

The Archaeological Survey of the Hillendale Mine

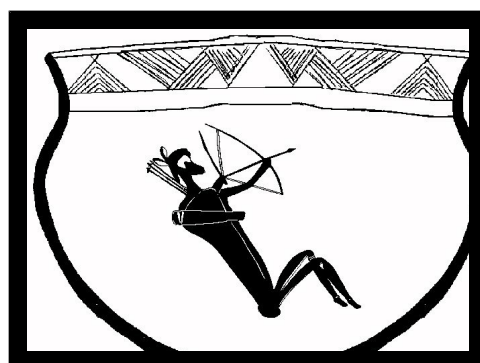
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INTRODUCTION

Umlando undertook its monthly survey at the Hillendale mine for Exxaro (Pty) Ltd, in early April 2009. The mine had not progressed far over the last few months and limited new areas had been exposed. One news sites was recorded|

RESULTS

One new site has been exposed by bulldozer activity in February 2009. This area had been slightly more exposed, and mined for ~1m further below the surface. This area revealed a lag deposit of MSA material, as well as some LIA artefacts.

The MSA tools consisted of flakes and cores made from quartz. These are standard stone tools and of low significance.

The LIA material consists of pottery and small slag fragments that probably come from further upslope. One sherd was decorated with an oval comb-stamped motif at the neck-shoulder interface.

The site is of low significance and no further mitigation is required.

As noted in our February survey, the area to the east and north-east will probably yield more material. It is currently under sugar cane and will be surveyed once the sugar cane has been cleared.

UMLANDO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE RECORD FORM

SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable)

Stone Age

Early Iron Age:

Late Iron Age ?

Historical Period: ?



Recorder's Site No.: EXX09

Map Reference: 28°49'24.10"S 31°56'22.00"E (alt = 58m)

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

Site is on the hill north of 'Harbour Lights'.

SITE DESCRIPTION:

Type of Site: Surface, may contain deposit.

Merits conservation: Unsure

Threats: yes

What threats: Possible development

RECORDING:

Graphic record: None

Digital pictures:

Tracings :

Re-drawings:

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Owner:

References:

Description of site and artefactual content.

Site consists of an ephemeral scatter of sherds, a few faunal remains and one piece of slag. One sherd is decorated with oval comb-stamped motif

Further downslope, and about 1m below surface is an MSA deposit.