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**DC24/0017/2018: Mbilane Access Road Upgrade and Construction, Nquthu
Our Ref: SAH19/13640**

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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 AMAFA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE ACT (ACT 05 OF 2018)**

Attention: Nquthu Local Municipality.

**RE: PROPOSED UPGRADE AND CONSTRUCTION OF MBILANE ACCESS ROAD (3.6 KM LENGTH)
INTO A TYPE 7A GRAVEL ROAD (WITH A 6 M WIDTH) IN WARD 08, NQUTU AREA, KWA-ZULU
NATAL.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development that includes realignment of a section of the road. This in essence means that there is a high probability of impacting on heritage resources as the general area is a sensitive zone in terms of heritage values. A section of the development passes through an abandoned homestead. A section falls in a zone of moderate fossil sensitivity and requires a desktop assessment by a palaeontologist. A Heritage Impact Assessment is therefore required to ensure that the proposed project does not impact negatively on heritage resources.

The Study should cover:

- Identification of all heritage resources in the development area and its surroundings -50m
- Assessment of the impact of the development on such heritage
- Evaluation of the impact of the development on heritage resources relative to the sustainable social and economic benefits to be derived from the development
- Results of consultation with communities affected by the proposed development and other interested and affected parties regarding the impact of the development on heritage resources.
- Consideration of alternatives if heritage resources are affected by the development
- Mitigation plans for any adverse effects during and after completion of the project
- Table of all heritage resources identified .This should show Heritage resource type, description, location, significance and reasons for this rating.

Please download our list of Heritage Practitioners from our website www.heritagekzn.co.za.

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

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 and/ withdraw the letter of decision as required.