

On the morning of Sunday 05/06/05 I received a request to go to KP 398.500 as a number of pottery sherds had been discovered at this site by Kamal Mamedov. I visited at the site at approximately 2.40pm in the company of Victor Kvakidzi from the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography ( I.o.A.E ). Together we inspected the pottery finds and also searched the sections of the open pipe trench on the positive side of the site for a distance of approximately 40m. A small assemblage of pottery sherds were recovered from the spoil tips and the section revealed the presence of a hearth and at least one storage pit. However there was no evidence of an occupation layer and no great density of finds. Given this lack of archaeological evidence and the close proximity of a fairly large water channel and a live pressurised oil pipe ( the west pipe ) we concluded that the health and safety problems involved with excavating this site far outweighed the archaeological value. We therefore thanked Mr. Mamedov for his cooperation and gave him the go ahead to continue with his operation in this area.