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Att: Mr Emile Esquire
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Dear Mr Esquire,

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCREENING ASSESSMENT, CONSTRUCTION OF ILLEGAL VINEYARDS ON PORTION 12 OF ORANGE FALLS FARM NO. 16, AUGRABIES, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE: SECTION 24G RECTIFICATION PROCESS

ACRM was instructed to provide comment on the illegal development of agricultural lands on Portion 12 of the Orange Falls Farm No. 16 in Augrabies (Kai !Garib Local Municipality) in the Northern Cape Province (Figures 1 & 2).

The affected property is located about 6kms south east of Augrabies, just off the R359.

The application is a Section 24G Rectification process.

The vineyard development of about 10ha has already been completed between 2010 and 2106, without environmental or heritage authorisation. The Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation therefore instituted a Section 24G Rectification Application against the applicant (The Lair Trust).

A site visit took place by the archaeologist (J. Kaplan) on the 11th May 2017, while assessing a proposed new vineyard development on the same farm (Kaplan 2017 in prep.¹).

The footprint area of the vineyard development is completely transformed (Figures 3-8).

No archaeological remains were encountered during a brief inspection of the vineyard site.

It is unlikely that significant archaeological heritage has been impacted by the development, since the affected lands had already been grazed prior to development of the vineyards; although it should be noted that relatively large numbers of banded ironstone Middle Stone Age tools were recorded during the study of undeveloped land immediate south of the illegal vineyards (Kaplan 2017 in prep.).

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Kaplan

¹ Kaplan, J. 2017 in prep. Archaeological Impact Assessment proposed development of agricultural land on Portion 13 of Orange Falls Farm No. 16, Augrabies Falls Way, Augrabies, Northern Cape. Report prepared for EnviroAfrica cc. ACRM, Cape Town

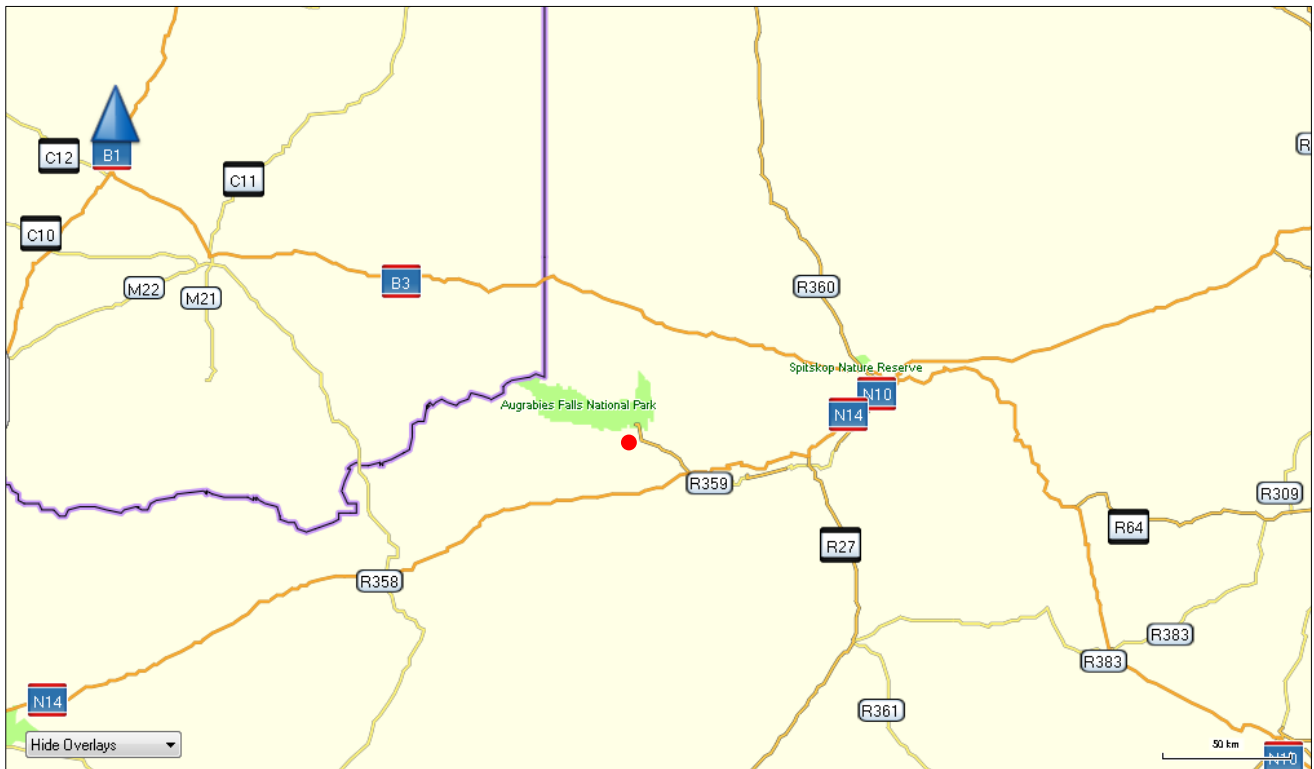


Figure 1. Locality Map. Red polygon indicates the location of the site



Figure 2. Google earth satellite map indicating the illegal vineyard development (yellow polygon)



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Figure 3. Illegal vineyard development



Figure 6. Illegal vineyard development



Figure 4. Illegal vineyard development



Figure 7. Illegal vineyard development



Figure 5. Illegal vineyard development



Figure 6. Illegal vineyard development