

The Construction of Mpameni gravel road, located within the Okhombe Area within the Okhahlamba Municipality.

Our Ref: SAH18/12571



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Interim 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: Okhahlamba Local Municipality

The Okhahlamba Municipality (Applicant) proposes to upgrade the Mpameni mud-track to a Type 7A Gravel Road. The proposed upgrade will be 2.6km long and 5m wide as per SD 0211 Department of Transport Standards. The wearing course will consist of 150mm G6, with material sourced from a known borrow pit. The proposed upgrade traverses No.04 watercourses. The Applicant proposes to construct a No.02 x 900mm pipe culvert structure, a No.05 x 900mm pipe culvert causeway structure, a No.02 x 900mm pipe culvert structure and a No.02 x 1200mm pipe culvert structure at each respective water crossing point. The upgrade will also include drainage infrastructure (side drains and mitre drains) along certain portions of the route.

We acknowledge receipt of your invitation for comment with regards to the proposed Mpameni gravel road upgrade with a total length of 2.6km. The development triggers both Section 38(1) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act. The site is located in the sensitive area of the Okhahlamba Municipality. The road occurs in a high fossil sensitivity zone. The proposed project could impact on graves, structures, archaeological and palaeontological resources that are protected in terms of sections 33, 34, 35, and 36 of the KwaZulu-Natal Heritage Act (No. 4 of 2008) as well as sections 34, 35, and 36 of the National Heritage resources Act.

Amafa therefore requires a field-based Heritage Impact Assessment to be conducted in order to ensure that heritage resources are not compromised by the development. The Study should cover:

- Identification of all heritage resources in the development area and its surroundings -50m
- Assessment of the impact of the development on such heritage
- Evaluation of the impact of the development on heritage resources relative to the sustainable social and economic benefits to be derived from the development
- Results of consultation with communities affected by the proposed development and other interested and affected parties regarding the impact of the development on heritage resources.
- Consideration of alternatives if heritage resources are affected by the development
- Mitigation plans for any adverse effects during and after completion of the project
- Table of all heritage resources identified. This should show Heritage resource type, description, location, significance and reasons for this rating.

Please download our list of Heritage Practitioners from our website www.heritagekzn.co.za.

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



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