## Sani Pass Port of Entry

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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: Pravin Amar Development Planners (PADP)

## Relocation and expansion of the existing Sani Pass border post.

Thank you for your invitation for us to comment on this development proposal. We note that eThembeni reiterates and supports the following recommendations made in its 2004 Report regarding the Structures older than 60 years and the graves .

- Re-use of the remains of the Good Hope Trading Store. This should be done subject to reassessment by a suitably qualified heritage practitioner.
- The caravanseral could be repaired and roofed for conversion into an interpretive or heritage centre, if judged structurally sound by an engineer. The adjacent riverside area (used for corralling pack animals in the past) could be used as a picnic area or tea garden.
- The warehouses / storage sheds/ buildings could be recycled appropriately, if judged structurally sound by an engineer.
- The remainder of the manager's house may be dismantled and incorporated in buildings to be reconstructed down slope. The gardens and terraces around the house, including the former bowling green, are easily accessible by pedestrians and vehicles. They lend themselves to the development of a viewing site with picnic facilities.
- The compound and rondavel are suited for conversion into quarters for border control personnel, with kitchen and ablution facilities. Customs' buildings could be built to resemble the original Good Hope Trading Store.
- A Motae family ancestral grave and other graves located outside of a cemetery managed by a local authority are reputed to exist within the proposed development precinct. Location of the traditional burial places should be ascertained by the heritage practitioner. If at all possible such graves should be left in situ, incorporated into the development layout and permanently protected from any damage. If this is not possible and graves require relocation, a permit for alteration to or disinterment or reburial of a grave is required.

Considering the recommendations outlined in the HIA Report that we received for the above proposed development, we have no objection to the proposed development.

You are also required to adhere to the below-mentioned standard conditions:



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#### 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 above in the case header.

Yours faithfully



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### **ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/194427

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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.

