

**Proposed Ngwadini Weir, Abstraction Works and Pipeline in KZN**

**Final Comment**

**IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(8) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999) AND SECTION 41 OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL AMAFA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE ACT (ACT 05 OF 2018)**

Attention: Umgeni Water

**The current water resources supplying the South Coast of KwaZulu-Natal are insufficient to meet the projected water demands. The Lower uMkhomazi Bulk Water Supply System (LUBWSS) is the recommended augmentation option for the existing Upper and Middle South Coast Supply area. Therefore, Umgeni Water proposed to construct the LUBWSS in order to increase the assurance of water supply. The Ngwadini weir, abstraction works and pipeline forms part of the LUBWSS and will be constructed to fill the Ngwadini Off-channel Storage Dam during summer periods of excess flow.**

The application for comment/decision in terms of heritage legislation was considered by the Provincial Heritage Authority, the KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute at a Heritage Officers Committee Meeting held on 10 May 2021.

- The HIA through social consultation, identified graves in the immediate and surrounding area. Amafa and Research Institute recommends monitoring of the project by a Heritage Practitioner to ensure that the graves that were identified and any other heritage resources are not disturbed.

The KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute therefore has no objection to the proposed development within limits of the stipulated conditions and mitigation measures.

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

1. The KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute should be contacted if any heritage objects are identified during earth-moving 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 the KwaZulu Natal and Amafa Research Institute.
3. Under no circumstances may any heritage material be destroyed or removed from site unless under direction of the KwaZulu Natal and Amafa Research Institute and a heritage specialist.

4. Should any remains be found on site that is potentially human remains, the South African Police Service (SAPS) should also be contacted. No SAPS official may disturb or exhume such remains, without the necessary permission from the KwaZulu Natal and Amafa Research Institute.

5. No activities are allowed within 50m of a site, which contains rock art.

6. 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.

Failure to comply with the requirements of the National Heritage Resources Act and the KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute Act could lead to legal action being instituted against the applicant.

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: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/488289>

**Terms & Conditions:**

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



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## HERITAGE IDENTIFICATION, MANAGEMENT & PROTECTION

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for proposed work.

2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to the Institute immediately.
3. The Institute reserves the right to request additional information as required.