation is that should any excavations by chance uncover buried palaeontological or archaeological materials including human remains that Heritage Western Cape is notified (Ms Celeste Booth, Heritage Resource Management Services, HWC, Private Bag X9067, Cape Town 8000, Tel:021 483 9743, Fax:021 483 9842, cbooth@pwc.gov.za). Features like burials for example can occur in unpredictable locations.



**Figure 3. GPS plot of waypoints: 268=The Blue Moon Trading Store, 269-270=wine store, 271=northeast corner, 272=bridge over Bonte River leading to the Audacia Farm, 273=southwest corner.**

**268=33°59'41.9"S; 18°49'42.9"E, 269-270=33°59'42.8"S; 18°49'42.8"E,  
 271=33°59'44.9"S; 18°49'48.7"E, 272=33°59'44.1"S; 18°49'47.5"E,  
 273=33°59'46.1"S; 18°49'36.2"E,**



**Figure 4. View of the property, the trading store is partly obscured by tall trees on the left.**