

# Waste Management License for the Closure of the existing unlicensed Hlabisa Landfill

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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: Hlabisa Local Municipality  
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Private Bag X387  
Hlabisa

**The existing Hlabisa landfill is located in a rural and hilly area, at the edge of the small town of Hlabisa. The landfill is located on Portion 812 of the Farm Hlabisa and is accessed from an unnamed road that branches off the D1907 Road, which intersects with the A2143 Road 685 metres south-eastwards. The landfill covers an area of approximately 11 100m<sup>2</sup>. The landfill is fenced and surrounded by natural shrubland and grassland. Due to a shortage of equipment within the Hlabisa LM, no covering of waste and thus no compaction is undertaken at the facility. There are no storm water management controls in place except for a rudimentary berm constructed downslope of the disposal trench. The site will be licenced and continue to operate for five years after which rehabilitation and closure will take place.**

Thank you for informing us about this development. We have reviewed the Basic Assessment Report and note that due to a shortage of equipment within the Hlabisa Local Municipality, there is no covering of waste and thus the disposal site is a health hazard and generally a threat to the environment as the access roads are not maintained and storm water drains are non-existent. The site will be licensed and continue to operate for five years after which rehabilitation and closure will take place.

Considering that the development work involves closure of an illegal waste management site that is already largely disturbed, the proposed licensing and closure is a positive development. The developer should however ensure that the waste disposal activities and rehabilitation activities are restricted to the area within the existing fenced-off boundary. Any earth-moving activities and vehicle access points should be restricted to the disturbed areas to avoid impacting on heritage resources as the area is generally known to have heritage resources of value including fossils and rich historical sites.

Development should therefore proceed.

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.
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.

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



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