UPGRADE OF SQUBUDU Extension

Our Ref: SAH17/10592

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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: KZN Department of Transport

The KZN Department of Transport (Applicant) proposes to upgrade Squbudu Ext from a mud track to a type 7A gravel road. The road will be approximately 4.284 km in length, 6 m in width with a road reserve of 20m which conforms to the DOT standards for local road upgrades. The road traverses three major watercourses, therefore, the applicant proposes to construct portal culvert causeway structure and pipe culvert structures at the major crossing points to allow for the natural flow of water within the channel.

The proposed development is earmarked to take place in a sensitive region where the probability of disturbing heritage resources is high as abandoned homesteads with graves are a common feature in the general area. The area of development is a paleontologically sensitive zone and will require physical investigation.

The developer is therefore required to appoint heritage practitioners to conduct assessment of the area so that heritage resources are not compromised. this should cover a historical -archaeological component. A paleontological field survey is also required to ensure heritage resources are not compromised. 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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Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/385190

(DoT kzn, 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.

