

The archaeological surveys of the Mtubatuba North and South interchanges

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Introduction

GAEA Projects contracted Umlando to undertake an archaeological survey of the two interchanges near Mtubatuba. Both the north and south entrances to Mtubatuba will be affected. These surveys form part of the requirements for EIA 5625 and EIA 5655.

The Sites

South Interchange (EIA 5655)

The four corners of each interchange were surveyed. All corners have been affected by either farming or light industry. The areas affected by farming include sugar cane and/or grazing lands. The vegetation in this area is dense resulting in low archaeological visibility. No artefacts were observed in this area, and the area appears to be of low significance/sensitivity.

The area affected by light industry was not surveyed, as no sites would still occur in this area.

North Interchange (EIA 5625)

The four corners of each interchange were surveyed. All corners have been affected by either farming or informal trading. The areas affected by farming include afforestation and grazing. No sites occur in this area.

The areas affected by informal trading include a taxi rank and a general trading area. No sites would occur in these areas.

Conclusion

No archaeological sites were observed during the survey. No further mitigation would be required.

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