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**RE: AMAFA FINDINGS for the THE PROPOSED
SMERO/CALUZA LOW-COST HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
(EDTEA Ref No DC22/0017/2022)**

This letter serves to confirm that a presentation for the above mentioned project was done to AMAFA Heritage Officers' Committee Meeting on Wednesday, 24 May 2023 (See section 10.7 of the attached agenda), and issues highlighted by the HIA report were raised. We also confirm that the implementing agent will abide with recommendations that will be forwarded by AMAFA. The implementing agent will also take cognisance of the graves and old buildings highlighted in the HIA report. As per attached letter, the implementing agent will but not limited to, abide with the following

- 1) The existing graveyard will be respected, and the layout will be drafted around it.

2) The individual graves will be incorporated into the sites immediately adjacent to the existing structures, through guidance of the family members and no disturbance of these graves will be permitted.

3) If an unidentified grave is disturbed or must be moved, then section 5 of the draft KwaZulu-Natal & Research Institute regulation of 2021 will be followed.

4) Houses identified to be older than 60 years old and upon confirmation of this at the project implementation stage will be assessed by a professional structural engineer for stability compliance. If the buildings are unstable, then guidance and advice of AMAFA will be sought with regards to the way forward through our respective project professional.

The implementing agent will also abide with the following recommendations from HIA report

1. For any chance heritage finds, all work must cease in the area affected and the Contractor must immediately inform the Project Manager. A heritage specialist must be called to site to inspect the finding/s. The relevant heritage resource agency (the Institute) must be informed about the finding/s. Smero housing project Heritage Impact Assessment 26

2. The specialist will assess the significance of the resource/s and provide guidance on the way forward.

3. Permits must be obtained from the Institute if heritage resources are to be removed, destroyed or altered.

4. Under no circumstances may any heritage material be destroyed or removed from the project site unless under direction of a heritage specialist.

5. Should any recent remains be found on site that could potentially be human remains, the South African Police Service as well as the Institute must be contacted.

No SAPS official may remove remains (recent or not) until the correct permit/s have been obtained.

The implementing agent will also follow the Fossil Chance Find Protocol which was included in the EMPr for the proposed construction of the project.

We recommend that a Project Steering Committee (PSC) be formed prior to project commencement. The PSC must include both traditional and political leaders of both Smero and Caluza. This will help with smooth running of the project and identification and handling of graves. This will also help with the area's settlement history and the ages of some the old houses assumed to be more than 60yrs

We hope you will find the supplied information to be in order but should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H. Nemato', written in a cursive style.

H. Nemato (Pr. Sci. Nat.) (Reg EAP)