

## Newcastle Gas Engine Power Plant

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### Interim Comment

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

Attention: SRK Consulting KZN

**Newcastle Energy (Pty) Ltd. (Newcastle Energy), a subsidiary of Vutomi Energy (Pty) Ltd. (Vutomi), owns an 18.5 megawatt (MW) capacity gas-fired cogeneration (steam and power) plant within the Karbochem Industrial Complex in Newcastle, KwaZulu-Natal. Through the Newcastle Gas Engine Power Plant (NGEPP) Independent Power Producer (IPP) project, Newcastle Energy proposes to increase its electricity generation capacity to approximately 100 MW**

The application was been considered by the Heritage Officers Committee of the Provincial Heritage Authority, the KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute on 24 May 2021. The proposed development is likely to impact on heritage resources as it occurs in a fossil sensitive , battlefield and Iron Age general area.

Considering the heritage value of the area of proposed development, a Heritage Impact Assessment is required for the above proposed project. The assessment should include assessment by experts in the specialist components.

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.

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:**

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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.