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Att: Mr Pieter Badenhorst
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Dear Mr Badenhorst,

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF PORTION OF ERF 326 AND 327 RIEBEEK WEST WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

1. Introduction and brief

Pieter Badenhorst Professional Services, on behalf of Swartland Municipality (Malmesbury) requested that the Agency for Cultural Resource Management conduct an archaeological impact assessment for a proposed development on Portion of Erf 326 and 327 in Riebeeck West in the Western Cape (Figures 1 & 2). The proposed development provides for 25 industrial erven, about 277 social and GAP housing units, a sports field and a crèche, including roads and engineering services. The ± 7.2 ha property is currently zoned Agricultural and will be rezoned to Sub Divisional and Industry to accommodate the proposed development activities.

Vidamemoria Heritage Consultants have been appointed to undertake a Heritage Impact Assessment of the proposed project.

2. Terms of reference

The Terms of Reference for the archaeological study are to:

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

3. The study site

The subject property (S 33° 20 47.0 E 18° 52 25.2 on map datum wgs 84) is located in the small Boland town of Riebeeck West which is situated about 98 kms north of Cape Town and about 25 kms east of Malmesbury. The proposed site is located within the current urban edge. Access to the site is via Long Street, from the Main Road

(Voortrekker Road). The site is bounded by low coast housing units alongside Kachellhof Street in the west, community sports field alongside Portland Road in the south, light industry alongside Station Road in the north and a railway line in the east. The bulk of the proposed site is severely degraded. A large municipal refuse dump dominates the surrounding landscape, with the public showground's situated in the north east and the cemetery alongside. Apart from the formal refuse site, dumping and excavations are widespread and numerous small footpaths intersect the site. Much of the vacant land is covered in Kikuyu and Kweek grasses, and portions alongside the railway line are infested with Port Jackson. There is virtually no natural vegetation of the site. There are a few ruined municipal structures and buildings on the property nearer to Kachellhof Street. There are no significant landscape features on the site, but the Groenrivier flows through the southern portion of the property (Figures 3-14).

4. Approach to the study

The proposed site was searched for archaeological remains.

The site visit and assessment took place on the 22 May, 2009.

5. Results of the study

No archaeological remains were found during the study.

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 of Portion of Erf 326 and 327 in Riebeek West 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

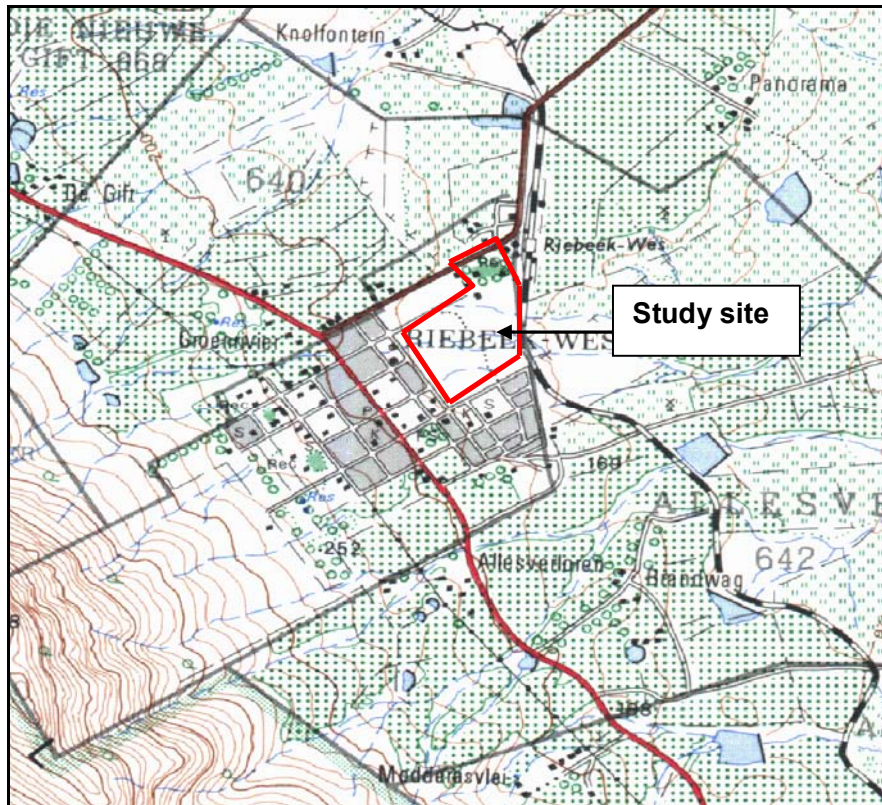


Figure 1. Locality Map (3318 BD Riebeeck Kasteel)



Figure 2. Aerial photograph of the study site



Figure 3. View of the site from Kachellhof St.



Figure 6. View of the site facing west



Figure 4. View of the site from Kachellhof St.



Figure 7. View of the site facing east



Figure 5. View of the site facing south east



Figure 8. View of the site (showground fields) facing west



Figure 9. Showground's view facing north



Figure 12. View of the site facing north west



Figure 10. View of the site facing north west



Figure 13. View of the site facing south east



Figure 11. View of the site facing north west



Figure 14. View of the site facing south east