# The Archaeological Survey of the Zulti North Mining Lease

### For Richards Bay Minerals

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Umlando undertook its monthly archaeological survey of the Zulti North Mining lease on 30 April 2010.

#### MINING POND A

No new sites recorded.

#### MINING POND C

No new sites recorded.

#### MINING POND D

#### **MPD 90**

MPD 90 is located close to the current location of MPD. The site consists of a scatter of surface pottery. Some shell does occur on the surface, but it's too dispersed to refer to it as a midden.

The site is of low significance.

No further mitigation is required.

#### **MPD 91**

MPD 91 is located close to the current location of MPD, on the first dune cordon from the ocean. The site consists of a single shell midden, wbs grinding stone fragments and thick-walled potsherds. More middens probably occur, since the surface shell scatter is quite extensive.

The site is of medium significance.

The site will be monitored for human remains.

#### **MPD 92**

MPD 92 is located on the first large dune cordon from the ocean. The site consists of an ephemeral scatter of *P. perna* and one lower grinding stone fragment.

The site is of low significance.

No further mitigation is required.

#### MINING POND E

#### **MPE 99**

MPE 99 is located on the first dune cordon from Lake Nhlabane. The site consists of patches of *P. Perna*, slag, tuyeres, decorated and undecorated pottery.

The site is of medium significance and will be monitored for human remains.

#### **MPE 100**

MPE 100 is located on the first main dune from the ocean. The site consists of an ephemeral scatter of *P. Perna*.

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

#### **AMS**

#### **AMS 22**

AMS 22 is located on the first dune cordon from the beach, near the current location of MPD.

It consists of a shell patch and upper grinding stones.

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

#### CONCLUSION

The April 2010 survey yielded six new sites. Several previously recorded sites were re-visited.

All sites will be monitored in the future for as long as it remains possible.

## APPENDIX A SITE RECORD FORMS

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SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable)

Stone Age: Early Iron Age: Late Iron Age: x Historical Period:

Recorder's Site No.: MPD 90

Official Name: Local Name: Map Sheet:

GPS reading: S; 28 34 08.4 E: 32 20 49.5 Alt: 74m

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

The site is located close to the current location of MPD

#### SITE DESCRIPTION:

Type of Site: Open Merits conservation: No

Threats: Yes

What threats: RBM Mining

**RECORDING:** 

Graphic record: None

Digital pictures: Tracings: Re-drawings:

Recorder/Informant: Name: Gavin and Louise Anderson

Address: PO Box 102532, Meerensee, 3901

Date: 30 April 2010

Owner: References:

Description of site and artefactual content.

The site consists of a scatter of surface pottery. Some shell does occur on the surface, but it's too dispersed to refer to it as a midden.



SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable)

Stone Age: Early Iron Age: Late Iron Age: x Historical Period:

Recorder's Site No.: MPD 91

Official Name: Local Name: Map Sheet:

GPS reading: S: 28 34 15.6 E: 32 20' 57.5 Alt: 61m

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

The site is located close to the current location of MPD, on the first dune cordon from the ocean.

#### SITE DESCRIPTION:

Type of Site: Open

Merits conservation: Yes. Monitor.

Threats: Yes

What threats: RBM Mining

RECORDING:

Graphic record: None

Digital pictures: Tracings : Re-drawings:

Recorder/Informant: Name: Gavin and Louise Anderson

Address: PO Box 102532, Meerensee, 3901

Date: 30 April 2010

Owner: References:

Description of site and artefactual content.

The site consists of a single shell midden, wbs grinding stone fragments and thick-walled potsherds. More middens probably occur, since the surface shell scatter is quite extensive.



SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable)

Stone Age: Early Iron Age: Late Iron Age: Historical Period: x

Recorder's Site No.: MPD 92

Official Name: Local Name: Map Sheet:

GPS reading: S: 28 35 10.2 E: 32 20' 30.6 Alt: 55m

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

The site is located on the first large dune cordon from the ocean.

SITE DESCRIPTION: Type of Site: Open Merits conservation: No

Threats: Yes

What threats: RBM Mining

RECORDING:

Graphic record: None

Digital pictures: Tracings : Re-drawings:

Recorder/Informant: Name: Gavin and Louise Anderson

Address: PO Box 102532, Meerensee, 3901

Date: 30 April 2010

Owner: References:

Description of site and artefactual content.

The site consists of an ephemeral scatter of *P. perna* and one lower grinding stone fragment.

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SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable)

Stone Age: Early Iron Age: Late Iron Age: x Historical Period:

Recorder's Site No.: MPE 99

Official Name: Local Name: Map Sheet:

GPS reading: S; 28 33 02.0 E: 32 21 08.4 Alt: 45m

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

The site is located on the first dune cordon from Lake Nhlabane.

#### SITE DESCRIPTION:

Type of Site: Open

Merits conservation: Yes. Monitor.

Threats: Yes

What threats: RBM Mining

**RECORDING:** 

Graphic record: None

Digital pictures: Tracings: Re-drawings:

Recorder/Informant: Name: Gavin and Louise Anderson

Address: PO Box 102532, Meerensee, 3901

Date: 30 April 2010

Owner: References:

Description of site and artefactual content.

The site consists of patches of *P. Perna*, slag, tuyeres, decorated and undecorated pottery.

The pottery decorations consist of a tapered rim with circular impressions at the base of the neck.



SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable)

Stone Age: Early Iron Age: Late Iron Age: Historical Period: x

Recorder's Site No.: MPE 100

Official Name: Local Name: Map Sheet:

GPS reading: S: 28 33 05.0 E: 32 21 55.9 Alt: 138m

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

The site is located on the first dune cordon from the ocean.

#### SITE DESCRIPTION:

Type of Site: Open

Merits conservation: No.

Threats: Yes

What threats: RBM Mining

**RECORDING:** 

Graphic record: None

Digital pictures: Tracings: Re-drawings:

Recorder/Informant: Name: Gavin and Louise Anderson

Address: PO Box 102532, Meerensee, 3901

Date: 30 April 2010

Owner: References:

Description of site and artefactual content.

The site consists of an ephemeral scatter of shell.



SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable)

Stone Age: Early Iron Age: Late Iron Age: x Historical Period:

Recorder's Site No.: AMS 22

Official Name: Local Name: Map Sheet:

GPS reading: S: 28 34 51.5 E: 32 20' 54.5 Alt: 55m

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

The site is located on the first large dune cordon from the ocean.

SITE DESCRIPTION: Type of Site: Open Merits conservation: No

Threats: Yes

What threats: RBM Mining

RECORDING:

Graphic record: None

Digital pictures: Tracings : Re-drawings:

Recorder/Informant: Name: Gavin and Louise Anderson

Address: PO Box 102532, Meerensee, 3901

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Description of site and artefactual content.

The site consists of an ephemeral scatter of *P. perna* and one upper grinding stone fragment.