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Name	ACO Associates
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Enterprise type	Close corporation
Principal business	Archaeological/Heritage Impact Assessment
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ACO Associates was established in late 2008 as an allied operation to the Archaeology Contracts Office at the University of Cape Town, which is also directed by David Halkett and Tim Hart. The cc enables us to take on a wider range of projects and to provide cost effective pricing for smaller projects. We are assisted by Dr Lita Webley, Mr Jayson Orton and Ms Liesbet Schietecatte.

Our principal business remains Archaeological and Heritage Impact Assessments arising from the requirements of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999), frequently arising out of the requirements of Environmental Impact Assessments.

With 24 years of experience behind us, and having completed over 1000 projects, members of ACO Associates cc are equipped to handle assignments ranging from detailed, sensitive excavations, to large-scale field surveys and assessments of historic places. The team will work anywhere where their skills can be effectively used both in South Africa and abroad but most often working in the Northern Cape, Eastern Cape and Western Cape. We frequently function as part of multidisciplinary teams on EIA projects and understand the need to provide efficient service and meet deadlines.

Our areas of heritage expertise in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act are:

- Preparation of the NID (Notice of Intent to Develop) form for Heritage Western Cape;
- Assessment, excavation and/or management of pre-colonial sites such as shell middens, stone artefact scatters, rock art sites, cave deposits dating to the Early, Middle and Late Stone Ages as well as late Pleistocene fossil bone accumulations. We are also able to assess pre-colonial burials and assist with the recovery should it be necessary;
- Assessment, excavation and/or management of colonial sites, middens, exhumation of cemeteries, analysis of building sequences, industrial structures, historic landscapes and features;
- The analysis and curation of artefacts from both colonial and pre-colonial contexts. We can facilitate artefact conservation through outsourcing;
- The development of conservation and management plans for a variety of heritage sites.

Company:	UCT Archaeology ACO & Partner ACO Associates	Qualifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology and Psychology BA Honours in archaeology MA in Archaeology Professional member (no 50) Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA) Principal Investigator, cultural resources management section (ASAPA) Professional member in specialist and generalist categories Association of Heritage Assessment Professionals Membership of Professional Institutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Founder member of Association of Heritage Assessment Professionals Founder member and secretary CRM section ASAPA (1995) Council member (1995 – 2000 and current) ASAPA Built environment and landscape committee member, Heritage Western Cape 2003 -2007 (provincial compliance authority for heritage) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites committee (Heritage Western Cape 2007 - 2010) Appointed second term Built Environment and Landscape Committee member, Heritage Western (current) Member of SAHRA national APHOM committee Personal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amateur artist Married to archaeologist Elisabet Schietecatte, 1 daughter aged 5 years old.
Name:	Timothy Hart	
Nationality:	South African	
Profession	Archaeologist and general heritage practitioner	
Position	Co-Director	
Date of Birth	29 07 60	
Specialisation	Archaeological assessments, Heritage Impact Assessments, Heritage Conservation Planning. ASAPA accredited for pre-colonial archaeology, colonial period, rock art, industrial archaeology, coastal archaeology, grave relocation.	
Start date with ACO	1987 - present	
Experience:	23 years	

Tim Hart has a Masters degree in Archaeology which he obtained after an extended period of fieldwork study Late Stone Age Archaeology in the Great Karoo. Since 1987 in professional practise he has been involved in a wide range of heritage related projects ranging from excavation of fossil and stone age sites to the conservation of historic buildings, places and industrial structures. To date he has led and completed with the ACO team over 1000 **projects** throughout the country ranging from minor assessments to participating as a specialist in a number of substantial EIA's as well as international research projects. Together with his colleague Dave Halkett he has been involved in heritage policy development, development of the profession, the establishment of 2 professional bodies and development of professional practice standards. Notable projects he has been involved with are the development of a heritage management plan and ongoing annual mitigation for the De Beers Namaqualand Mines Division, heritage management for Namakwa Sands and other west coast and Northern Cape mining firms. Locally, Tim Hart was responsible for the discovery of the "Battery Chavonnes" at the V&A Waterfront (now a conserved as a museum), the discovery of a massive paupers burial ground in Green Point (now a National Heritage Site), the fossil deposit which is now the subject of a public display at the West Coast Fossil Park as well as participating in the development of the Robben Island Museum world heritage site (ongoing). A recent significant appointment is to assist with the development of a conservation policy for the Houses of Parliament. Tim Hart has teaching experience within a university setting and has given many public lectures on archaeology and general heritage related matters. In the forthcoming years he will be running a NLF funded project (R1.2m) to research the burial grounds of Green Point.

Relevant recent Project Experience:

- Specialist consultant – Eskom's Kudu Integration project (identifying transmission line routes across Namaqualand)
- Specialist consultant – Eskom's Atlantis Open Cycle Gas Turbine project, upgrade and power lines
- Specialist consultant – Eskom's Mossel Bay Open Cycle Gas Turbine project, substations and power lines
- Specialist consultant – Eskom's Koeberg Plant proposed training campus
- Contracted by University of Stanford to set up and participate in Duinefontein Archaeological Research project, Koeberg Nuclear Power Station
- Specialist consultant – Eskom's proposed Omega sub-station
- Specialist consultant – Eskom's Nuclear 1 programme
- Specialist consultant – Eskom's PBMR programme
- Specialist consultant – Eskom Cape Flats strengthening program
- Bantamsklip Nuclear 1 TX lines
- Koeberg Nuclear 1 TX lines
- Nuclear 1 – Eskom (2006-2010)
- Wind and solar Energy systems: (2007-2010)
 - Koekenaap WEF (Western Cape)
 - Hopefield WEF (Western Cape)
 - Darling WEF (Western Cape)
 - West coast WEF (Western Cape)
 - Bedford WEF (Eastern Cape)
 - Cookhouse WEF (Eastern Cape)
 - Suurplaats WEF (Northern and Western Cape)
 - Caledon WEF (Western Cape)
 - Wemmershoek WEF (Western Cape)
 - Witberg WEF (Western Cape)
 - Roggeveld WEF (Northern and Western Cape)
 - Richersveld WEF (Northern Cape)
 - Touwsrivier Solar (Western Cape)
 - Klawer WEF (Western Cape)
 - Lamberts Bay WEF (Western Cape)
 - G7 WEFs (Great Karoo) current

Studies on Exxaro WEF, St Helena WEF, Gouda WEF and Solar energy systems in the Northern Cape Province are in progress.