



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: KwaZulu-Natal - Department of Transport
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Department of Transport (KZN) is proposing upgrading of the existing low level bridge over Mlambonja River. The bridge is 52m long by 5.7m wide.

Thank you for your indication that development is due to take place in this area. We note that the developer intends to construct a bridge which according to version 2 of the fossil sensitivity map (<http://www.sahra.org.za/map/palaeo>) falls in an area considered to be of very high fossil sensitivity. The general area is also considered to be of high heritage sensitivity from a cultural heritage perspective. In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological sites over 100 years old and/ or paleontological sites, Traditional Burial places, graves of victims of conflict , informal graves, graves older than 60 years, battlefields, places to which oral history is attached, living heritage sites, structures older than 60 years ,cultural and natural landscapes are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment is done.

It is however,unlikely that significant heritage resources will be impacted due to the disturbance of the area during construction of the older structure. Some rock art sites and archaeological sites have been noted in this region and the developer is required to be alert about possibility of encountering chance finds during site clearance and construction phase. All workforce should be given an induction on the nature of heritage resources before construction activities. The developer should ascertain the age of the old bridge structure so that relevant permits can be applied for before any disturbance to the bridge in the event that it is over 60 years.

Amafa has no objection to the development .

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

Conditions:

1. Amafa should be contacted if any heritage objects are identified during earthmoving 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. No activities are allowed within 50m of a site, which contains rock art.
4. 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.

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



PROPOSED MLAMBONJA VEHICULAR BRIDGE

Our Ref: SAH15/8504

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Yours faithfully

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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/333082>
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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 Amafa immediately.
3. Amafa reserves the right to request additional information as required.



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