

Construction and Operation of the Wembezi Commercial Development

Interim Comment

IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(8) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999) AND SECTION 41 OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL AMAFA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE ACT (ACT 05 OF 2018)

Attention: Mr David Moor
Klipplaats Family Trust

the Klipplaats Family Trust intends to develop a commercial centre on Portion 51 (of 7) of the Farm Klipplaats Drift No1009, uThukela District Municipality. The land is zoned "Agricultural" in terms of the Town Planning Scheme. Phase 1 of the development will involve the establishment of shops, a taxi rank, offices and a service station (storing 69 000 cubic metres of fuel) covering an area of about 7ha. Phase 2 of the development will involve the creation of eighteen plots to be zoned for light industry, each approximately 0.5 ha in size.

The Heritage Officers Committee meeting considered the application on 02 February, 2022. The committee noted that there is a building that could potentially be of heritage and/ historical significance, within the footprint of the proposed development. The findings in the Heritage Impact Assessment indicates the potential presence of heritage resources and/ sites within the study area and the general area. The desktop Paleontological Impact Assessment indicate that the entire footprint of the development is situated in a high paleontologically sensitive area. After considerations of these findings, the committee resolved to request more information for further consideration.

Further requirements.

1. A Heritage Statement about the building found in the footprint of the proposed development including the age of the building.
2. A Phase 2 Heritage Impact Assessment, the study should include the following:
 - Identification of all heritage resources in the development area and its surroundings -50m.
 - Assessment of the impact of the development on such heritage.
 - Evaluation of the impact of the development on heritage resources relative to the sustainable social and economic benefits to be derived from the development.
 - Results of consultation with communities affected by the proposed development and other interested and affected parties regarding the impact of the development on heritage resources.
 - Consideration of alternatives if heritage resources are affected by the development Mitigation plans for any adverse effects during and after completion of the project.
 - Table of all heritage resources identified. This should show Heritage resource **type, description, location, significance**, and reasons for this rating.

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:

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(EDTEA, 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.