PIGMENT RESOURCES CATALOGUE Excavations at Sand, Applecross 2000

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Find / context	Artefact type	Identification / Description / Modification	Streak	Hardness Mohs scale	Approximate Dimensions
B5B Spit 6 Context 7/8	Pigment Resource	Purplish grey nodule of haematite, compact or massive in structure. One face is botryoidal or warty in appearance. Distinctive wear is evident on two faces. A smooth curved surface, with faint pitting and minimal scoring, has been worked by rubbing down the nodule's largest face. Another face is deeply gouged and sharply scored where pigment powder has been unevenly scraped off from an area 250 mm x 150 mm. This face also has a very narrow, edge ground facet.	Orangey- red	5	ML 300 mm MW 150 mm MT 150 mm
A2B NE Spit 6 Context 17	Pigment Resource	Limonite cortex on ocherous mudstone. The front heavy cortex is an earthy-orange limonite and worn scratchings, rubbing and pit marks are evident on its surface. It has been scored with a sharp point over a 250 mm x 100 mm area. Also, rubbing appears to have produced a worked facet with a broken area of pigment. The mottled pink-grey back side shows no signs of modification but does produce an earthy-orange streak identical to the front cortex.	Earthy- orange	4	ML 380 mm MW 270 mm MT 100 mm