#### **OR Tambo Memorial Site**

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# **Final Decision**

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# In terms of Section 38, 34(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Independent Development Trust Corner Oberon & Sprite Streets Faerie Glen, Pretoria 0043

# Proposed Construction & Upgrading of Oliver Tambo Memorial Site at Nkantolo, Bizana District, Eastern Cape

It is understood that the project under discussion was initiated by the Department of Arts and Culture who has initiated a number of Legacy Projects to honour prominent Liberation Struggle icons.

The application was for-

- the demolition and removal of all structures currently on site that comprise the extant public memorial
- The redesign and realignment Legacy Pathway leading across the site with six stations depicting milestones in OR Tambo's life
- A statue of OR Tambo surrounded by 100 pillars of different heights and proportion that pay tribute to the 100 years of the struggle for freedom and, lastly,
- A Wall of remembrance

It was noted that the proposal was improved from its initial concept. Concern was raised in regard to the introduction of extensive and evolved soft landscaping which appeared to be in sharp contradiction to the Pondoland vegetation. The vegetation presented in the sketch does not resemble the Pondoland Landscape which is essentially sparse and of a particular nature. This should be revisited.

It is noted that the graves and views to and from the site are significant and contribute to both the landscape and heritage authenticity of the site. It was found that there was a disconnection between the graves and public area.

The above concerns regarding the landscaping should be appropriately addressed and resubmitted to SAHRA.

SAHRA BELCom has reviewed the case and hereby approves the application for the site works related to the following drawings:

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Client: Department of Arts and Culture

Implementing agent: IDT (Independent Development Trust)

Drawing Title:OR Tambo Memorial Drawing purpose: Working Drawing

Checked: B.llori Drawn: L. Maliwe Scale: 1:200

Date: 15 July 2013

Project number: BIZ/ORTH/

Drawing number: BIZ/ORTH/A.01.1-WD

Drawing Title:SITE PLAN/SETTING-OUT PLAN

Drawing purpose: Working Drawing

Checked: B.Ilori Drawn: L. Maliwe Scale: 1:350

Date: 15 July 2013

Project number: BIZ/ORTH/

Drawing number: BIZ/ORTH/A.01.2-WD

Drawing Title:STRUCTURAL/FOUNDATION PLAN

Drawing purpose: Working Drawing

Checked: B.llori Drawn: L. Maliwe Scale: 1:200

Date: 15 July 2013

Project number: BIZ/ORTH/

Drawing number: BIZ/ORTH/A.01.3-WD

Drawing Title: AREA PLAN 1:

SECTION J-J SECTION K-K SECTION DETAIL 1

Drawing purpose: Working Drawing

Checked: B.llori Drawn: L. Maliwe Scale: 1:100; 1:50





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Date: 15 July 2013

Project number: BIZ/ORTH/

Drawing number: BIZ/ORTH/A.01.4-WD

Drawing Title: AREA PLAN 2:

SECTION H-H SECTION I-I

**SECTION DETAIL 2** 

Drawing purpose: Working Drawing

Checked: B.llori Drawn: L. Maliwe Scale: 1:100; 1:50 Date: 15 July 2013

Project number: BIZ/ORTH/

Drawing number: BIZ/ORTH/A.01.5-WD

Drawing Title: AREA PLAN 3

SECTION F-F SECTION G-G SECTION DETAIL 4

Drawing purpose: Working Drawing

Checked: B.llori Drawn: L. Maliwe Scale: 1:100; 1:50 Date: 15 July 2013

Project number: BIZ/ORTH/

Drawing number: BIZ/ORTH/A.01.6-WD

Drawing Title: AREA PLAN 4

SECTION C-C SECTION D-D SECTION E-E SECTION DETAIL 4

Drawing purpose: Working Drawing

Checked: B.Ilori Drawn: L. Maliwe Scale: 1:100; 1:50 Date: 15 July 2013

Project number: BIZ/ORTH/

Drawing number: BIZ/ORTH/A.01.7-WD

Drawing Title: AREA PLAN 5





**SECTION DETAIL 5** 

Drawing purpose: Working Drawing

Checked: B.Ilori Drawn: L. Maliwe Scale: 1:200

Date: 15 July 2013

Project number: BIZ/ORTH/

Drawing number: BIZ/ORTH/A.01.8-WD

Drawing Title: SECTION B-B

NORTH ELEVATION EAST ELEVATION

Drawing purpose: Working Drawing

Checked: B.Ilori Drawn: L. Maliwe Scale: 1:200; 1:100 Date: 15 July 2013

Project number: BIZ/ORTH/

Drawing number: BIZ/ORTH/A.01.9-WD

Drawing Title: CONCRETE FLOOR & PAVING DETAIL; DISPLAY WALL

Drawing purpose: Working Drawing

Checked: B.Ilori Drawn: L. Maliwe

Scale: 1:5

Date: 15 July 2013

Project number: BIZ/ORTH/

Drawing number: BIZ/ORTH/A.02.5.1-WD

Drawing Title:BRICK PAVED STEPS Drawing purpose: Working Drawing

Checked: B.llori Drawn: L. Maliwe Scale: 1:5; 1:10 Date: 15 July 2013

Project number: BIZ/ORTH/

Drawing number: BIZ/ORTH/A.02.5.2-WD

Drawing Title: BALLUSTRADING DETAIL

Drawing purpose: Working Drawing

Checked: B.Ilori Drawn: L. Maliwe



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Project number: BIZ/ORTH/

Drawing number: BIZ/ORTH/A.03-WD

Drawing Title: AREA PLAN 6

SECTION L-L1

Drawing purpose: Working Drawing

Checked: B.llori Drawn: L. Maliwe Scale: 1:50

Date: 15 July 2013

Project number: BIZ/ORTH/

Drawing number: BIZ/ORTH/A.04-WD

Drawing Title:SECTION L-L; L-L1; L-L2;L-L3

Drawing purpose: Working Drawing

Checked: B.llori Drawn: L. Maliwe Scale: 1:100; 1:50 Date: 15 July 2013

Project number: BIZ/ORTH/

Drawing number: BIZ/ORTH/A.05-WD

In conclusion, SAHRA hereby gives approval for the development to proceed subject to the submission of a landscaping plan that is closely aligned to the Pondoland landscape.

Date: Tuesday December 10, 2013

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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

**Gregory Ontong** 

Division Manager: Built Environment South African Heritage Resources Agency







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### **ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/129357

#### 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.

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

