



Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) and the KwaZulu-Natal Heritage Act (Act 4 of 2008)

Attention: KwaZulu Natal department of Agriculture and Rural Development

The proposal is to construct/develop irrigation schemes within the Mbangweni and Bhekabantu Local Areas Located within the uMhlabuyalingana Local Municipality. The proposed development will include extraction of water from the Phongola River, Storage of the Water in water tanks, installation of sprinkler systems, clearing and fencing of farming area. The total area will be 84ha with the project to affect portions of land that fall within the Ndumu Game Reserve.

Thank you for the invitation to comment on this development in terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act.

It is noted that the area proposed for the development is underlain by sediments that have a low fossil sensitivity. It is unlikely that fossils may be impacted by the proposed development. However, based on the information provided and our study of the archaeology database, the development is likely to impact on Early Stone Age, Middle Stone Age and Early Iron Age artefacts and sites.

Considering the heritage value of the area of proposed development, **a Full Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment is required for the above proposed project** in terms of the KwaZulu Natal Heritage Act No. 4 of 2008 and the National Heritage Resources Act No.25 of 1999 (Section 38 (1)). This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Amafa KZN Heritage therefore requires the appointment of an Amafa accredited Heritage Practitioner to assist in the provision of recommendations and mitigation procedures.

Please download our list of Heritage Practitioners from our website www.heritagekzn.co.za.

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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BHEKABANTU AND MBANGWENI IRRIGATION SCHEME

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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 Amafa immediately.
3. Amafa reserves the right to request additional information as required.



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