

Greater Ukuwela Nature Reserve

Interim Comment

IN TERMS OF SECTION 41 OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999) AND SECTION 38 OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL AMAFA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE ACT (ACT 05 OF 2018)

Attention: SiVEST SA (Pty) Ltd

Proposed Construction of a Donor House & Associated Infrastructure, Greater Ukuwela Nature Reserve

The Heritage Officers Committee meeting considered the application on 25 May 2022. The committee noted that the Palaeontological sensitivity is Very High and concurs with the recommendation of the Heritage Impact Assessment report compiled by heritage specialist, Gavin Anderson. According to the Heritage Impact Assessment, the possibility of finding Significant Palaeontological Material is very high and it is recommended that a suitably qualified palaeontologist visits this site to assess for the presence of fossils in the proposed development area.

The Heritage Officers Committee also concurs with the proposed mitigation measures with regard to the heritage resources identified within the footprint of the proposed development. The Developer would need to obtain permits for the destruction of any heritage, archaeological or palaeontological site.

In terms of the palaeontological sensitivity of the area, the committee resolved to request a Phase 1 Palaeontological Impact Assessment. Amongst others, the objectives of the assessment will be:

- to identify exposed and subsurface rock formations that are considered to be palaeontologically significant.
- to assess the level of palaeontological significance of these formations.
- to comment on the impact of the development on these exposed and/or potential fossil resources
- to make recommendations as to how the developer should conserve or mitigate damage to these resources

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 as required.