## **Exemption from a Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment - Richards Bay Industrial Development Zone (RBIDZ**

Our Ref: SAH14/6756

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### **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: Mr Len van Schalkwyk eThembeni Cultural Heritage PO Box 20057 Ashburton 3213

# Application for Exemption from a Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment Proposed Richards Bay Industrial Development Zone (RBIDZ), Mbonambi Local Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal

We acknowledge receipt of your invitation for comment with regards to the proposed development. As stated in the motivation for exemption from a full HIA by eThembeni, there is no reason for development not to proceed as the foot survey conducted by the archaeologists did not yield any heritage resources. The following protocol has to be adhered to.

"During the Public Participation Processes, the project Community Liaison Officer (CLO) and the Environmental Control Officer (ECO) shall engage with stakeholders to ascertain the presence of unmarked or invisible grave sites. Local Mbonambi and Sokhulu traditional leadership should also be participant in these engagements or at least informed. Any identified grave sites should ideally be left with a twenty metre (20m) buffer from construction activities and be fenced pending engagement with the relevant Authorities and any identified family members having an association or interest in the grave. In the event of unintentional exposure of a grave or a request from a family for exhumation and re-interment the CLO/ECO shall immediately contact Amafa/KZN Heritage to obtain the necessary protocols and procedures for the management of such human remains". eThembeni

In view of the findings outlined in the HIA exemption motivation by eThembeni that we received for the above proposed development, we have no objection to the proposed development within limits of the prescribed mitigation measures and recommendations.

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.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.



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### Yours faithfully



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### **ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/181500

#### 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.

