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Dear Ms Linnemann

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ERF
2021 RIEBEEK KASTEEL WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

1. Introduction and brief

CK Rumboll and Partners, on behalf of Mr Willem de Vos requested that the Agency for Cultural Resource Management conduct an archaeological impact assessment for a proposed housing development comprising 15 single residential erven on Erf 2021 in Riebeeck Kasteel in the Western Cape.

A NID checklist has been completed by the archaeologist and submitted to Heritage Western Cape (Belcom) for comment.

A locality map is illustrated in Figure 1.

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

The subject property is currently zoned Single Residential and will be subdivided to accommodate the proposed development activities.

2. Terms of reference

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

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

3. The study site

The subject property (S 33° 22 54.5 E 18° 53 50.7 on map datum wgs 84) is located in the small Boland town of Riebeek Kasteel which is situated about 95 kms north of Cape Town and about 20 kms east of Malmesbury. The proposed site is located on the northern edge of the town, inside the current urban edge. Access to the proposed site is via a proclaimed servitude between the Dutch Reformed Church and the historic Royal Hotel (1929), in Main Street.

The receiving environment comprises, a vacant Erf measuring about 1.12 ha in extent, comprising slightly contoured grazing land (Kweek and Kikuyu grass), surrounded by agricultural land (vineyards), a dam and residential erven. The property slopes quite steeply from south to north. The remains of a small vineyard, occurs in the extreme north eastern section of the property, alongside the dam and school grounds. There is very little surface stone on the subject property, while a long trench has been excavated alongside the eastern boundary. There are no buildings or structures on the proposed site. There are no significant landscape features, either (Figures 3-8).

The southern boundary of the proposed site borders the Royal Hotel and the, Dutch Reformed Church.

4. Approach to the study

Erf 2021 in Riebeek Kasteel was searched for archaeological remains.

The site visit and assessment took place on the 30th July, 2008.

5. Results of the study

One Early Stone Age flaked quartzite chunk was found near the trench alongside the eastern boundary of the property.

The archaeological remains have been rated as having low local significance.

6. Impact statement

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

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

7. Conclusion

The Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment has identified no significant impacts to pre-colonial archaeological material that will need to be mitigated prior to proposed construction activities.

Yours sincerely

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Jonathan Kaplan

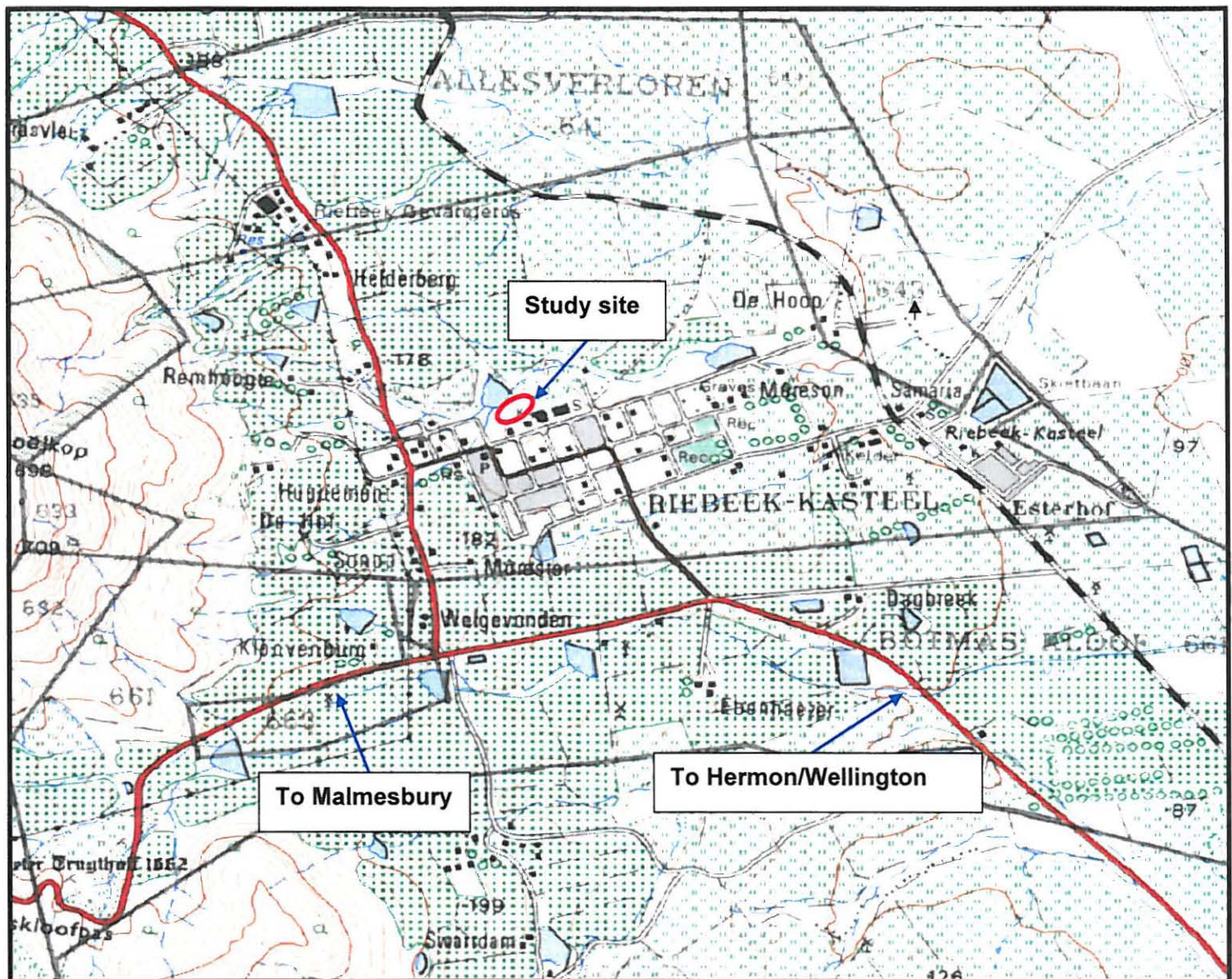


Figure 1. Locality Map (3318 BD Riebeeck Kasteel)



Figure 2. Aerial photograph of the study site



Figure 3. Erf 2021 view facing north west



Figure 6. Erf 2021 view facing north east



Figure 4. Erf 2021 view facing north west



Figure 7. Erf 2021 view facing south. Arrows indicates NGK Church and the Royal Hotel (1929)



Figure 5. Erf 2021 view facing north east



Figure 8. View of the property from the road into Riebeeck Kasteel

