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Attention Bernadet Pawandiwa

Dear Ms Pawandiwa

**Heritage Scoping Report
Portion 23 of the Farm Riet Valleï No. 851
R103 Inchanga, eThekweni Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal**

Project Description ¹

Future Indefinite Investments 180 are proposing to expand their logistics and warehousing facilities and establish extended distribution facilities in Cato Ridge. The facility will be located on vacant land described as Portion 23 of the Farm Riet Valleï No 851, KwaZulu-Natal. Portion 23 lies adjacent to the R103 along Harrison Flats at the intersection of the access road to Harrison Railway Siding. The proposed development is in keeping with the eThekweni Municipality's LDP for Outer West. See Google Image below and SG diagram (as also loaded to SAHRIS Case File).

Guy Nicholson Consulting CC are the appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioners to oversee acquiring Environmental Authorisation from the competent authority (DEDTEA: eThekwini) in terms of the amended EIA Regulations, 2014, for which a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment process is applicable.

Observations

eThembeni inspected the site on 20 October 2017. The site (Portion 23) is a subdivision of an adjacent property, Lot 47 of the Farm Riet Valleï No 851 (see SG diagram).

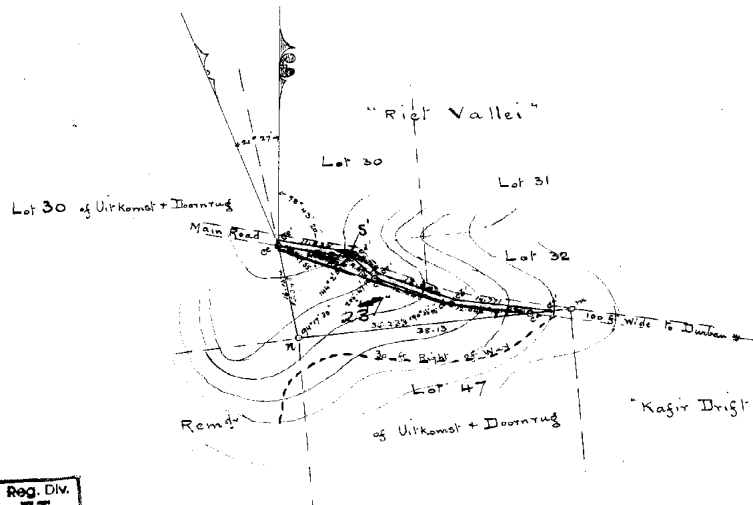
¹ Information provided by Guy Nicholson Consulting CC.

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NOT TO SCALE OF THE FARM. Riet Valley No. 851

The above Diagram represents the figure and extent of
28 Acres 1 Rood 37.8 Perches of land known as

Lot 47 of the farm Riet Valley

situated in the County of Pietermaritzburg, Province of Natal.

Bounded: N.E. by Lots 30+32 of Riet Valley,
S by Lot 47 of Uitkomst + Doornrug,
W by Lot 30 of Uitkomst + Doornrug.

Surveyed by me,

May 1913

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Figure 2

SG Diagram

The SG Diagram indicates that the Farm Riet Vallei had been subdivided into numerous smaller farm portions through the course of the 20th C. Over the last fifteen years, during its inception and development, the Cato Ridge Logistics Hub and Industrial Park has come to comprise further subdivisions of the respective parent farm portions. eThembeni have conducted 13 separate assessments in and around the logistics hub over the last decade. Table1 summarises our general findings of the various properties:

Table 1.

Heritage resource type	Observation
Places, buildings, structures and equipment	None were identified within the proposed development areas.
Places associated with oral traditions or living heritage	None were identified within the proposed development areas.
Historically significant Landscapes	None were identified within the proposed development areas
Natural features	None were identified within the proposed development areas
Traditional burial places	None were identified within the proposed development areas
Ecofacts	None were identified within the proposed development areas
Geological sites of scientific or cultural importance	None were identified within the proposed development area.
Archaeological sites	None were identified within the proposed development areas.
Historical settlements and townscapes	None were identified within the proposed development areas
Public monuments and memorials	None were identified within the proposed development areas
Battlefields	None were identified within the proposed development areas

Places, buildings, structures and equipment

No structures are present on Portion 23.

Landscapes

Historically, the area would have served as seasonal Spring-time grazing and used for cultivation. Clear plough contour scars were observed during the field inspection indicating extensive previous cultivation. A 2002 Google image of the site clearly indicates the plough scars and a clearly discernible and substantial access track (Fig.2). This may have led to old buildings or maybe just a rubble dumping site. I could not see any foundations during the site visit. It may have been labour houses in wattle and daub with some attendant brickwork and cement floors comprising a very sparse scatter of rubble. See kml. loaded to SAHRIS.

The now fallow land is largely covered in *Aristida junciformis* grass, an unpalatable and indicator species of overgrazing, and thick stands of trifid weed (*Chromolaena odorata*), *Lantana camara* and umbongabonga / bugweed (*Solatum mauritianum*) have colonised the understory of the larger *Ficus* and *Acacia* trees present on the property. Much of the vacant land in the immediate surrounds, prior to infrastructure development, has been utilised as “communal” grazing by cattle-keeping residents in the adjacent Ximba Traditional Authority and Fredville Informal Settlement in the Valley of a Thousand Hills.



Figure 3 Portion 23 of the Farm Rietvallei No.851 showing plough disturbance vehicle-tracks.
(See kml. loaded to SAHRIS).

Palaeontology

The underlying lithology is Natal Group Sandstone which is not considered fossil bearing ²

No heritage resources of any significance were observed on the site.

² Groenewald. G. 2012. Unpublished Palaeotechnical Report for Amafa KwaZulu-Natali.. Pietermaritzburg.

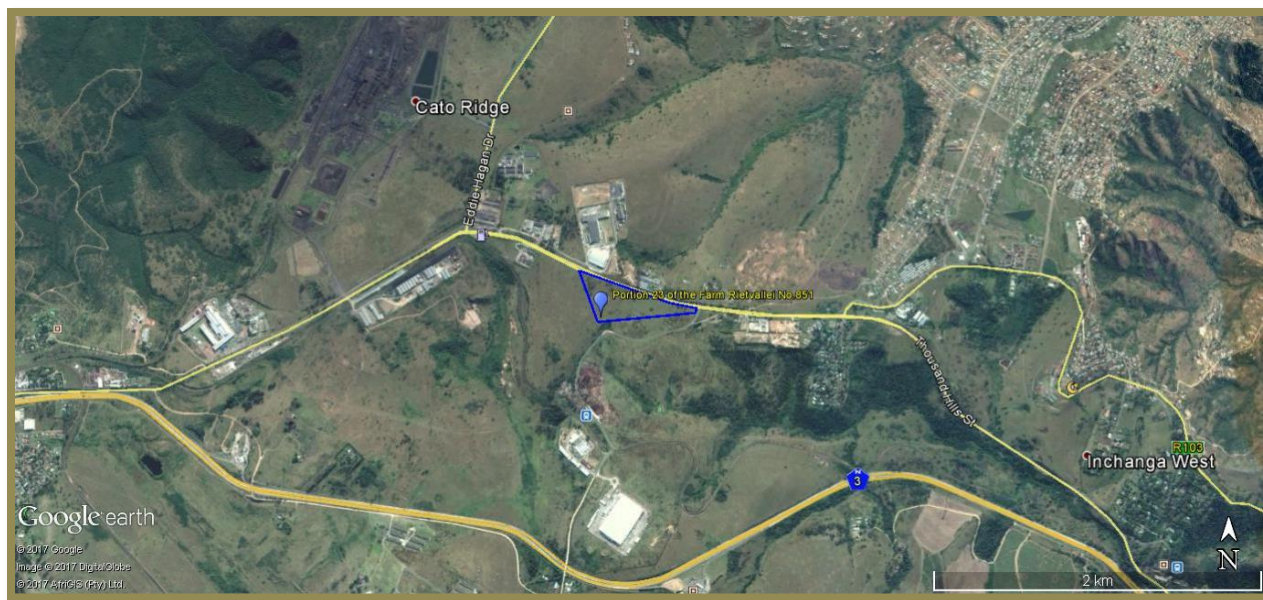


Figure 3 Portion 23 of the Farm Rietvallei No.851- Located at 29.728247° S; 30.627774° E, within the Cato Ridge Logistic Hub, an actively developing commercial and industrial zone.

Recommendations

On the basis of this heritage scoping assessment, we request that Amafa allow the development process to proceed with no further heritage resource mitigation.

In this regard, please can you notify us timeously via the loaded SAHRIS case file as to the decision of Amafa.

Yours sincerely

Len van Schalkwyk

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Principle Investigator.