

Swaziland-RSA-Mozambique Border Patrol Roads and Fencing - Phase 2

Final Comment

IN TERMS OF SECTION 38 OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999) AND SECTION 41(1) OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL AMAFA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE ACT (ACT 05 OF 2018)

Attention: National Department of Public Works

Planning & Design for the Maintenance and / or Upgrade of the Patrol Roads and Fencing on the Borders between the Republic of South Africa (RSA), Swaziland & Mozambique, being undertaken by the National Department of Public Works (DPW), KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga Provinces

The KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Heritage Resources Authority, AMAFA And Research Institute Heritage Officers Committee considered the application on the 9th of December 2021. Concern was expressed that the areas of the proposed new road in the undisturbed terrain had not been assessed for heritage resources.

The committee resolved not to object to the expansion of existing roads and tracks but to require desktop and initial site inspections of the undisturbed areas. The required studies must be submitted before any work commence on the undisturbed areas.

The following standard conditions apply for the expansion of existing road and tracks:

1. The KwaZulu-Natal AMAFA and Research Institute should be contacted if any heritage objects are identified during earth-moving activities and all development should cease until further notice.
2. No structures older than sixty years or parts thereof are allowed to be demolished, altered, or extended without a permit from the KwaZulu-Natal AMAFA and Research Institute.
3. Under no circumstances may any heritage material be destroyed, inundated, collected, or removed from site unless under direction of the KwaZulu-Natal and AMAFA Research Institute and a heritage specialist.
4. Should any remains, that could potentially be human remains be found on site, the South African Police Service (SAPS) should be contacted and the KwaZulu-Natal AMAFA and Research Institute must be notified immediately. No SAPS official may disturb or exhume such remains, without the necessary permission from the KwaZulu-Natal AMAFA and Research Institute.
5. No activities are allowed within 50m of a site which contains rock art.
6. Sources of all-natural materials (including topsoil, sands, natural gravels, crushed stone, asphalt,

etc.) must be obtained in a sustainable manner and in compliance with the heritage and environmental (NEMA) legislation.

Failure to comply with the requirements of the National Heritage Resources Act and the KwaZulu-Natal AMAFA and Research Institute Act could lead to legal action being instituted against the applicant.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully



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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/510804>
(DEA, Ref:)

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to the Institute immediately.
3. The Institute reserves the right to request additional information as required.