

The Archaeological Survey of the Hillendale Mine

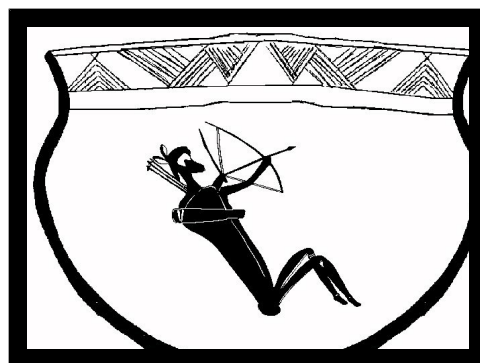
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INTRODUCTION

Umlando undertook its monthly survey at the Hillendale mine for Exxaro (Pty) Ltd, in September 2008. The mine had progressed and new areas had been exposed. No news sites were recorded; however, artefacts had been exposed.

RESULTS

Previously recorded sites had been further exposed in the new cleared area. The main site, HIL05, was originally recorded in 1995, and consisted of Middle Stone Age stone tools. HIL05a was recorded in 2006, as was EXX02. Both of these sites are essentially the same site ~100m apart. These two sites yielded Late Iron Age, or Historical Period, pottery. The site extends a further ~200m to the northwest (called HIL05b) and north (called HIL05c). HIL05b consists of thin walled pottery and small fragments of slag, while HIL05c consists of an ephemeral scatter of pottery.

The above sites occur on the same hill and the Iron Age components are probably contemporary. The occurrence of slag suggests that the Iron Age part of the site dates to the early Historical Period, or the Late Iron Age.

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