

**MONTHLY UPDATE OF HERITAGE WORK FOR THE  
NMPPPP**

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We undertook the following work in September 2009

1. Finalised line routing on sites
  - 1.1. Demarcated which sites need excavation or just noting for monitoring
2. Excavations at the following sites
  - 2.1. GLK066
  - 2.2. GLK122
  - 2.3. GLK123
  - 2.4. GLK124

The following sites were noted for monitoring during construction phase:

- 2.5. GLK063a-b
- 2.6. GLK066
- 2.7. GLK122a-c
- 2.8. GLK123
- 2.9. GLK124
- 2.10. GLK0125 (graves and stone walling nearby)

Excavations yield a few artefacts and features that will be directly affected by the pipeline. One stone walled kraal will be relatively damaged; however, we have completed the mitigation for it.

GLK122c occurs near the N2 crossing in KZN. Mr A. Greene did not allow us to excavate on his land. The areas for excavations were for two possible graves. These have been mapped and will occur on CAD file.

### **Surveyor results**

The surveying is completed and we expect the CAD files this week. These will be submitted to NMPPP.

### **Palaeontology**

The palaeontological report has been submitted where sensitive areas have been noted in tabular format.

### **Potential problems**

The timing of the project is crucial for palaeontological mitigation. The current palaeontologist is very committed to another contract near Van Reenen and has to plan accordingly, especially for site visits and/or monitoring.

The palaeontologist needs to know the following:

1. How the trenches will be excavated and to what depth
2. Will the same machine be used for the entire depth of the trench and for the length of the pipeline?
3. If it is possible to briefly survey the sensitive areas ahead of the construction phase.

### **Mitigation for October**

No excavations are planned for October due to prior commitments. I will be doing the report for the survey work and the Phase 1 survey into the required format document.