## **Construction of L464 Bridge**

Our Ref: SAH16/9091

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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 Heritage Act (Act 4 of 2008)

Attention: KwaZulu-Natal - Department of Transport

Private Bag X9043 Pietermaritzburg

3200

The Department of Transport (DOT) proposes to construct a vehicular bridge with pedestrian walkway. The new low-level bridge will be constructed over the tributary to Woodstock Dam along local road L464 in one of the Bergville villages within the Okhahlamba Local Municipality, KwaZulu Natal.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this development in terms of Section 38(8). While the proposed development is a mere 24.5m bridge which would not normally trigger the need for an assessment, it is noted however that the proposed development occurs in a highly sensitive region in terms of heritage values and is likely to impact on heritage resources in particular paleontological deposits and rock art. For this reason a Heritage Impact Assessment is required.

The developer is therefore required to appoint a Heritage Practitioner to assess the area in order to curb any possible threats to heritage resources in the area. A field-based paleontological study and a fieldbased archaeological study is required. The study should establish and map out location of rock art sites in this region within a radius of 60m from the proposed development area.

Please download our list of Heritage Practitioners from our website <a href="www.heritagekzn.co.za">www.heritagekzn.co.za</a>. and the website of the PSSA, <a href="http://www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za">http://www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za</a>.

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/356268

(KZN DoT, 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 Amafa immediately.
- 3. Amafa reserves the right to request additional information as required.

