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Archaeology Department,  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re.: ZULULAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY – ESIKHUMBENI STAND-ALONE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME PROJECT – RESERVE NO. 12 OF 7638 AND RESERVE NO. 20 OF 7638 IN TERMS OF DEED OF GRANT G 7638/1909– NONGOMA AND ULUNDI LOCAL MUNICIPAL AREAS - NEEDS AND DESIRABILITY APPLICATION**

On behalf of my client, the Zululand District Municipality, and in terms of Section 38 (1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act. No. 25 of 1999) I hereby wish to notify AMAFA of a proposed Stand-Alone Water Supply Scheme Project in the Esikhumbeni area between Nongoma and Ulundi, in Northern KwaZulu Natal on the properties Reserve No. 12 and Reserve No. 20 of 7638 in terms of Deed of Grant G7638/1909. The project involves the establishment of a new water reticulation system to provide approximately 17,000 people with potable water and my company has been commissioned to obtain an environmental authorisation for the project in terms of NEMA,1998.

Please find attached the following documentation pertaining to this project:

- A completed Needs and Desirability application form;
- Proof of payment of the R600 administration fee;
- A population verification study and
- Infrastructure construction details.

I would like your opinion on the need for a Heritage Impact Assessment for this project. If an HIA is required can you please advise on the detail required in the assessment, considering the enormous extent of the site (in excess of 14,000 hectares) and that it is a “linear project” involving the excavation of over 250kms of trenching, varying in width between 0.50m and 0.90m and depths of between 0.60m and 1.80m, to accommodate the new water pipes, the construction of seven reinforced concrete reservoirs at selected sites to provide water storage capacity and various stream and road crossings. General details of the construction

work involved are attached for your information. The scale of the site unfortunately makes it impossible to show the pipe alignments on the plans submitted.

I hope that the information that has been supplied is sufficient for a decision to be taken. Should you need any further information please contact the writer directly. I look forward to receiving your response to this notice at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey R. Silk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Geoffrey R. Silk for the Zululand District Municipality  
Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner.**