



Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) and the KwaZulu-Natal Heritage Act (Act 4 of 2008)

Attention: Department of Rural Development & Land Reform
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The Proposed Establishment of the 245 ha Nsuze Irrigation Scheme (Non-Sensitive Areas) located on Reserve No. 19 of the Farm No. 15389, near Kranskop, KwaZulu Natal

We acknowledge receipt of your invitation for comment with regards to the proposed development. The object of Amafa is to administer, conserve and protect heritage resources of the Province within the terms of KZN Heritage Act no. 4 (2008) and the National Heritage Resources Act No 25 of 1999. The area of proposed development is very sensitive in terms of heritage values as it is a cultural landscape associated with human occupation spanning decades. The survey by Frans Prins of Active Heritage identified highly significant heritage sites in the general area of proposed development. We note that the Environmental Report suggests that development will not occur within 100m of the heritage sites.

The Provincial body concurs with the recommendations and mitigation procedures proposed by the CRM Specialist. Development may therefore proceed within the parameters of the below-mentioned conditions:

Conditions:

1. Monitoring by an Amafa accredited archaeologist is required to protect the identified resources as well as chance finds that are likely to be unearthed during earth-moving activities. The archaeologist should be on site to delineate sensitive areas.
2. Early Iron Age Sites 4, 5, and 7 have been highly rated and may not be destroyed or altered under any circumstances.
3. A buffer zone of 100m must be maintained around all the Early Iron Age sites identified. Any disturbance of these sites would be illegal and punishable by law.
4. Mitigation may be applied for in the case of Early Iron Age sites 1,2,3 and 6 and a second phase archaeological impact study be initiated. However, this would be the less preferred option.
5. Amafa should be contacted if any heritage objects are identified during earthmoving activities and all development should cease until further notice.
6. No structures older than sixty years or parts thereof are allowed to be demolished altered or extended without a permit from Amafa.
7. No activities are allowed within 50m of a site, which contains rock art.
8. Amafa should be contacted if any graves are identified during construction and the following procedure is to be followed:





- stop construction
- report finding to local police station
- report to Amafa to investigate.

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: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/131948>

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 Amafa immediately.
3. Amafa reserves the right to request additional information as required.

