## THD Shongweni Development (DM/0003/2012)

Our Ref: SAH 13/4045

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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: Tongaat Hulett Developments

Tongaat Hulett Developments propose to construct a new mixed use/retail development on a portion of their land in Shongweni. Site 2 in the Draft EIR is the preferred site. A Heritage Impact Assessment was carried out for the site and no structures over the age of 60 were found.

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 area of proposed development is sensitive in terms of heritage values as it is a cultural landscape associated with production of mono-crops with a central farmstead and associated labour compounds as well as human remains. As outlined in the report, the buildings as well as the established gardens add value to the history of the McIntoshes and the Durban County Wattle Syndicate. The buildings cited in the report should therefore be retained. There is a possibility of unearthing cultural material and more human remains during earth-moving activities associated with this development as graves as well as middle stone age material (Mhlatuzana Shelter) have been noted in the area and immediate environs respectively. The graves should not be disturbed without a permit as they are of high heritage significance. Monitoring by an Amafa acredited archaeologist is required during bush clearance and excavation to ensure that cultural resources are not damaged inadvertently

In view of the findings outlined in the HIA Report by Debbie Whelan of Archaic Consulting incorporating the archaeological report by eThembeni, 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. No structures older than sixty years or parts thereof are allowed to be demolished altered or extended without a permit from Amafa.
- 2. No activities are allowed within 50m of a site, which contains rock art.

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:

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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.
- $\ensuremath{\mathsf{3.Amafa}}$  reserves the right to request additional information as required.



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