UPGRADE OF ROAD P75-2 WITHIN UMDONI AND UMZUMBE LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, KWAZULU-NATAL Our Ref: SAH17/11586

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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)

<u>Attention:</u> Afzelia Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd 76 Valley View Road, Morningside, Durban 4001

Basic Assessment And Water Use Authorisation Process: Proposed Upgrade Of Road P75-2 Within Umdoni And uMzumbe Local Municipalities, KwaZulu-Natal. The proposed road upgrade and realignment will consist of upgrading 15 kilometres of road P75-2 to Type 3 road standards. The start will be at the iFafa River crossing and will travel in a south westerly direction and will end at the Mtwalume River crossing. Storm water management will be included in the road upgrade. The causeway at the iFafa River Crossing will be removed and a new vehicular bridge will be built just to the north, a road realignment will be associated with this bridge

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application . The proposed development is situated in an area that is generally associated with historical sites and living heritage hence extreme caution should be taken to guard against impacting on heritage resources including graves. As the project is basically an upgrade of an existing road, it means the project is being implemented in a largely disturbed environment and therefore is not likely to impact on heritage resources. The proposed road upgrade, however, has to be restricted to the existing alignment to avoid possible damage to heritage resources, mainly informal graves in abandoned homesteads. Any abandoned homestead should be avoided/ considered sensitive unless a public consultation ruling out presence of graves has been identified. Any deviation is considered a new road and will automatically require a Heritage Impact Assessment that includes a social consultation process.

Amafa therefore has no objection provided the developer and all the teams working on the project adhere to stipulated site specific conditions and 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.
- 4. 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.

Failure to comply with the requirements of the National Heritage Resources Act and the KwaZulu Natal Heritage Resources Act could lead to legal action being instituted against the applicant.

This decision is valid for a period of two years.



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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:

Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/407379 (KZN DoT, Ref:)

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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