

**Proposed 80 000 tonnes per annum (tpa) TiO<sub>2</sub> Plant in the Richard's Bay Industrial Development Zone, KwaZulu-Natal,**

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**Letter**

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

Attention: SRK Consulting (Pty) Ltd - Pretoria

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**Proposed 80 000 tonnes per annum (tpa) TiO<sub>2</sub> Plant, Erf 15825,16817,16789,16788,16787,16786, RBIDZ Phase 1F, 125 Alumina Allee, Alton, Richards Bay in the Richard's Bay Industrial Development Zone, KwaZulu-Natal,**

The Heritage Officers Committee considered your application on 31 May 2023. The committee noted that the site clearance will require an Environmental Authorisation as there are sensitive plants within the proposed development area.

On the 25th of May 2023, a site inspection by Mr. Philani Ndabezitha, Mr. John Pakwe, and Mr. Derrick Mhlongo from the Institute was undertaken to ascertain the state of the development area.

During the site inspection, the Environmental Consultant, Ndomupe Masawi, advised the team from the Institute that a letter confirming that the Institute would be in support of the Environmental Authorisation application must be produced to proceed with the site clearance.

This letter serves to confirm that the Amafa and Research Institute's Heritage Officers Committee meeting resolved to be in support of the application for EA. This is because the Institute requires the site to be surveyed for the potential existence of resources of cultural heritage significance before commenting on the actual application for development.

It is therefore the resolution of the HOC not to object to the clearance of the site earmarked for development.

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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Philani Ndabezitha  
Senior Heritage Officer  
KwaZulu-Natal Amafa and Research Institute



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KwaZulu-Natal Amafa and Research Institute

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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/608846>

**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.