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**NGODINI BORDER CAVE**

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

Attention: Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife  
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**The Development Is Proposed On Non-Disturbed Land And Requires Environmental Authorization Under The National Environmental Management Act 107 Of 1998. The Development Consist Of: • The Upgrade Of The Interpretation Centre • The Construction Of A Pathway Leading To The Border Cave • The Construction Of 8 Huts With Running Water Sleeping More Than 15 People • Two (2) Ablutions And Sanitation Facilities • Drilling Of A Borehole For The Provision Of Water Proposed Ngodini Border Cave, Reserve No 16 158 36, Portion Number 11/15836, Ngodini, Kwazulu-Natal.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development. The application has been considered in light of the heritage reports submitted in support of the development.

The upgrade of the interpretation center and the construction of a pathway leading to the Border Cave should be conducted within acceptable standards as determined and agreed upon by the officials from Amafa, the Contractor/Architectural team, Ezemvelo-KZNWILDLIFE, KZN DED, KZNEDTEA during the 29 August site visit to the Ngodini Border Cave Interpretive Centre and the pathway. The developer should ensure that Amafa is furnished with the final Architectural Plans/drawings capturing the comments raised by Amafa during the determination of the center renovation requirements and location of the steps. The developer and contractor should ensure that the development is in keeping with the existing architectural style and is not visually/aesthetically imposing on the natural environment.

It is important to reiterate that the Provincial Heritage Authority, the KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute, is the operator and manager of the Border Cave Archaeological Site and Interpretive Centre.

-The KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute has entered into a standard lease agreement with the Ingonyama Trust with regards to this site/area and is as such the "occupier" of the land as well as the legal custodian of the area.

- The site is an active research site, where scientific excavations is continuing to take place under permit conditions prescribed by the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Heritage Authority.

-Border Cave has been added to the tentative list of World Heritage Sites and all development on the site should not detract from the Outstanding Universal Values for which the site is nominated.

- The architecture and materials used including those on the path ways, should blend in with the natural environment.

Due to the significance of the site a Heritage Practitioner is required to monitor the development process and to produce a site management /conservation plan that will dictate any restrictions including but not limited to vegetation clearance, location of cement mixing areas, removal of waste and rubble, toilet facilities with a view to ensuring the general site/landscape is not compromised. The developer should ensure that there is no use of charcoal, ash within 50m of the cave. Amafa should be furnished with the heritage management plan,

architectural drawings/plans for both the center and the pathway/ walkway steps sites before any development commences.

In view of the recommendations and mitigation procedures in the HIA reports for this project and the determination made during the site visit as stated above, the KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute has no objection within limits of the prescribed site specific conditions.

You are also required to adhere to the below-mentioned standard conditions:

Conditions:

1. Amafa/the Institute should be contacted if any heritage objects are identified during earth-moving 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. Under no circumstances may any heritage material be destroyed or removed from site unless under direction of Amafa and a heritage specialist.
4. Should any remains be found on site that is potentially human remains, the South African Police Service (SAPS) should also be contacted. No SAPS official may disturb or exhume such remains, without the necessary permission from Amafa.
5. No activities are allowed within 50m of a site, which contains rock art.
6. Sources of all natural materials (including topsoil, sands, natural gravels, crushed stone, asphalt, etc.) must be obtained in a sustainable manner and in compliance with the heritage legislation.

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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KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute

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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.