The Archaeological Survey of the Zulti North Mining Lease

For Richards Bay Minerals

Date: 27 July 2010

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Umlando undertook its monthly archaeological survey of the Zulti North Mining lease on 27 July 2010.

MINING POND A

No new sites recorded.

MINING POND C

No new sites recorded.

MINING POND D

MPD 95

MPD 95 is located just west of the current location of MPD, on a high dune. It consists of at least five shell middens of perna perna, oyster and limpet. Pottery and grinding stones occur on the surface. There're no visible bone, but the site could yield some human remains.

The site is of medium significance and will be monitored.

MINING POND E

No new sites recorded.

AMS

No new sites recorded.

CONCLUSION

The July 2010 survey yielded one new site. 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

UMLANDO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE RECORD FORM

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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 94

Official Name: Local Name: Map Sheet:

GPS reading: S; 28 35.300" E: 32 20.327" Alt: 40m

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

The site is located close to the current location of MPD, on a high dune.

SITE DESCRIPTION:

Type of Site: Open

Merits conservation: Yes, it was sampled.

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: 15 June 2010

Owner: References:

Description of site and artefactual content.

The site consists of 1x large shell midden and several smaller middens. There're also pottery, bovid bone and grinding stones on the surface.

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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 101

Official Name: Local Name: Map Sheet:

GPS reading: S 28 33' 05.1" E: 32 21 o8" Alt: 61m

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. Sampled.

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: 25 June 2010

Owner: References:

Description of site and artefactual content.

The site consists of a small smelting area and 2-3 shell middens. The larger surface area is scattered with possible human bone, grinding stones, tuyere fragments, slag, shell and pottery. The pottery is mostly undecorated, but there are shell-impressed rims and a shell-impressed pot lid.