

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED COMMISSIEKRAAL COAL MINE INCLUDING SUPPORT SERVICES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE

Our Ref: SAH15/7773



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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)

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Tholie Logistics (Pty) Ltd (Tholie Logistics), a junior South African coal exploration and mining company, is proposing to establish a new underground coal mine and related surface infrastructure to support a mining operation on the farm Commissiekraal 90HT. The project site is located approximately 28 km north of Utrecht in the eMadlangeni Local Municipality and the Amajuba District Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal.

Thank you for your indication that development is to take place in this area. Heritage resources, including archaeological sites over 100 years old and/ or paleontological sites, Traditional Burial places, graves of victims of conflict, informal graves, graves older than 60 years, battlefields, places to which oral history is attached, living heritage sites, structures older than 60 years, cultural and natural landscapes are protected in terms of the National heritage Resources Act, Act 25, of 1999 and the KwaZulu Natal heritage Act, Act 4, of 2008. Furthermore, in terms of Section 38(2) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) the relevant heritage authority is required to determine whether or not the proposed development is likely to impact on any significant heritage resources. **A review of the information provided indicates that the development falls within an area which is largely rural and has not been thoroughly surveyed. The paleo-sensitivity map further indicates that the development falls in an area associated with high sensitivity and therefore requires a desktop study. Based on the outcome of the desktop study, a field assessment is likely.**

Considering the heritage value of the area of proposed development, **a 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 paleontological 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. Visit the website of the PSSA, <http://www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za> for a list of specialists.

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



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