



## 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)

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**The Ncibidwane river-crossing is situated in the Mahandeni Area near Escourt within Ward 2 of the Imbabazane Municipality within the Uthukela District Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal. There is a current crossing on the river that has been damaged by flooding, and therefore needs to be replaced. The new bridge will replace the existing structure and will be designed to cater for peak flood levels.**

Thank you for notifying us about this development and providing us an opportunity to comment. We note that the development does not trigger Section 38(1) but does trigger Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act. As the development occurs in a general area known to yield heritage resources including archaeological and fossil deposits, the field survey was warranted. The survey however established that there are no archaeological deposits or paleontological deposits that are threatened by the development. Moreover any heritage deposits would have been disturbed during the construction of the existing damaged structure due to be replaced.

In view of the findings outlined in the HIA Exemption letter by eThembeni that we received for the above proposed development, we have no objection to the proposed reconstruction of the Ncibidwane Bridge .

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

#### Conditions:

1. Amafa should be contacted if any heritage objects are identified during earthmoving 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 Amafa.
3. No activities are allowed within 50m of a site, which contains rock art.
4. 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.

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

Yours faithfully



# Proposed bridge reconstruction on the Ncibidwane River

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## ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/356020>  
(, Ref: )

## 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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