

## Nseleni Independent Floating Power Plant

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### Final Comment

#### IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(8) 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: SE Solutions

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The application for comment/decision in terms of heritage legislation has been considered by the Provincial Heritage Authority, the KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute. The HIA findings of the assessment state that:

- The Port area comprises former swampland that is not suitable for human settlement or activities and is considered to be of low heritage significance, corroborating the findings of Anderson & Anderson (2009) and Van Schalkwyk & Wahl (2013), who both assessed the proposed Port expansion that included the current development footprint;
- Radical transformation of the greater Richards Bay environment began in the 1970's with the Port development, transforming the area through activities that includes dredging, wharf construction, infilling, mouth widening and stabilisation, breakwater construction and terrestrial infrastructure;
- Two heritage sites are on record for the study area. Site RBP 03 is a low density of shell and lithics of low heritage significance and was recorded during a Heritage Impact Assessment (Anderson & Anderson 2009) for the study area. The second site (Bhizele Halt - 2823CC 001), on record at the Pietermaritzburg Museum Archaeological Database, is another low-density scatter of lithics recorded in 1974. The location description of the site and co-ordinates derived from 1:50 000 maps in 1974 do not correlate and it could be that the current location is not exactly where the site was recorded. Based on the co-ordinates the site is destroyed by a Gypsum Dump after the feature was recorded and no surface indicators of the site were noted;
- Dense vegetation and marshes limited the survey especially in the Port area,
- The study area is of moderate paleontological sensitivity and an independent desktop based paleontological study was conducted (Bamford 2020) and concluded that there would be no impact on the fossil heritage and the project can proceed without further work during the impact assessment phase.

The committee concurs with the following recommendations made by the practitioner:

- Implementation of a chance find procedure for the project as outlined under Section 10.1;

- As the exact location of the Bhizele Halt - 2823 CC 001 site is not certain this area should be monitored during construction to ensure that no subsurface features are impacted on.
- If site RBP 03 is impacted on the area must be monitored by an archaeologist during construction to ensure that subsurface heritage resources are not impacted on. Monitoring requirements are outlined under Section 10.5.

The KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute therefore has no objection to the proposed development .

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

1. The KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research 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 the KwaZulu Natal and Amafa Research Institute.
3. Under no circumstances may any heritage material be destroyed or removed from site unless under direction of the KwaZulu Natal and Amafa Research Institute 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 the KwaZulu Natal and Amafa Research Institute.
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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### ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/544368>

### 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.