



Final 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 Transport
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The construction of a 130 metre Buffels River Bridge (Number 3717) over the Umzinyathi River on L2953 Local Road in the Mhlaba area east of Pomeroy in KwaZulu-Natal. Erf-Klip River 4665 & Reserve #18 15838. DC24/0012/2014

We acknowledge receipt of the Paleontological Report by Dr Lloyd Rossouw as well as the HIA by Frans Prins of Active Heritage. It is noted that a survey of weathered exposures visible within the study area indicate that the proposed development will impact on unfossiliferous Dwyka tillites, largely mantled by geologically recent superficial deposits of low to very low palaeontological sensitivity. The Archaeological survey indicates that there are no heritage resources within the development footprint. The recorded graves which occur in the general area are not located anywhere closer than 30m to the proposed road upgrade. The area with graves should be treated as a no-go area.

Based on the findings of the surveys conducted, Amafa Heritage KwaZulu Natal has no objection to the development within the bounds of the prescribed recommendations and mitigation procedures as outlined in the reports and summarised herein. "...should considerable fossil remains be exposed in unweathered Dwyka sediments as a result of bedrock excavations during development, the responsible ECO must safeguard it and immediately report the findings to the relevant heritage authority so that appropriate mitigation measures can be put in place.

You are also required to adhere to the below-mentioned standard conditions:

Conditions:

1. Amafa should be contacted if any heritage objects are identified during earthmoving 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 Amafa.
3. No activities are allowed within 50m of a site, which contains rock art.
4. 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 legislation.

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: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/260432>
(KZN DoT, Ref: 3717)

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.

