



SAPPI SAICCOR Flood Protection Berm, uMkhomazi, KwaZulu-Natal

Our Ref: SAH20/15689

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Final Comment

IN TERMS OF SECTION 38 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: WSP Environmental Pty Ltd - Durban

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1 Langford Road
Westville
3630

Sappi Saiccor Mill is situated in Umkhomazi Drift, approximately 50km south of Durban. The Mill manufactures dissolved wood pulp to create a wide range of consumer products, particularly viscose fibre for clothing and textiles. The Saiccor Mill was established in the 1950's in close proximity to, and within the floodplain of, the uMkhomazi River. Sappi Saiccor proposes to raise a flood protection berm around their site to reduce the risk of the Mill being inundated during an extreme flood event. The existing flood protection measures at the Mill includes a flood berm, comprising a concrete retaining wall and a partially enclosed earth fill berm located along the western and northern boundaries, having a top level of 12m. The proposed development consists of an extension to the flood protection measures by way of raising the existing concrete and earth flood walls as well as extending the existing earth berm. Typically, the structure will have a base width of approximately 14.5m and a crest height of 4m above ground level

The documents submitted in support of the proposed development as outlined above indicate that the proposed site is largely transformed through continuous usage of the site and therefore it is highly unlikely that intact significant heritage resources will be found on the site.

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:

Conditions:



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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.

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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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 the Institute immediately.
3. The Institute reserves the right to request additional information as required.