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# Proposed Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam, Butterworth, Mnquma Local Municipality, Eastern Cape

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- I do not have any financial or personal interest in the application, its' proponent or subsidiaries, aside from fair remuneration for specialist services rendered; and
- That work conducted have been done in an objective manner and that any circumstances that may have compromised objectivity have been reported on transparently.

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#### **Executive Summary**

#### **Project Description –**

EOH-CES have been appointed as independent EAP by the project proponent, the ECDC, to apply for EA, including a BAR and EMPr to the Eastern Cape DEDEAT for the proposed *Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam*, in the Zazulwana administrative area north-west of Butterworth, Mnquma Local Municipality, Eastern Cape. The proposed facility, still in a planning stage, will include conferencing, accommodation, recreation and parking areas, situated at general development co-ordinate S32°18′54.6″; E28°08′06.9″, with the study site comprising an approximate 1ha area, associated with a linear development corridor of more or less 1km, including water, sewerage and necessary road upgrades and installations requisite to the development proposal. The development application includes all related subdivision and rezoning applications.

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**Project Name & Locality:** Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam, Mnquma Local Municipality, Eastern Cape [1:50,000 Map Ref – 3228AC].

#### Summary of Findings:

- > No archaeological or cultural heritage resources, as defined and protected by the NHRA 1999, were identified situated within, or in direct proximity to the proposed Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam study site.
- The proposed development poses no 'fatal flaws' with reference to archaeological and cultural heritage resources; consideration of an alternative study site is irrelevant.
- [In the event of any incidental archaeological and cultural heritage resources, as defined and protected by the NHRA 1999, being identified during the course of development the process described in 'Appendix B: Heritage Protocol for Incidental Finds during the Construction Phase' should be followed.]

Heritage Compliance Summary – Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam, Mnquma Local Municipality, Eastern Cape							
Map Code	Site Co-ordinates Recommendations						
Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam							
N/A	N/A N/A						

### **Recommendations** –

With reference to archaeological and cultural heritage compliance, as per the requirements of the NHRA 1999, it is recommended that development of the proposed *Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam*, Mnquma Local Municipality, Eastern Cape, proceed as applied for without the developer having to comply with additional heritage compliance requirements.

The EC PHRA-APM Unit HIA Comment will state legal requirements for development to proceed, or reasons why, from a heritage perspective, development may not be further considered.

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EOH-Coastal & Environmental Services (EOH-CES) have been appointed as independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by the project proponent, the Eastern Cape Development Corporation (ECDC), to apply for Environmental Authorization (EA), including a Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and Environmental Management Plan (EMPr) to the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT) for the proposed *Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam*, in the Zazulwana administrative area north-west of Butterworth, Mnquma Local Municipality, Eastern Cape. The proposed facility, still in a planning stage, will include conferencing, accommodation, recreation and parking areas, situated at general development co-ordinate S32°18'54.6"; E28°08'06.9", with the study site comprising an approximate 1ha area, associated with a linear development corridor of more or less 1km, including water, sewerage and necessary road upgrades and installations requisite to the development proposal. The development application includes all related subdivision and rezoning applications (EOH-CES 2016).

ArchaeoMaps have been appointed by EOH-CES to compile the Phase 1 Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment (AIA) for the development, as specialist component to the application's Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA), and with findings and recommendations thereof to be included in the BAR and EMPr. Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Phase 1 AIA are summarized as:

- Describe the existing area to be directly affected by the proposal in terms of its archaeological and cultural heritage characteristics as formally protected by the National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999 (NHRA 1999) and the general sensitivity of these components to change;
- Describe the likely scope, scale and significance of impacts (positive and negative) on the archaeological and cultural heritage resources of the area associated with the 1) construction and 2) operation or use phases of the proposal;
- Make recommendations on the scope of any mitigation measures that may be applied during the 1) construction and 2) operation or use phases to reduce / avoid the significance of identified related impacts. Mitigation measures could be design recommendations as well as operational controls, monitoring programmes, Phase 2 mitigation, management procedures and the like;
- Broadly describe the implication of a 'No-Go' option;
- Broadly comment on the cumulative impact (positive or negative) on archaeological or cultural heritage resources associated with the 1) construction and 2) operation or use phases of the proposal; and
- Confirm if there are any outright 'fatal flaws' to the proposal at its current location from an archaeological and cultural heritage perspective.



Map 1: General locality of the proposed Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam, Butterworth, Mnquma Local Municipality, Eastern Cape

Proposed Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam, Butterworth, Mnguma Local Municipality, EC

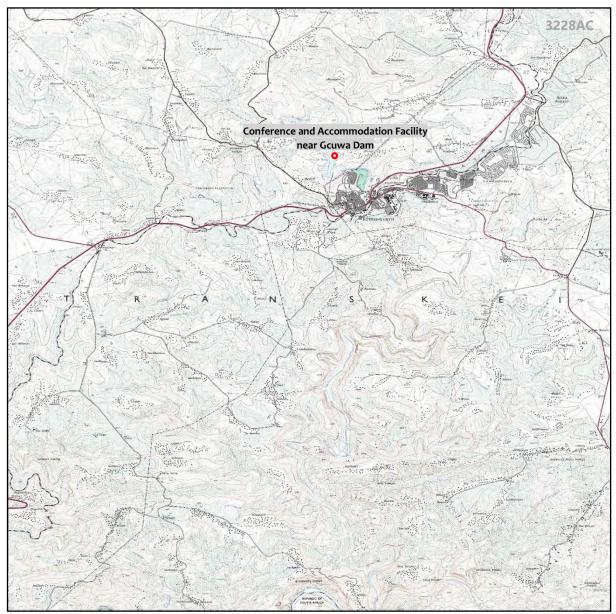


Map 2: Layout of the Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam, Butterworth (courtesy EOH-CES)



Figure 1: Concept plan of the Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam, Butterworth (courtesy EOH-CES)

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Map 3: Proposed Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam, Butterworth, Eastern Cape [1:50,000 Map Ref – 3228AC]

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### 2.1.1) Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Legislative Compliance

The Phase 1 Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment (AIA) for the proposed Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam, Butterworth, Mnquma Local Municipality, Eastern Cape, was requested to meet the Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority's (EC PHRA) requirements with reference to archaeological and basic cultural heritage resources in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999 (NHRA 1999), with specific reference to Section 38(1)(a), Section 38(1)(c)(i) and Section 38(1)(d). This report is submitted in (partial) fulfilment of the NHRA 1999, Section 38(3) requirements, for purposes of a NHRA 1999, Section 38(4)/Section 38(8) Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) Comment by the EC PHRA.

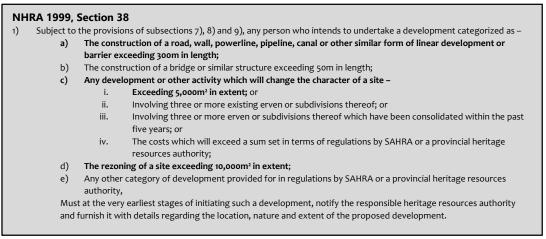


Table 1: Extract from the NHRA 1999, Section 38

The Phase 1 AIA aimed to locate, identify and assess the significance of archaeological and cultural heritage resources, inclusive of archaeological deposits / sites (Stone Age, Iron Age and Colonial Period), rock art and shipwreck sites, built structures older than 60 years, sites of military history older than 75 years, certain categories of burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, basic living heritage and cultural landscapes and viewscapes as defined and protected by the NHRA 1999, Section 2, that may be affected by the development.

This report comprises a Phase 1 AIA, including a basic pre-feasibility study and field assessment only. The report was prepared in accordance with the 'Minimum Standards' specifications for Phase 1 AIA reports, as stipulated by SAHRA (2007).

Additional relevant legislation pertaining to the Phase 1 AIA is listed as:

0 National Environmental Management Act, No 107 of 1998 (NEMA 1998) and associated Regulations (2014); and

#### 2.1.2) Methodology & Gap Analysis

The Phase 1 AIA includes a basic pre-feasibility study and field assessment:

- The pre-feasibility assessment is based on the Appendix A schematic outline of South Africa's pre-colonial and colonial past, associated with introductory archaeological as well as general and scientific literature available and relevant to the study site. Databases consulted include the SAHRA 2009 Mapping Project Database (MPD), the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) and SAHRA database(s) on declared provincial heritage sites (PHS) pertaining to the study site. The study excludes consultation of museum and university databases.
- The field assessment was done over a one (1) day period (2016-07-20) with field work conducted by the author. The assessment was done by vehicle and foot and limited to a Phase 1 surface survey. GPS co-ordinates were taken with Garmin Montana 650 (Datum: WGS84) Photographic documentation was done with a Canon EOS

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1300D camera. A combination of Garmap (Base Camp) and Google Earth software was used in the display of spatial information.

o The field assessment was conducted across the total of the study site, including the associated line routes.

The Phase 1 AIA was done according to the system and 'Minimum Standards' prescribed for the 3-tiered Phase 1-3 Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) process (SAHRA 2007):

- Phase 1 HIA A Phase 1 HIA is compulsory for development types as stipulated in the NHRA 1999, Section 38(1) and Section 38(8), including any other development type or study site as required by the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) or relevant Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (PHRA). A Phase 1 HIA comprises at minimum of an archaeological (AIA) and palaeontological (PIA) study, but aims to address all heritage types protected by the NHRA 1999 and to alert developers to additional heritage specialist study requirements, if and where relevant to a development. Phase 1 HIA studies focusses on pre-feasibility and desktop studies, routinely coined with field assessments in order to locate, describe and assign heritage site significance ratings to identified resources that may be impacted by development. The aim of a Phase 1 AIA is to make site specific and general development recommendations regarding identified heritage resources for development planning and implementation purposes and may include recommendations for conservation, heritage site declaration, monitoring, Phase 2 mitigation (excavation), or destruction.
- Phase 2 HIA Phase 2 HIAs are as a norm required where heritage resources of such significance has been identified during the Phase 1 HIA that mitigation (excavation) thereof is necessary for development purposes. Aside from large scale Phase 2 mitigation (routinely to precede development impact), lower keyed Phase 2 requirements may well include sampling, testing and monitoring during the construction or implementation phase of a development. Phase 2 HIA work is as a norm done under a compulsory heritage permit.
- Phase 3 HIA As an extension to Phase 2 HIA work or cases where recommendations for heritage declaration formed part of a development's heritage compliance requirements, heritage resources of such scientific or heritage tourism significance, that their long term conservation and continued research would be necessary within a development framework is proposed as a Phase 3 HIA.

Archaeological and cultural heritage site significance assessment and associated mitigation recommendations are done according to the combined NHRA 1999, Section 7(1) and SAHRA (2007) system.

SAHRA Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Site Significance System					
Site Significance	Field Rating	Grade	Recommended Mitigation		
High Significance	National Significance	Grade I	Heritage site conservation / Heritage site development		
High Significance	Provincial Significance	Grade II	Heritage site conservation / Heritage site development		
High Significance	Local Significance	Grade III-A	Heritage site conservation or extensive mitigation prior to development / destruction		
High Significance	Local Significance	Grade III-B	Heritage site conservation or extensive mitigation prior to development / destruction		
High / Medium Significance	Generally Protected A	Grade IV-A	Heritage site conservation or mitigation prior to development / destruction		
Medium Significance	Generally Protected B	Grade IV-B	Heritage site conservation or mitigation / test excavation / systematic sampling / monitoring prior to or during development / destruction		
Low Significance	Generally Protected C	Grade IV-C	On-site sapling, monitoring or no heritage mitigation required prior to or during development / destruction		

Table 2: SAHRA archaeological and cultural heritage site significance assessment ratings and associated mitigation recommendations

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### 2.2.1) Pre-feasibility Summary

Based on the Appendix A schematic outline of the pre-colonial and colonial periods in South Africa and background literature and database information, the probability of archaeological and cultural heritage resources situated on, or in proximity to the proposed *Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam*, Mnquma Local Municipality, Eastern Cape, study site can briefly be described as:

Sub-period	Sub-period type site	Probability			
-	-	None			
Graves / human remains: High s	scientific significance	•			
Earlier Stone Age (ESA)		None-Low			
Middle Stone Age (MSA)		None-Low			
Later Stone Age (LSA)		None-Low			
	Rock Art	None			
	Shel Middens	None			
Graves / human remains: ESA & MSA - High scientific significance; LSA – High scientific & social significance					
Early Iron Age (EIA)		None			
Middle Iron Age (MIA)		None			
Later Iron Age (LIA)		Medium-High			
Graves / human remains: EIA – I	High scientific significance; MIA & LIA – H	ligh scientific & social significance			
Colonial Period		Medium-			
	LSA – Colonial Period Contact	None-Low			
	LIA – Colonial Period Contact	Medium-High			
	Industrial Revolution	Low			
	Apartheid & Struggle	Low			
	Graves / human remains: High s Earlier Stone Age (ESA) Middle Stone Age (MSA) Later Stone Age (LSA) Graves / human remains: ESA & Early Iron Age (EIA) Middle Iron Age (MIA) Later Iron Age (LIA) Graves / human remains: EIA –	Graves / human remains: High scientific significance Earlier Stone Age (ESA) Middle Stone Age (MSA) Later Stone Age (LSA) Graves / human remains: ESA & MSA - High scientific significance; LSA - Early Iron Age (EIA) Middle Iron Age (MIA) Later Iron Age (MIA) Later Iron Age (LIA) Graves / human remains: EIA - High scientific significance; MIA & LIA - H Colonial Period LSA - Colonial Period Contact IIA - Colonial Period Contact Industrial Revolution			

Table 3: Archaeological and basic cultural heritage probability assessment

#### 2.2.2) The SAHRA 2009 MPD & SAHRIS

One (1) archaeological Cultural Resources Management (CRM) report is recorded in the SAHRA 2009 Mapping Project Database (MPD) situated within an approximate 15km radius from the proposed *Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam* study site, referenced as:

o Van Schalkwyk, L.O. 2008. (eThembeni). Heritage Impact Assessment of the Proposed N2 Wild Coast Toll Highway.

Post compilation of the SAHRA 2009 MPD eight (8) SAHRIS cases have been recorded, with study sites situated within the rough 15km radius from the proposed *Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam* study site, with relevant archaeological CRM reports listed as:

- Booth, C. 2015. (Booth Heritage Consulting). Addendum: Archaeological and Heritage Investigation of Proposed Deviations and Repeater Sites for an Environmental Authorization Amendment for Fibreco Route 4 (George to Port Elizabeth) and Route 5 (Port Elizabeth to Durban) [SAHRIS CaseID 7631].
- Van Ryneveld, K. 2011. (ArchaeoMaps). Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Utilization of Borrow Pits Amathole District Municipality, Eastern Cape, South Africa [SAHRIS CaseIDs 1140, 1150, 1162, 1182 and 1195].
- Van Ryneveld, K. 2012. (ArchaeoMaps). Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Ndabakazi Mixed-Use Development, near Butterworth, Mnquma Local Municipality, Eastern Cape, South Africa [SAHRIS CaseID 190].
- Van Ryneveld, K. 2013. (ArchaeoMaps). Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Ngcizele Phase 2 Village Water Supply, near Centane, Amathole District Municipality, Eastern Cape, South Africa [SAHRIS CaseID 4458].

#### 2.2.3) SAHRA Provincial Heritage Site Database – Eastern Cape

No geo-referenced declared Provincial Heritage Sites (PHS) are recorded in the SAHRA – Eastern Cape database (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_heritage\_sites\_in\_Eastern\_Cape) and situated within the approximate 15km radius from the proposed Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam study site

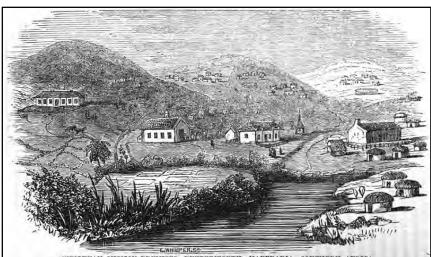


**Map 4:** Spatial distribution of geo-referenced PHSs in the SAHRA – Eastern Cape database in relation to the Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam, study site (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_heritage\_sites\_in\_Eastern\_Cape)

# 2.2.4) General Discussion

No Stone Age (ESA) sites or occurrences, including Earlier (ESA), Middle (MSA) or Later Stone Age (LSA) resources have been identified or reported on in any of the archaeological CRM reports consulted, with large linear assessment report results restricted to the general Butterworth area (Booth 2015; Van Schalkwyk 2008).

Iron Age archaeological CRM sites reported on are restricted to the Late Iron Age (LIA) and the LIA-Colonial Period contact phase, including LIA structure remains reported on by Van Ryneveld (2013) from the Ngcizele study site and from the greater Amathole area (Van Ryneveld 2011) a contemporary tribal court, a living heritage site, with the old court building situated in close proximity thereto, a memorial stone dedicated to former chiefs of Malonye Village, a small mission church complex, including the old mission church and residence, with the church still in use and with the Colonial Period mission church complex overlying former LIA structure remains, identifiable by hut mound remains, as well as the Cunningham mission church and residence, again with the mission church still in use by the local community.



 WESLEYAN MISSION-PREMISES, BUTTERWORTH, KAPPRARIA, SOUTHERN APRICA.

 Plate 1: The Wesleyan mission premises, Butterworth, 1851 (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Butterworth, Eastern\_Cape)

Butterworth was established in 1871 as a Wesleyan mission station and named after Joseph Butterworth (1770-1826), general treasurer of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society. It was one of the first mission stations in the Eastern Cape, or British Kaffraria. The mission station was burnt down at least three (3) times during the Frontier Wars. Butterworth was situated close to the seat of King Hintsa ka Khawuta, Chief of the Gcaleka-Xhosa, with its locality of great strategic importance at the time (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Butterworth,\_Eastern\_Cape).

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No archaeological or cultural heritage resources or sites were identified situated on, or in direct proximity to the proposed Gcuwa Dam Conference and Accommodation Facility study site. The study site, characterized by contemporary surface rubble also yielded signs of limited former earth moving and disturbance. No artefacts or heritage objects were identified on the surface of the site and shallow exposed sections proved to be anthropogenically sterile.

Structure remains of a dilapidated small structure is situated adjacent to the line route corridor. Structure remains do not pre-date 60 years of age and is not formally protected by the NHRA 1999. Development along the proposed line route corridor poses no threat to archaeological or cultural heritage resources, situated primarily within the already disturbed and rehabilitated road reserve.

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Plate 2: General view of the Gcuwa dam Conference and Accommodation Facility study site [1]



Plate 3: General view of the Gcuwa dam Conference and Accommodation Facility study site [2]



Plate 4: General view of the Gcuwa dam Conference and Accommodation Facility study site [3]



Plate 5: General view of the Gcuwa dam Conference and Accommodation Facility study site [4]



Plate 6: General view of the proposed line route development corridor [1]



**Plate 7:** General view of the proposed line route development corridor in the vicinity of the Gcuwa dam wall



Plate 8: View of the small contemporary structure situated adjacent to the line route development corridor



Plate 9: General view of the proposed line route development corridor [2]



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Map 5: Close-up of the proposed Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam, Butterworth, Eastern Cape, study site

### 3 – Environmental Impact Assessment Rating

Identified archaeological and cultural heritage resources are ascribed an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) rating, based on the outline presented below to provide a significance rating of development impact on resources, both during the 1) construction and 2) operation and use phases of development (in accordance with NEMA 1998, Regulations 2014):

Overall Nature:	<ol> <li>1) Negative (negative impact on affected biophysical or human environment), or</li> <li>2) Positive (benefit to the affected biophysical or human environment).</li> </ol>
Туре:	<ol> <li>Direct (caused by the action and occur at the same time and place),</li> <li>Indirect or secondary (caused by the action and are later in time or father removed in distance but reasonably foreseeable), or</li> <li>Cumulative (impact which results from the incremental impact of the action when added to other past, present and reasonably foreseeable future actions; can result from individually minor, but collectively significant actions taking place over a period of time).</li> </ol>
Spatial Extent:	<ol> <li>Site (immediate area of activity, incorporating a 5m zone from the edge of the affected area),</li> <li>Local (area up to and/or within 10km from the 'site' as defined above),</li> <li>Regional (entire community, basin or landscape), or</li> <li>National (South Africa).</li> </ol>
Duration:	<ol> <li>1) Short-term (impact would last for the duration of activities; quickly reversible),</li> <li>2) Medium-term (impact would affect project activity; reversible over time),</li> <li>3) Long-term (impact would continue beyond project activity), or</li> <li>4) Permanent (impact would continue beyond decommissioning).</li> </ol>
Severity:	1) Low, 2) Medium, or 3) High, being +) Positive, or -) Negative (based on separately described categories examining whether the impact is destructive or benign, whether it destroys the impacted environment, alters its functionality or slightly alters he environment itself).
Reversibility:	<ol> <li>1) Completely reversible (completely reversible impact with implementation of correct mitigation measures),</li> <li>2) Partly reversible (partly reversible impact with implementation of correct mitigation measures), or</li> <li>3) Irreversible (impact cannot be reversed, regardless of mitigation or rehabilitation measures).</li> </ol>
Irreplaceable loss:	<ol> <li>1) Resource will not be lost (resource will not be lost provided mitigation measures are implemented),</li> <li>2) Resource will be partly lost (partial loss or destruction of the resource will occur even though management and mitigation measures are implemented), or</li> <li>3) Resource cannot be replaced (resource is irreplaceable no matter which management or mitigation measures are implemented).</li> </ol>
Probability:	<ol> <li>1) Unlikely (&lt;40% probability),</li> <li>2) Possible (40% probability),</li> <li>3) Probable (&gt;70% probability), or</li> <li>4) Definite (&gt;90% probability).</li> </ol>
Mitigation potential:	<ol> <li>High or completely mitigatable (relatively easy and cost effective to manage. Specialist expertize and equipment generally not required. Nature of impact easily understood and may be mitigated through implementation of a management plan or 'good housekeeping', including regular monitoring and reporting regimes. Significance of the impact after mitigation is likely to be low or negligible),</li> <li>Moderate or partially mitigatable (management requires higher level of expertise and resources to maintain impacts with acceptable levels. Mitigation can be tied up in the design of the project. Significance of the impact after mitigate the impact after mitigate the impact entirely, with residual impacts resulting), or</li> <li>Low or un-mitigatable (will not be possible to mitigate the impact entirely, regardless of expertise and resources. Potential to manage the impacts may be beyond the scope of the project. Management of the impact is not likely to result in a measurable change in the level of significance).</li> </ol>
Impact significance:	<ol> <li>Negligible,</li> <li>Low (largely of HIGH mitigation potential, after consideration of other criteria),</li> <li>Moderate (largely of MODERATE or partial mitigation potential, after consideration of other criteria), or</li> <li>Substantial (largely of LOW mitigation potential, after consideration of other criteria).</li> </ol>

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Environmental Impact Assessment Rating: Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam, Mnquma Local Municipality, Eastern Cape												
Potential Impacts	Overall nature	Туре	Spatial extent	Duration	Severity	Reversibility	Irreplaceable loss	Probability	MITIGATION POTENTIAL	IMPACT SIGNIFICAI Without mitigation	NCE With mitigation	MITIGATION MEASURES
Site: N/A												
Construction phase	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Operational phase	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mitigation details: N/A												

Table 4: Environmental Impact Assessment Rating

With reference to archaeological and cultural heritage compliance, as per the requirements of the NHRA 1999, it is recommended that development of the proposed *Conference and Accommodation Facility near Gcuwa Dam*, Mnquma Local Municipality, Eastern Cape, proceed as applied for without the developer having to comply with additional heritage compliance requirements.

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Table 5: Heritage compliance summary

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#### Notes:

Should any registered Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) wish to be consulted in terms of Section 38(3)(e) of the NHRA 1999 (socio-cultural consultation / SAHRA SIA) it is recommended that the developer / EAP ensures that the consultation be prioritized within the timeframe of the environmental assessment process.

#### Simplified Guide to the Identification of Archaeological Sites:

- Stone Age Knapped stone display flakes and flake scars that appear unnatural and may result in similar type 'shaped' stones often concentrated in clusters or forming a distinct layer in the geological stratigraphy. ESA shapes may represent 'pear' or oval shaped stones, often in the region of 10cm or larger. Typical MSA types include blade-like or rough triangular shaped artefacts, often associated with randomly shaped lithics or flakes that display use- or edge-wear around the rim of the artefact. LSA types are similar to MSA types, but generally smaller (<3cm in size), often informally shaped, and are frequently found in association with bone, pieces of charcoal, ceramic shards and food remains.</p>
  - Rock Art Includes both painted and engraved images.
  - Shell Middens Include compact shell lenses that may be quite extensive in size or small ephemeral scatters of shell food remains, often associated with LSA artefact remains, but may also be of MSA and Iron Age cultural association.
- Iron Age Iron Age sites are often characterized by stone features, i.e. the remains of former livestock enclosures or typical household remains; huts are identified by either mound or depression hollows. Typical artefacts include ceramic remains, farming equipment, beads and trade goods, metal artefacts (including jewellery) etc. Remains of the 'Struggle' events, histories and landmarks associated therewith are often, based on cultural association, classed as part of the Iron Age heritage of South Africa.
- Colonial Period Built environment remains, either urban or rural, are of a Western cultural affiliation with typical artefacts representing early Western culture, including typical household remains, trade and manufactured goods, such as old bottle, porcelain and metal artefacts. War memorial remains, including the vast array of associated graves and the history of the Industrial Revolution form important parts of South Africa's Colonial Period heritage.

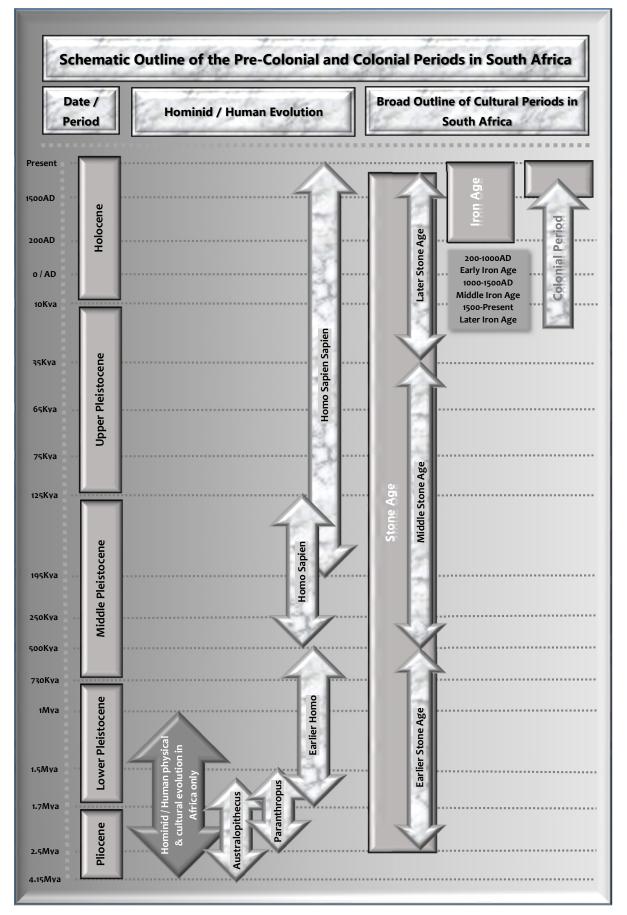
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AD	: Anno Domini (the year o)
AIA	: Archaeological Impact Assessment
AMAFA	: Amafa aKwaZulu-Natali (Natal PHRA)
ASAPA	: Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists
BAR	: Basic Assessment Report
BC	: Before the Birth of Christ (the year o)
BCE	: Before the Common Era (the year o)
BID	: Background Information Document
BP	: Before the Present (the year o)
cm	: Centimetre
CMP	: Conservation Management Plan
CRM	: Cultural Resources Management
DAC	: Department of Arts and Culture
DEAT	: Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism
DME	: Department of Minerals and Energy
EAP	: Environmental Assessment Practitioner
ECO	: Environmental Control Officer
ELO	: Environmental Liaison Officer
EC PHRA	: Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority
EIA <sub>1</sub>	: Environmental Impact Assessment
EIA2	: Early Iron Age
EMPr	: Environmental Management Plan / Programme Report
ESA	: Earlier Stone Age
ha	: Hectare
HIA	: Heritage Impact Assessment
HWC	: heritage Western Cape
ICOMOS	: International Council on Monuments and Sites
IEM	: Integrated Environmental Management
km	: kilometre
Куа	: Thousands of years ago
LIA	: Later Iron Age
LSA	: Later Stone Age
m	: metre
m²	: Square meter
MIA	: Middle Iron Age
Mm	: millimetre
MPRDA 2002	: Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, No 28 of 2002
MSA	: Middle Stone Age
Mya	: Millions of years ago
NEMA 1998	: National Environmental Management Act, No 107 of 1998
NHRA 1999	: National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999
PIA	: Palaeontological Impact Assessment
PHRA	: Provincial Heritage Resources Authority
PSSA	: Palaeontological Society of South Africa
PPP	: Public Participation Process
SAHRA	: South African Heritage Resources Agency
SAHRIS	: South African Heritage Resources Information System
SIA	: Social Impact Assessment
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#### Heritage Protocol for Incidental Finds during the Construction Phase

Should any palaeontological, archaeological or cultural heritage resources, including human remains / graves, as defined and protected by the NHRA 1999, be identified during the construction phase of development (including as a norm during vegetation clearing, surface scraping, trenching and excavation phases), it is recommended that the process described below be followed.

#### > On-site Reporting Process:

- 1. The identifier should immediately notify his / her supervisor of the find.
- 2. The identifier's supervisor should immediately (and within 24 hours after reporting by the identifier) report the incident to the onsite SHE / SHEQ officer.
- 3. The on-site SHE / SHEQ officer should immediately (and within 24 hours after reporting by the relevant supervisor) report the incident to the appointed ECO / ELO officer. [Should the find relate to human remains the SHE / SHEQ officer should immediately notify the nearest SAPS station informing them of the find].
- 4. The ECO / ELO officer should ensure that the find is within 72 hours after the SHE / SHEQ officers report reported on SAHRIS and that a relevant heritage specialist is contacted to make arrangements for a heritage site inspection. [Should the find relate to human remains the ECO / ELO officer should ensure that the archaeological site inspection coincides with a SAPS site inspection, to verify if the find is of forensic, authentic (informal / older than 60 years), or archaeological (older than 100 years) origin].
- 5. The appointed heritage specialist should compile a 'heritage site inspection' report based on the site specific findings. The site inspection report should make recommendations for the destruction, conservation or mitigation of the find and prescribe a recommended way forward for development. The 'heritage site inspection' report should be submitted to the ECO / ELO, who should ensure submission thereof on SAHRIS.
- 6. SAHRA / the relevant PHRA will state legal requirements for development to proceed in the SAHRA / PHRA Comment on the 'heritage site inspection' report.
- 7. The developer should proceed with implementation of the SAHRA / PHRA Comment requirements. SAHRA / PHRA Comment requirements may well stipulate permit specifications for development to proceed.
  - Should permit specifications stipulate further Phase 2 archaeological investigation (including grave mitigation) a suitably accredited heritage specialist should be appointed to conduct the work according to the applicable SAHRA / PHRA process. The heritage specialist should apply for the permit. Upon issue of the SAHRA / PHRA permit the Phase 2 heritage mitigation program may commence.
  - Should permit specifications stipulate destruction of the find under a SAHRA / PHRA permit the developer should immediately proceed with the permit application. Upon the issue of the SAHRA / PHRA permit the developer may legally proceed with destruction of the palaeontological, archaeological or cultural heritage resource.
  - Upon completion of the Phase 2 heritage mitigation program the heritage specialist will submit a Phase 2 report to the ECO / ELO, who should in turn ensure submission thereof on SAHRIS. Report recommendations may include that the remainder of a heritage site be destroyed under a SAHRA / PHRA permit.
  - Should the find relate to human remains of forensic origin the matter will be directly addressed by the SAPS: A SAHRA / PHRA permit will not be applicable.

NOTE: Note that SAHRA / PHRA permit and process requirements relating to the mitigation of human remains requires suitable advertising of the find, a consultation, mitigation and re-internment / deposition process.

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#### Duties of the Supervisor:

- 1. The supervisor should immediately upon reporting by the identifier ensure that all work in the vicinity of the find is ceased.
- 2. The supervisor should ensure that the location of the find is immediately secured (and within 12 hours of reporting by the identifier), by means of a temporary conservation fence (construction netting) allowing for a 5-10m heritage conservation buffer zone around the find. The temporary conserved area should be sign-posted as a 'No Entry Heritage Site' zone.
- 3. Where development has impacted on the resource, no attempt should be made to remove artefacts / objects / remains further from their context, and artefacts / objects / remains that have been removed should be collected and placed within the conservation area or kept for safekeeping with the SHE / SHEQ officer. It is imperative that where development has impacted on palaeontological, archaeological and cultural heritage resources the context of the find be preserved as good as possible for interpretive and sample testing purposes.
- 4. The supervisor should record the name, company and capacity of the identifier and compile a brief report describing the events surrounding the find. The report should be submitted to the SHE / SHEQ officer at the time of the incident report.

#### > Duties of the SHE / SHEQ Officer:

- 1. The SHE / SHEQ officer should ensure that the location of the find is recorded with a GPS. A photographic record of the find (including implementation of temporary conservation measures) should be compiled. Where relevant a scale bar or object that can indicate scale should be inserted in photographs for interpretive purposes.
- The SHE / SHEQ officer should ensure that the supervisors report, GPS co-ordinate and photographic record of the find be submitted to the ECO / ELO officer. [Should the find relate to human remains the SHE / SHEQ officer should ensure that the mentioned reporting be made available to the SAPS at the time of the incident report].
- 3. Any retrieved artefacts / objects / remains should, in consultation with the ECO / ELO officer, be deposited in a safe place (preferably on-site) for safekeeping.

#### Duties of the ECO / ELO officer:

- The ECO / ELO officer should ensure that the incident is reported on SAHRIS. (The ECO / ELO officer should ensure that he / she is registered on the relevant SAHRIS case with SAHRIS authorship to the case at the time of appointment to enable heritage reporting].
- 2. The ECO / ELO officer should ensure that the incident report is forwarded to the heritage specialist for interpretive purposes at his / her soonest opportunity and prior to the heritage site inspection.
- 3. The ECO / ELO officer should facilitate appointment of the heritage specialist by the developer / construction consultant for the heritage site inspection.
- 4. The ECO / ELO officer should facilitate access by the heritage specialist to any retrieved artefacts / objects / remains that have been kept in safekeeping.
- 5. The ECO / ELO officer should facilitate coordination of the heritage site inspection and the SAPS site inspection in the event of a human remains incident report.
- The ECO / ELO officer should facilitate heritage reporting and heritage compliance requirements by SAHRA / the relevant PHRA, between the developer / construction consultant, the heritage specialist, the SHE / SHEQ officer (where relevant) and the SAPS (where relevant).

#### > Duties of the Developer / Construction Consultant:

The developer / construction consultant should ensure that an adequate heritage contingency budget is accommodated within the project budget to facilitate and streamline the heritage compliance process in the event of identification of incidental palaeontological, archaeological and cultural heritage resources during the course of development, including as a norm during vegetation clearing, surface scraping, trenching and excavation phases, when resources not visible at the time of the surface assessment may well be exposed.

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2015 – Present	University of Fort Hare (UFH), East London (MPhil Environmental Studies)
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2004/04 – 2005/01	Amafa aKwaZulu-Natali (HoD: Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites Unit – APM Unit)
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