

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	UMLANDO-EXX1A
	Site Name	EXXARO'S HILLENDALE MINE 017
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AlternateCode:

EXX01a/b

BroadAgeCategory: LSA, LIA

Site Category: Archaeological

SiteComments:

EXX01a/b was monitored and sampled throughout 2007. In 1995, several stone tools and pottery sherds were observed. The stone tools probably date to the Late Stone Age. The sherds date to the Early Iron Age and the Late Iron Age or Historical Period. The artefacts became more numerous towards the top of the hill and we observed fragments of slag. We surveyed along various road cuttings that went into the sugar cane field and noted two Ntshekane sherds and more pieces of slag. It appears that the main site occurs under the current sugar cane. This is the first Ntshekane period site to be recorded in the Hillendale vicinity. Other Ntshekane sites have been recorded north of Richards Bay, and this site will be useful as a comparative site. The artefacts consist of the following: Various pieces of slag? A few tuyère fragments? Quartz and quartzite hammer stones and flakes were observed? Pottery: o Mostly thin-walled and undecorated. These probably date to the Late Iron Age or Historical Period. A few Ntshekane sherds, of which one was thin-walled and decorated? Stone: A few upper grinding stones? Bone: A few fragments of (assumed) domestic bovid. These are on the surface and can date from last year backwards.

Stone Artefact Types: Quartz, Quartzite

Organic Artefact Types: Bone

Manufactured Artefact Types: Pottery

Damage Types: