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## Attention Bernadet Pawandiwa

Dear Ms Pawandiwa

Application for Exemption from a Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment
of the proposed Insimbithi Piggery and Abbatoir,
Rem 95 of the farm Elands River Drift no 4770, Boston, Mgeni Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

## **Project description**

The applicant proposes to

- Keep 2000 pigs on the farm
- Establish an abattoir to slaughter 100 animals per day Note:
- [a] Waste from the abattoir and piggery will be treated in closed system bio-gas digester. The digester will provide energy for the entire project
  - [b] The abattoir will also conduct deboning and curing/smoking of meat
- Trained staff will carry out the reception and ante-mortem care of all livestock
- The owners will have a duty to ensure animals endure as little stress as possible.
- All animals will have access to water on arrival
- CCTV will be used to monitor how animals are treated
- Electric prodders will not be used
- The project is a BBBEE and proudly South African project

The project will stimulate and generate employment.

See attached Background Information Document.

## Site location

The proposed project site is located on Rem 95 of the farm Elands River Drift no 4770, Boston, Mgeni Municipality. Entrance to the farm is off the R617 at **29°41'00.50"S**; **30° 02'1.70"E**.

See attached Google Image.



FIGURE 1 LOCATION OF BOSTON INSIMBITHI PIGGERY AND ABATTOIR.

## Site assessment and recommendations

The proposed development site has been subject to decades of intense agricultural activity, including annual ploughing for crop production. Consequently, no *in situ* archaeological remains should be anticipated and no existing structures will be impacted by the proposed development. The proposed activities are an extension of ongoing agricultural production on the farm.

The Basic Assessment requirements are in terms of listed agricultural activities (see attached BID). 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.

Yours sincerely

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Len van Schalkwyk and Elizabeth Wahl.