

Proposed Construction of the Ntumba Vehicular/ Pedestrian Bridge over an unnamed stream in Rookdale, Okhahlamba LM, KwaZulu Natal.

Our Ref: SAH18/12446



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Interim Comment

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

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We acknowledge receipt of your invitation for comment with regards to the proposed development. Page 5 of the Site Investigation Report by Hanslab (PTY) Ltd submitted as a motivation for the proposed development states that "the project engineer has confirmed that the physical footprint of the structure will be >100m² and will take place over the unnamed stream, and >15m³ of soil will be removed from the watercourse, and therefore triggers Activity 12 and 19 of Listing Notice 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2017, as amended (07 April 2017).

In terms of Section 38(2) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999), the relevant heritage authority is required to determine whether or not the proposed development is likely to impact on any significant heritage resources. It is not clear if the proposed development constitutes a linear development exceeding 300m as per Section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999). It is noted however that this proposed development does trigger the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) and therefore it triggers a statutory comment in terms of Section 38(8). The development is underlain by sediments that have a very high fossil sensitivity. It is likely that fossils may be impacted by the proposed development.

Given the sensitive nature of the general area of proposed development, Amafa requires a field-based heritage impact assessment that covers both archaeological and paleontological 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.



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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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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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