The proposed forestry projects by N.A. Sibayi

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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: Mr Sibayi

P.O. Box 230 Harding

The proposed forestry projects by N.A. Sibayi (40ha) in respect of the same activity occurring in several locations in Doefheids Bron 145ES Portion 2 farm in Umzimkhulu local Municipality within Sisonke District of Kwazulu Natal Province

Thank you for the revised version of the Heritage Impact Assessment Report clarifying issues raised after submission of the initial report regarding the church structure and graves identified on the farm property. We note that the survey identified the foundation remains of an old N G church that dates to around 1938, an extremely overgrown cemetery associated with the church remains and the location of 2 other graves on the farm as pointed out to the Heritage Practitioners by Mrs Sibayi.

The developer's attention is drawn to the fact that heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, informal graves ,traditional /ancestral graves outside formal cemeteries, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected in terms of the KwaZulu Natal Heritage Resources Act, Act No.4, 2008 and the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), no 25 of 1999. These and other various forms of heritage resources may not be disturbed, damaged ,altered , exhumed or relocated without obtaining necessary permits from Amafa, the relevant Provincial Heritage Authority in KwaZulu Natal .

Based on the findings outlined in the heritage report by Gavin Whitelaw and Frans Rooidt of Shasa, Amafa has no objection to the proposed development outside the church remains, cemetery and graves location precinct. A buffer of 25m should be maintained around the identified heritage resources. If the area where the two graves are presumed to be located is considered for development or forestry activities, a Heritage Practitioner (grave specialist) should be on site during earth moving activities to monitor the site clearance and assist with relevant mitigation measures. 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.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted



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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.

