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. Four new sites were recorded and one site was 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 74

MPE74 was re-visited as three human skeletons were removed in May 2008. No new information or artefacts were recorded.

The site remains sensitive and will be monitored for as long as it is still in existence.

MPE77

MPE77 is located on the back road to MPE. It possibly extends into the adjacent bush.

The site consists of at least three small shell patches and two large semi-intact shell middens. The shell is mainly brown mussel .On the surface is a scatter of adiagnostic pottery, some with a black burnish. We also recorded various grinding stones and bovid bones.

The site is of medium significance and will require test pits. We will undertake test-pits within the next two weeks.

MPE78

MPE78 is located further northwest from MPE77 on a small dune ridge.

The site consists of a scatter of adiagnostic pottery, brown mussel, an upper grinding stone and some iron ore.

Significance: The site is of low significance.

AMS

AMS13

AMS13 is located on the back road from MPE towards AMS North. The site possibly extends into the adjacent bush.

It consists of a scatter of adiagnostic pottery and a small shell patch consisting of brown mussel.

Significance: The site is of low significance.

AMS14

AMS14 is located further SW from AMS13 on the top of a high dune.

The site consists of a scatter of adiagnostic pottery and limpets.

Significance: The site is of low significance.

APPENDIX A SITE RECORD FORMS

SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable)

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

Recorder's Site No.: MPE 77

Official Name: Local Name: Map Sheet:

Map Reference: S: 28 '33 04.9" E: 32 21' 17.8" Alt: 97m

GPS reading? yes

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

Site is located on the back road to MPE and may possibly extend into the adjacent bush.

SITE DESCRIPTION:

Type of Site: Open Merits conservation: Yes.

Threats: Yes

What threats: RBM Mining

RECORDING:

Details of graphic record: none

Recorder/Informant: Name: Umlando, Gavin and Louise Anderson

Address: PO Box 102532, Meerensee, 3901

Owner State References: Date: 09/06/2008

DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND ARTEFACTUAL CONTENT.

The site consists of at least three small shell patches and two large semi-intact shell middens. Pottery, stone and bone are scattered on the surface.

Pottery: LIA

Shell: Brown mussel

Stone: Upper grinding stones

Bone: Bovid

SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable)

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

Recorder's Site No.: MPE78

Official Name: Local Name: Map Sheet:

Map Reference: S: 28 33' 13.9" E: 32 21' 12.2" Alt: 109m

GPS reading? yes

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

Site is located further NW from MPE77 on a small dune ridge.



Type of Site: Open Merits conservation: Yes

Threats: Yes

What threats: RBM mining

RECORDING:

Details of graphic record: none

Recorder/Informant: Name: Umlando, Gavin and Louise Anderson

Address: PO Box 102532, Meerensee, 3901

Owner State References:

Date: 09/06/2008

DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND ARTEFACTUAL CONTENT.

The site consists of a small scatter of adiagnostic pottery, some brown mussel, an upper grinding stone and iron ore.



SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable)

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

Recorder's Site No.: AMS13

Official Name: Local Name: Map Sheet:

Map Reference: S: 28 34' 24.1" E: 32 20' 50.0" Alt: 77m

GPS reading? yes

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

Site is located on the back road from MPE towards AMS North; it possibly extends into the adjacent bush.



Type of Site: Open Merits conservation: Yes

Threats: Yes

What threats: RBM Mining

RECORDING:

Details of graphic record: none

Recorder/Informant: Name: Umlando, Gavin and Louise Anderson

Address: PO Box 102532, Meerensee, 3901

Owner State
References:

Date: 09/06/2008

DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND ARTEFACTUAL CONTENT.

Site consists of a small brown mussel shell patch and a scatter of adiagnostic pottery.



SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable)

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

Recorder's Site No.: AMS14

Official Name: Local Name: Map Sheet:

Map Reference: S: 28 34' 27.4" E: 32 20' 44,5" Alt: 87m

GPS reading? yes

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

Site is located on a high dune further SW from AMS13.



SITE DESCRIPTION:

Type of Site:Open Merits conservation: Yes

Threats: Yes

What threats: RBM Mining

RECORDING:

Details of graphic record: none

Recorder/Informant: Name: Umlando, Gavin and Louise Anderson

Address: PO Box 102532, Meerensee, 3901

Owner State References:

Date: 09/06/2008

DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND ARTEFACTUAL CONTENT.

The site consists of a scatter of adiagnostic pottery and limpets.