



## Interim 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: Andrew Trodd

**Proposed Cultivation of Virgin Land, on 15ha of Farm Hunters Rest, Sub 1 of Farm Kromme Draai Erf 1033 and on 12 ha of Farm Patience, Sub 20 of Farm Kromme Draai Erf 1033 in Bergville under Okhahlamba local Municipality, within Uthukela District. The development will require the clearing of indigenous vegetation for crop irrigation to increase agricultural production.**

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. 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. Our database indicates that the proposed development falls in an area that is generally sensitive as it is associated with the cultural history of the Stone Age and Iron Age as well as the intrinsic Universal Outstanding Values associated with the World Heritage Park. The developer's attention is also drawn to the fact that while some areas fall in the grey area, the development largely falls in an area with very high fossil sensitivity and will therefore need to be subjected to a paleontological assessment.

Considering the heritage value of the area of proposed development, **a Heritage Impact Assessment is required for the above proposed project**. Please the Amafa website [www.heritagekzn.co.za](http://www.heritagekzn.co.za) and the website of the PSSA, <http://www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za>) for a list of specialists to provide a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Report with a Paleontological component and any other applicable specialist report as the area is associated with various aspects of cultural and natural heritage. This must be done before any large development takes place.

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

Yours faithfully



**Proposed Cultivation of Virgin Land, on Farm Hunters Rest and Farm Patience  
of Farm Kromme Draai Erf 1033, Bergville, Okhahlamba Local Municipality,  
Othman District (Dc23).**



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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/258356>  
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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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