



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: Mr Geoffrey Silk

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Vryheid,
3100,
KZN.

Development of two mining platforms and two access roads for the Koudelager Colliery, Vryheid, 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 where some heritage resources were recorded.

A number of graves were noted during the survey of the site. According to the report, the proposed access roads may affect existing graves since options for the road location are limited. No road development is allowed within 25m of a grave and graves within 50m of the development activities should be clearly demarcated to avoid inadvertent damage. Graves have a high value in terms of heritage significance and **should not be damaged, altered, exhumed, or removed from its original position without a permit from Amafa and written agreement with affected next of kin/community.** Community consultation should occur with any graves occurring within 50m of the road.

A qualified palaeontologist is required on site to monitor mining operations since mining for coal will expose sediments of the Vryheid Formation which will expose plant fossils. Plant fossils will, by definition, be mined and it is important to record and collect well preserved fossils of plants for further study. When well-preserved fossils are noted, the palaeontologist must apply for collection and destruction permits from AMAFA and SAHRA and also record well preserved fossils for further study. The EAP and ECO of the project must work with the paleontologist and together ensure that well preserved fossils are not compromised by mining activities.

In view of the findings outlined in the HIA Report by Gavin Anderson of Umlando incorporating the



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Paleontological study by Gideon Groenewald that we received for the above proposed development, we have no objection to the proposed development within limits of the prescribed mitigation measures and recommendations.

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

Conditions:

1. No structures older than sixty years or parts thereof are allowed to be demolished altered or extended without a permit from Amafa.
2. No activities are allowed within 50m of a site, which contains rock art.

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/150440>
(DMR, Ref: kzn/30/5/1/2/2/210 MR)

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.



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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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