

The Archaeological Survey of the Hillendale Mine

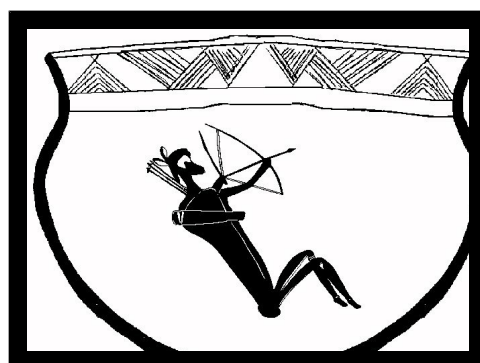
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INTRODUCTION

Umlando undertook its survey at the Hillendale mine for Exxaro (Pty) Ltd, in late September 2009. The mine had not progressed far over the last few months and limited new areas had been exposed. The current mining area is going through the Harbour Lights Resort and some of the labourers' cottages for Umhlatuze Valley Sugar (UVS).

RESULTS

No new archaeological sites were recorded during the survey. I did note a few isolated Late Stone Age tools and Late Iron Age pottery sherds. These were however in a secondary context and form part of the general site previously recorded.

The current mining path will go through Harbour Lights Resort, and the older UVS buildings. While the detailed architectural report has been submitted, I would need to assess all of the middens located in this area. This should occur since some of these middens are older than 60 years, and some may date to the original cottages/houses that no longer exist.

Mitigation:

No further mitigation is required, however monitoring should still occur on a regular basis.