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## **Interim Comment**

### **In terms of Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

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Quayside Road, Port entrance 3, Suite 124 Ocean Terminal Building, Port of Durban, DURBAN,  
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**In order to prepare for the future container growth, the Port of Durban started a process for a phased container capacity expansion programme in order to improve throughput capacity by reconfiguring and rationalising the existing Durban Container Terminal (DCT). Pier 1 Phase 2 Project is part of the expansion programme and is seen as the key to the provision of medium and long term capacity. Other major expansion projects in the short term include deepening and lengthening of the North Quay, berth reconstruction and deepening at Island View and Maydon Wharf. As part of these expansions, TNPA has recognized the need for sandwinning of approximately 4.5 million m<sup>3</sup> of offshore material which will be required as part of these developments. Two potential offshore sandwinning sites have been identified. Alternative Site 1 occurs approximately 1,2 km east of the Port of Durban harbour mouth and is approximately 110 hectares in size. Alternative Site 2 occurs slightly south of Alternative Site 1 and is approximately 250 hectares in size.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) for the proposed offshore sandwinning in for developments within the Port of Durban, KwaZulu Natal. The Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage Unit at the South African Heritage Resources Agency has a mandate to protect, promote, and preserve archaeological resources, including but not limited to where these may be affected by developments. In terms of Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, No. 25 of 1999 (NHRA), all impacts on heritage resources as the result of development must be identified and assessed.

The following comments on specific sections of the DSR must be considered:

1. Details regarding the Underwater Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) mentioned in Section 8 (13) of the DSR, including information on the heritage resources identified, as well as the identification of impacts on these resources, and proposed mitigation for minimising these impacts.
2. The sources for all heritage resources must be included in the reference list, i.e. Levine (1986), Turner (1988), and CSIR (2011).
3. A full geophysical survey (including side-scan sonar) of the area to be developed must be carried out, both

# Proposed Offshore Sandwinning For Developments Within The Port Of Durban, Kwazulu Natal

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to identify heritage resources and to minimise the risk of damage to plant and equipment during sandwinning. The findings of the geophysical survey must be independently reviewed by a suitably qualified archaeologist.

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:

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