The Archaeological Survey of the Zulti North Mining Lease



For Richards Bay Minerals Date: 17 July 2009

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Umlando undertook its monthly archaeological survey of the Zulti North Mining lease on the 17th of July 2009. Three new sites were recorded. Several previously recorded sites were also re-visited.

MINING POND A

No new sites recorded.

MINING POND C

No new sites recorded.

MINING POND D

No new sites recorded.

MINING POND E

MPE 91:

MPE 91 is located close to the Sokhulu Reservoir. It occurs on both sides of the track, at the top of a dune. The site consists of a possibly in tact shell midden consisting mainly of brown mussel and oyster.

Significance: The site is of medium significance.

Mitigation: The site will be monitored

MPE 92:

MPE 92 is located close to MPE 91, on the second uphill road leading towards MPE 77. The site is situated in the road cutting and consists of a possibly in tact shell midden (brown mussel and oyster) and pottery.

Significance: The site is of medium significance.

Mitigation: The site will be monitored.

MPE 93:

MPE 93 is located on the second dune cordon from Lake Nhlabane, seawards. It consists of several shell middens, coral and surface pottery. It extends into the adjacent bush.

Significance: The site is of medium significance. Mitigation: The site will be monitored.

We continued with the excavations at MPE77 and have nearly completed these excavations.

No new sites recorded.

APPENDIX A

SITE RECORD FORMS

UMLANDO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE RECORD FORM

SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable) Stone Age Early Iron Age: Late Iron Age Historical Period: x

Recorder's Site No.: MPE 91 *Local Name: Map Sheet: Map Reference:* S: 28 32.683' E: 32 21.909' Alt: 75m

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

The site is located on the uphill road to your right, just before MPE 90, with Sokhulu Reservoir being behind you and right. It consists of a shell midden (Oyster and brown mussel), possibly in tact.

Type of Site: Open *Merits conservation:* Yes, Site will be monitored. *Threats:* yes *What threats:* MPE Mining

RECORDING: Graphic record: None Digital pictures:

Tracings :

Re-drawings:

Recorder/Informant: Name: Gavin and Louise Anderson Address: PO Box 102532, Meerensee, 3901 Date: 17 July 2009 Owner: State References:

DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND ARTEFACTUAL CONTENT

It consists of a shell midden (Oyster and brown mussel), possibly in tact.

UMLANDO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE RECORD FORM

SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable) Stone Age Early Iron Age: Late Iron Age Historical Period: x

Recorder's Site No.: MPE 92 Local Name: Map Sheet: Map Reference: S: 28 32.908' E: 32 21.414' Alt: 53m

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION. MPE 92 is located close to MPE 91, on the second uphill road leading towards MPE 77

SITE DESCRIPTION:

Type of Site: Open Merits conservation: Yes. Site will be monitored Threats: yes What threats: MPE Mining

RECORDING: Graphic record: None Digital pictures:

Tracings :

Re-drawings:

Recorder/Informant: Name: Gavin and Louise Anderson Address: PO Box 102532, Meerensee, 3901 Date: 17 July 2009 Owner: References:

DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND ARTEFACTUAL CONTENT

The site consists of a possibly in tact shell midden (brown mussel and oyster) and pottery.

UMLANDO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE RECORD FORM

SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable) Stone Age Early Iron Age: Late Iron Age Historical Period: x

Recorder's Site No.: MPE 93 Local Name: Map Sheet: Map Reference: S: 28 33.231' E: 32 21.591' Alt: 108m

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

MPE 93 is located on the second dune cordon from Lake Nhlabane, seawards. It extends into the adjacent bush.

SITE DESCRIPTION:

Type of Site: Open Merits conservation: Yes. Site will be monitored Threats: yes What threats: MPE Mining

RECORDING: Graphic record: None Digital pictures:

Tracings :

Re-drawings:

Recorder/Informant: Name: Gavin and Louise Anderson Address: PO Box 102532, Meerensee, 3901 Date: 17 July 2009 Owner: References:

DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND ARTEFACTUAL CONTENT

The site consists of several shell middens, coral and surface pottery