



**Subsidised low income Ixopo slums clearance housing development ,
Ubuhlebezwe Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal**

Our Ref: SAH20/15563

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Final Comment

**IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(8) 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: NWJ Environmental Consulting

Metroprojects have been appointed by the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Housing to develop houses in an area situated south-east of the centre of the town of Ixopo which is situated within the uBuhlehezwe Local Municipality. The proposed low income housing development will take place on Portion 0 of Erf 174 of Stuartstown. The size of the developable area is about 15 hectares. Approximately half of the site includes informal settlements.

The Basic Information Document and the Heritage Impact Assessment report by Jean Beater on the the application for comment as outlined above has been considered. The assessment by Jean Beater established that there are significant heritage resources within and in the vicinity of the proposed development area. Remains of a concrete floor were found. A Shembe temple, about 5 graves were found within the development area. It is therefore recommended that the area immediately north-east of the road and below the reservoir be left undeveloped due to the presence of graves. The Shembe Nazareth place of worship should not be disturbed, damaged or altered. A heritage practitioner should monitor implementation of this project to ensure that the heritage resources are not compromised.

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:

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.



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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.