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Attention Bernadet Pawandiwa

Dear Ms Pawandiwa

Application for Exemption from a Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment

**Proposed Expansion of Dolerite Borrow Pit
Pogela Farm, Heatonville
Ntambanana LM, King Cetshwayo DM, KwaZulu-Natal.**

Project Area and Project description¹

Mr John Readman of Pogela Farm, Heatonville, wishes to expand the existing dolerite borrow pit on his farm to an area of 3.11 ha, for commercial utilisation. This proposed expansion requires the conducting of a Basic Assessment in terms of both NEMA and DMR regulations.

The existing borrow pit lies adjacent to an abandoned single-quarters residential compound constructed by Tongaat-Hulett in 1994. It is Mr Readman's intention to demolish all structures in the course of expansion activities for the borrow pit.

Observations

No graves are located or reported in the immediate precinct of the planned expansion and any associated plant and services proposed².

The compound buildings are utilitarian, in a state of disuse and of no intrinsic significance. They are due to be demolished.

The Ntambanana and Heatonville farms were granted in compensation to returning service-men after WWI (1918) and WWII (1945).³ These farms have been under sugar cane production for at least the last 40 to 50 years⁴.

¹ J. Readman, pers.comm to LO van Schalkwyk.

² *Ibid.*

³ 2016. Heritage Scoping Report for the Invubu-Theta 400 kV Transmission Line. Khensani Maluleke. SAHRIS Case File No. 10060

⁴ http://www.hulett.co.za/ops/south_africa/mills/felixton.asp

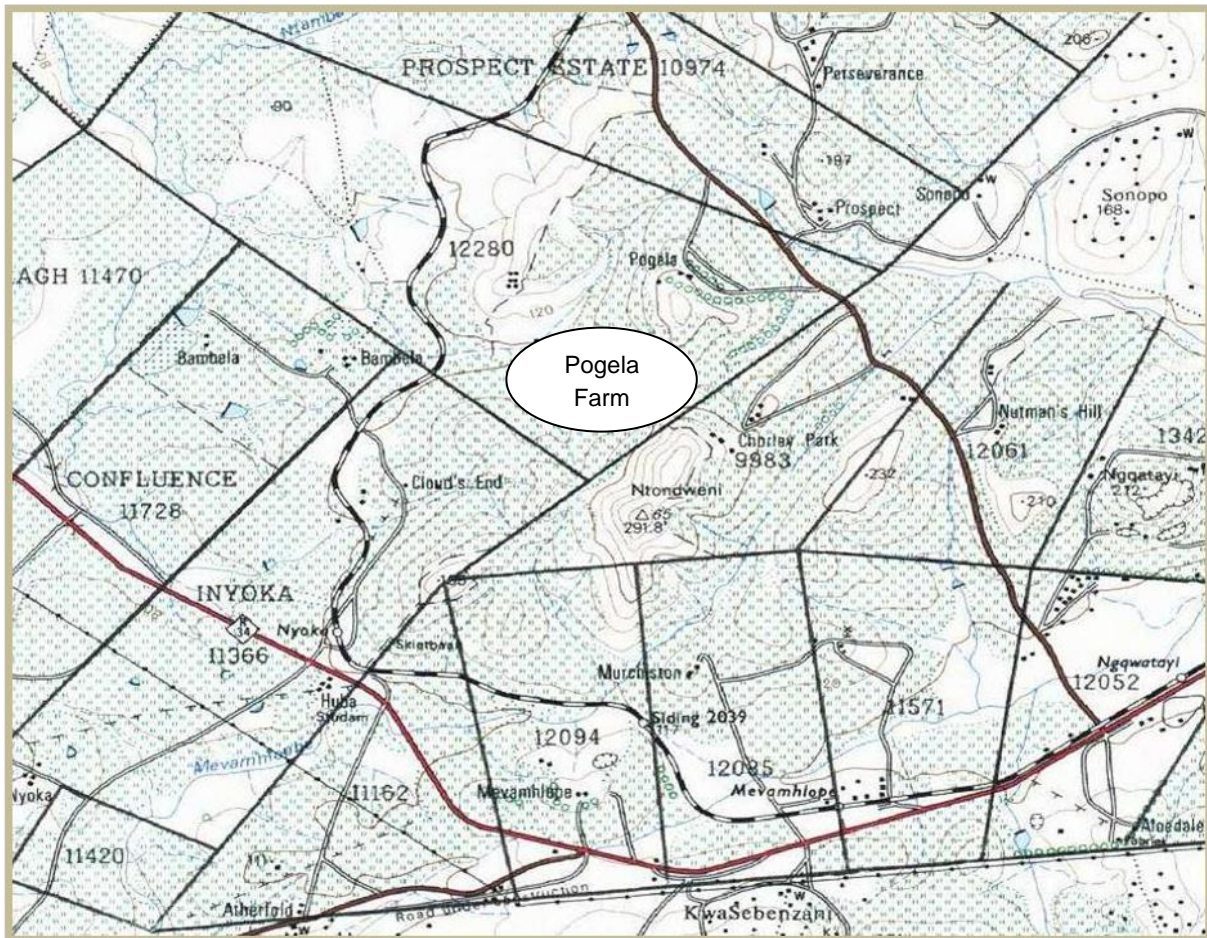


Figure 1 2831DB – Empangeni: Location of Pogela Farm, Heatonville



Figure 2 Existing borrow pit



FIGURE 3 Abandoned Single-Quarters Compound due for demolition



FIGURE 4

More than half a century of commercial agriculture has masked over any primary context archaeological material that may have been present on Pogela Farm. Consequently, no significant archaeological remains are anticipated.

The SAHRIS Palaeontology sensitivity map indicates the area to be of low sensitivity (blue). Further, the basement rock to be quarried at the expanded borrow pit is dolerite which is not fossil bearing. Consequently no further palaeontology assessment or monitoring is recommended.

Recommendations

Accordingly, we request that Amafa grant an exemption from an HIA for the proposed expansion of the borrow pit, allowing the enterprise 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 dark ink, appearing to read 'Len van Schalkwyk'.

Len van Schalkwyk
Principle Investigator.