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Archaeology Department,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re.: IMBABALA SUPPORT SYSTEMS (PTY.) LTD. – MINE RESIDUE RE-PROCESSING PROJECT – PTN. 29 OF RIETVLEI 150-HU – ABAQULUSI MUNICIPAL AREA NEEDS AND DESIRABILITY APPLICATION

On behalf of my client, Imbabala Support Systems (Pty.) Ltd., 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 mine residue re-processing project on the property Portion 29 of the farm Rietvlei 150-HU in the Abaqulusi Local Municipal area of Northern KwaZulu Natal. The project involves the establishment of a new processing plant to facilitate the re-washing of old slurry and coarse mine residue deposits on the property 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 and
- A background information document to give you some idea of the current condition of this site.

As can be seen from the photographs in the BID the site has been extensively disturbed by the previous mining and coal processing operations on the property, in fact there is barely 1m² of the property that has not been disturbed by mining activities, contaminated with coal or mine residue (waste) or been used for the development of the mine's infrastructure such as access roads, surface drains or buildings. My impression is that a Heritage Impact Assessment for this site would prove to be fruitless and as such I would appreciate it if you could assess the information provided and confirm that an HIA will not be necessary.

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,



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