



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: Biomass Investments (Pty) Ltd

The proposed project is to construct facilities for a renewable energy plant, on the site near Ixopo which is part of an existing sawmill. The plant shall make use of sawmill dust and chips obtained from sawmills in the vicinity as well as from biomass from pine/eucalyptus plantations in the area. The proposed project is to take place in KwaZulu-Natal, in the district municipality of Harry Gwala, Ward 10 of Ingwe Local Municipality. The specific farm name and number of the site is on the Remainder of LOT FP 379 No. 10055.

Thank you for affording Amafa the opportunity to comment on the Final Scoping Report, Draft Environmental Assessment Report by EON Consulting as well as the specialist Heritage Impact Assessment Report by Prof. A.C. van Vollenhoven who recommended that the development may continue as the site is almost completely disturbed and cleared of vegetation.

The Fossil Sensitivity Map shows that there is insignificant sensitivity which renders it unnecessary to call for further specialist assessment.

Amafa APMBG Unit therefore has no objection to the development as the site is devoid of surface material of heritage value.

You are however required to adhere to the below-mentioned standard conditions as the possibility of encountering sub-surface finds cannot be ruled out:

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.

Failure to comply with the requirements of the National Heritage Resources Act and the KwaZulu Natal Heritage Resources 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.



Proposed construction and operation of a 25MW renewable energy plant Ixopo.

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Yours faithfully

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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/364139>

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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