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Letter

**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: Enviroedge
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The Sibudu Caves are located on the property described as Portion 10 of the Farm Sinembe No. 16902-FU, which is 4.3 hectares in extent, KwaZulu-Natal Province, and an application for Re-zoning from “Agricultural” to Conservation Area” in terms of the PDA and SPLUMA Planning Legislation is being compiled by Simon Vines Town and Regional Planners. The Sibudu Caves Heritage Site was inhabited by humans over 150,000 years ago and they are the longest continuously-occupied caves in Southern Africa. The Sibudu Caves Trust have appointed Simon Vines Town and Regional Planners to try and protect this valuable archaeological site. The farm within which the Sibudu Caves property is situated is subject to the provisions of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, (Act 43 of 1983). However, consent has been granted to subdivide the property in terms of the Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act, Act 70. Simon Vines Town and Regional Planners have, accordingly, obtained permission from the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, (DAFF), to subdivide a portion of 4,3 ha off the Farm Sinembe (118ha in total) and to seek a rezoning that is an appropriate land use in order to ensure the responsible management of this Heritage resource in the future. Simon Vines Town and Regional Planners intend to rezone the subdivided portion from “Agriculture” to “Conservation Area”, which zoning can include an area declared as “Conservation” in terms of the KwaZulu-Natal Heritage Act, (Act 4 Of 2008). Enviroedge cc. has been commissioned to undertake the application process to Amafa for the proposed development. As part of this process, this Background Information Document has been prepared, together with the Town Planning Motivation document for submission to Amafa.

In the interim comment dated 05 March 2018 , Amafa requested the appointment of a heritage practitioner to assist with determination of the buffer zone that will ensure the integrity of the Sibudu Cave is not compromised .

Amafa has considered the heritage statement by eThembeni pertaining to the proposed Sibudu Caves Conservation Area but requires a more detailed Heritage Impact Assessment of the area highlighting the most plausible buffer and incorporating evidence of consultation with the affected/interested landowners as highlighted in the interim comment of 05/03/2018 . A diagram of the subdivision should be submitted as part of the report. A Heritage Management Plan of the proposed conservation area should also be incorporated.

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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/488252>
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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.

