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Attention Bernadet Pawandiwa

Dear Ms Pawandiwa

**Application for Exemption from a
Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment of
Proposed Ndumo Rental Stock Housing Project,
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa**

Project description

Ndumo Rental Stock Housing Project is a residential development project comprising 150 Community Residential Units (CRUs) spread over a 2.67 hectare site. All the CRUs are split into 9 individual blocks of walk-up flats spread across the site.

Each block comprises of either 12 or 18 flats on 2 or 3 floors with all reflecting different housing typologies, including bachelor units, 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom units. The 9 blocks are grouped into 3 with each group positioned on engineering platforms of a vertical height difference of about 1.5m between them.

Parking of 1.5 bays per CRU is designed in this proposal allowing a total parking of 225 bays. Play and relaxation areas are located in various areas on the site with ample landscaping and provision for pedestrian movements.

The site will be controlled and fenced with steel-palisade fencing.

Site location

The proposed development site is located at 26° 55' 16.83"S 32° 15' 24.92"E in the Jozini Local Municipality (KZN272), uMkhanyakude District (DC27; Figure 1). The relevant 1:50 000 map sheet is 2632CD Ndumu.



FIGURE 1 LOCATION OF PROPOSED HOUSING IN NDUMU TOWN.

Site assessment and recommendations

The proposed development site has been subject to decades of severe environmental disturbance, including ploughing, road construction, grazing and vehicular and pedestrian traffic. 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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