REPLACEMENT OF NSELENI BRIDGE

Our Ref: SAH 13/CaseID: 2404

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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: Department of Transport, KZN

Establishment of new 2 lane bridge. The existing single lane river bridge is a steel truss that is deemed structurally inadequate. The bridge, build shortly after 1931, does not comply with the required standards for the class and loading it has to carry. In addition, adequate provision is essential in terms of the requirement to serve as an emergency road to the N2. Going forward, 5 it is planned that the road be upgraded to a Road Class 3 with a 100km/h design speed (Note: this upgrade falls outside the scope of the bridge upgrade project). Preservation of the existing steel bridge, being a historical structure is proposed.

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 steel bridge that was identified in the proposed area of development is protected in terms of both the National and the Provincial heritage legislation and should therefore not be demolished, added to or altered in any way without a written permit from the Amafa Built Environment Section.

In terms of the KwaZulu Natal Heritage Act No. 4 of 2008 and the National Heritage Resources Act No.25 of 1999 (Section 38 (1), in view of the findings outlined in the HIA Report by Albert van Jaarsveld 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. 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. Amafa should be contacted if any graves are identified during construction and the following procedure is to be followed:
- stop construction
- report finding to local police station



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• report to Amafa to investigate.

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/120177

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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.

