

**Black Mambazo Music Academy, Ladysmith
Our Ref: SAH19/13343**

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INTERIM COMMENT

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

Attention: Fuze Environmental Services

RE: The male choral group, Ladysmith Black Mambazo wishes to be built a music academy to be located on the outskirts of the town of Ladysmith in KwaZulu-Natal. The proposed music academy is situated on Erf 17840, Ladysmith, which falls within the Alfred Duma Local Municipality. The site is situated on the south-western edge of the town of Ladysmith and borders onto the R103 road / N11 highway and is situated adjacent to the Ladysmith aerodrome. The approximate centre of the site is at: 28°34'35.77"S 29°44'22.11"E.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application. The supporting documents relating to this application have been considered by the KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute. The heritage study identified some features that cannot be conclusively considered to be of no heritage significance. While taking cognisance of the large-scale illegal dumping of building rubble and other waste around the development footprint, it is possible that some of the rubble was dumped over sensitive resources. The presence of remains of foundations of a number of structures and graves found in the project area renders the area sensitive. All human remains have high heritage significance at all levels for their spiritual, social and cultural values. Graves could be affected by construction activities unless identified and protected. Widespread consultation with communities in the area should be conducted to ensure that heritage resources are not compromised. A public consultation process should be conducted to ascertain the presence or otherwise of sensitive heritage resources on the development footprint. A Heritage Impact Assessment report addressing this and incorporating the Paleontological assessment results should be submitted for further review. Amafa will issue comment once the revised HIA has been submitted.

The Study should cover:

- 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.**

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.

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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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 and/ withdraw the letter of decision as required.