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**Attention      Bernadet Pawandiwa**

Dear Ms Pawandiwa

**Application for Exemption from a Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment  
Aeterno Investments 215 (Pty) Ltd application for a mining permit to mine 2.89 ha of a  
portion of Remaining Extent of Lot 23 Umfolozi No 13734, Mtubatuba, Mbonambi Local  
Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal**

**Project description**

The mining method proposed involves opencast extraction of gravel from an area previously used for crop farming over a footprint of 2.89 ha. The gravel will be extracted through mechanical excavation by means of an excavator that will load the gravel onto trucks that will transport the material to clients. The proposed project can be operated as a borrow pit and will not need any blasting, crushing or screening to be done. All activities will be contained within the boundaries of the mining site. The existing farm road to the mining area will be used to gain access to the site.

See N&D Application.

**Site assessment and recommendations**

A site inspection was undertaken by eThembeni on 25 July 2015. The general area has been subjected to commercial agriculture since the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Consequently any archaeological material present would have been moved out of primary context.

No evidence of Cretaceous fossils or Stone Age and Iron Age archaeological material was observed.

Accordingly, we request that Amafa grant an exemption from an HIA for this activity, allowing the project 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Len van Schalkwyk', written in a cursive style.

Len van Schalkwyk

Director