

Date (dd/mm/yy): 10/6/08

EU: 6

SU: 5603

Area: VIGLA

Supervisor: MD

Recorder: MD

Summary: Loose conglomeration of probable collapsed mudbrick of various colours (predominantly dark red) and sizes, in a <sup>loose</sup> ~~clay~~ matrix with plaster flecks.

Chronology: \_\_\_\_\_ (to be filled out by RSM or MH)

**Harris matrix**

	5602	
5606	5603	5605
	5607	

**Coordinates**

N	516.2
W	479.3
E	480.5
S	514.75

**Soil description**

Munsell (wet): 10YR 6/6 "BROWNISH YELLOW"

Soil type: Clay Loam

Consolidation: Loose

Stoniness: 15 %

Dominant clast size: gravel

Maximum top elevation: 54.74

Minimum bottom elevation: 54.46

(\*Indicate elevations on SU plan)

Slope: c 5° W → E

**Features**

- f1. Brown/Grey Mudbrick wall
- f2.
- f3.
- f4.
- f5.

List all **photographs** of this SU (p1, p2, etc.):

5603-P1, P2, P3, P4

List all **drawings** of this SU (d1, d2, etc.):

5603-D1

**Procedure**

Dry sieve  Water sieve \_\_\_\_\_ If water sieve, # of bags: \_\_\_\_\_

**Finds (# of bags)**

Ceramic 1 Stone 1 Bone \_\_\_\_\_ Metal 1 Organic \_\_\_\_\_ Plaster 1 Other 1 SHELL

Findspot 1

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Description: This loose reddish brown (when dry) SU was identified immediately under the preceding SU, and spanned the entire area between the adjacent faces of walls 6501-F1 & F2. The SU had a generally very sparse sherd count, and contained many pebble to <sup>gravel</sup> sized angular dark red mudbrick fragments, suggesting that it represents primarily an episode of mudbrick wall erosion or collapse from nearby. The SU was excavated until a very distinctive amorphous region of white 'plaster' was reached in the approximately eastern half of the SU bounds. Although a soil of very similar appearance apparently lies under areas of this 'plaster', it was decided to terminate this SU at the level of the plaster, to give more chronological control, and as the plaster would therefore post-date underlying deposits. In the areas of wall ~~6503~~ 6503-F2 exposed during excavation of this SU, it became apparent that the wall was probably originally faced with plaster, <sup>much</sup> ~~some~~ still in situ. Some probable building material, including eroded gypsum fragments (c. 10cm x 5cm and 3cm thick) and very included (~~some~~ v. small pebbles) flat plaster fragments (see sample). The SU was also terminated where it met harder grey/brown compact soil to the north of the area. After articulation, this feature was deemed to be the top of a mudbrick wall, and was given both a new SU number (560<sup>4</sup>) and feature number (5603-F1).

Finally, further excavation has revealed that this SU is contiguous with the identical SU 5606. As such, these SUs and plaster lens 5605, which lies between them, have been chronologically linked as one contemporary in the EU Harris matrix