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## **FIRST PHASE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HERITAGE ASSESSMENT OF THE BORROW PIT AT “THE MILLS” NEAR HANOVER, NORTHERN CAPE**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The project involves the opening of a new borrow pit at the farm “The Mills” near Hanover, Northern Cape. An existing borrow pit lies adjacent the proposed area of development.

No historical material was found at the site. Archaeological remains occurred in the form of a vague scatter of stone flakes lower down the slope near the streambed.

The finds are considered of minor significance and the developments will not require any mitigation measures.

I recommend that the planning and development of the borrow pit may proceed.

### **INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION**

#### **Scope and Limitations**

The investigation provided an opportunity to examine the quarry site.

No limitations or obstacles were experienced during site visit.

#### **Methodology**

1. The site was inspected on foot.
2. GPS points were taken and the surrounding area was recorded on camera.



Archaeological material in the form of small stone flakes was found lower down the slope along the streambed near Point D (Figs.6-8).

No engravings or other relics or historical value was found at the site.

### **ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT**

The stone flakes are considered of minor significance and the developments will not require any mitigation measures.

The proposed developments will have no impact on any cultural and historical heritage remains of the area.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

I recommend that the planning and development of the quarry at "The Mills" near Hanover may continue.

### **MITIGATION**

Concerning the area for the proposed developments, no mitigation measures will be required.

No obvious reasons could be found to delay the commencement of further planning and development of the site.

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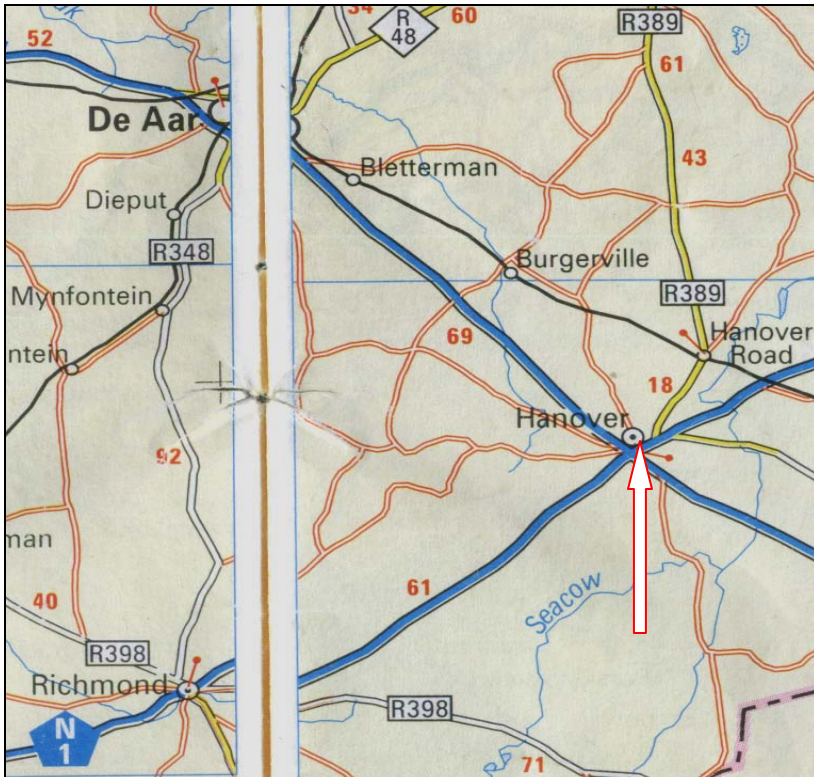
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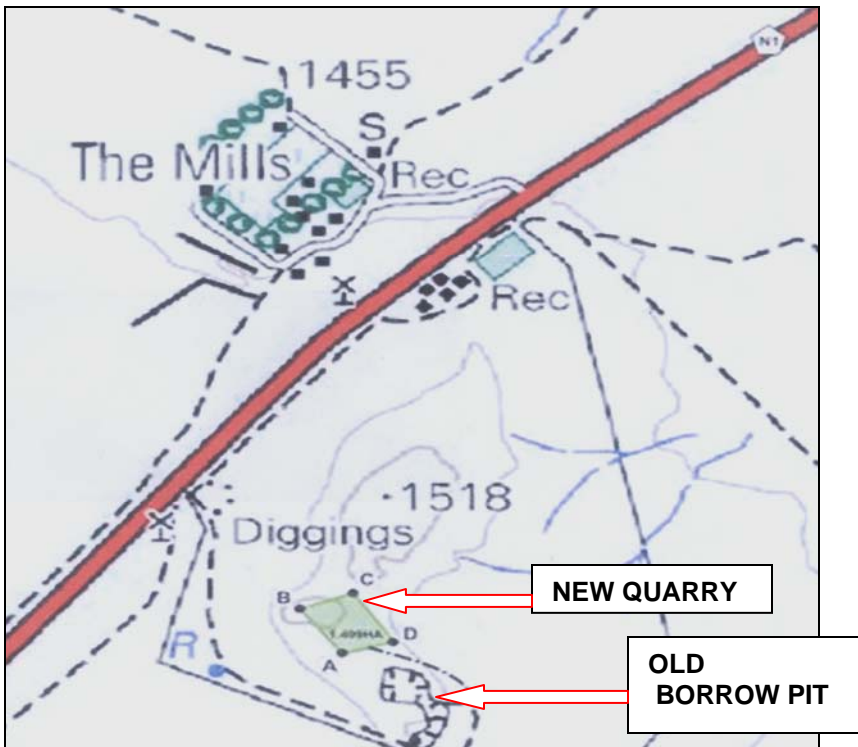
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### LIST OF ILLUSTRATIONS



Map 1 Locality of Hanover, Northern Cape.



Map 2 Old & new quarries at The Mills, Hanover (3124).





Fig.1 Point A at The Mills, Hanover.



Fig.2 Point A at The Mills, Hanover.





Fig.3 Point B at The Mills, Hanover.



Fig.4 Point B at The Mills, Hanover.



Fig.5 Point D at The Mills, Hanover.



Fig.6 Stone flakes near Point D at The Mills, Hanover (Pocket knife = 83mm).





Fig.7 Stone flakes near Point D at The Mills, Hanover (Pocket knife = 83mm).



Fig.8 Stone flakes *in situ* near Point D at The Mills, Hanover (Pocket knife = 83mm).