

**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 06 May 2009. One new site was recorded. Several previously recorded sites were also re-visited. Our previous survey occurred on the 31 March, and it was difficult to survey in April due to the many public holidays and prior commitments. We were not too concerned about the surveys as Mining Ponds C, D and E were all still busy with the very high dunes and would not have gone that much further. This was confirmed during the survey where only MPE had some dune clearance.

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 89:

MPE 89 is located on the first dune cordon from Lake Nhlabane, at the top of a dune. It occurs on both sides of the track. The site consists of at least three shell patches consisting mainly of brown mussel. There are a lot of WBS fragments lying about, as well as pottery rims. All the pottery is undecorated. Several ugs's occur on the surface, also bovid bone, daga, slag and possible human bone.

Significance: The site is of medium significance.

Mitigation: The site will be monitored for possible human remains.

We did notice that a bulldozer had cleared an area adjacent to MPE77. We have undertaken preliminary excavations at this site and have rated the site as having high significance in terms of preservation of material and duration of occupation. We intend to excavate the site this month and then for a few weeks thereafter. We have informed RBM Rehab. Regarding the bulldozer, and have placed poles with red paint (a sign for “no-go” area) as well as a sign stating that there is an archaeological site across the only access path. In addition to this, we will meet with RBM Rehab. personnel to demarcate the site my clearly.

AMS

No new sites recorded.

CONCLUSION

The May 2009 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.

UMLANDO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE RECORD FORM

SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable)

Stone Age:

Early Iron Age:

Late Iron Age: x

Historical Period: x



Recorder's Site No.: MPE 89

Official Name:

Local Name:

Map Sheet:

GPS reading: S: 28 33' 13.5" E: 32 20' 53.7" Alt: 76m

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

The site is located on the first dune cordon from Lake Nhlabane, towards the ocean. It is at the top of a dune and occurs on both sides of the track.

SITE DESCRIPTION:

Type of Site: Open

Merits conservation: Yes. Monitor for human remains.

Threats: Yes

What threats: MPE Mining

RECORDING:

Graphic record: None

Digital pictures:

Tracings :

Re-drawings:

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Owner:

References:

Description of site and artefactual content.

Site consists of at least 3x shell patches of brown mussel. The pottery is undecorated and note that many rims occurred on the surface. Also occurring was a scatter of bovid bone, slag, daga, wbs fragments, ugs's and possible human remains.