

**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 in March 2008. Four new sites were recorded.

MINING POND A

No new sites recorded.

MINING POND C

No new sites recorded.

MINING POND D

MPD81

MPD81 consists of a scatter of adiagnostic pottery and *P. perna* over a small area. The site is an ephemeral scatter of artefacts and has been disturbed by bulldozer activity.

Significance: The site is of low significance.

MINING POND E

MPE73

MPE73 is located on the first dune from Lake Nhlabane. The site consists of an ephemeral scatter of shell, mainly *P.perna*, and some adiagnostic pottery.

Significance: The site is of low significance.

MPE74

MPE74 is located on the first dune from Lake Nhlabane. The site consists of at least three shell middens and may extend further into the vegetation. The shell includes Brown mussel, limpet and whelk. The pottery is adiagnostic and faunal remains and some upper grinding stones also occur.

Significance: The site is of low significance.

MPE75

MPE75 is located on the second dune from Lake Nhlabane. The site consists of a single shell midden, fragments of bone (bovid?), adiaagnostic pottery, lower grinding stones and a *daga* floor fragment with reed mat impressions (see fig. 1)

Significance: The site is of low significance.

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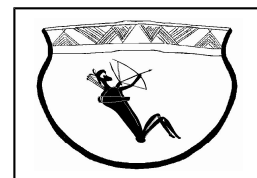
All of the AMS sites were visited, but no new sites were recorded.

Figure 1: Reed mat impression



**APPENDIX A
SITE RECORD FORMS**

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE RECORD FORM



SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable)

Stone Age

Early Iron Age:

Late Iron Age x

Historical Period:

Recorder's Site No.: MPE 73

Official Name:

Local Name:

Map Sheet:

Map Reference: S: 28 33 30.4 E: 32 20 40.5 Alt: 63m

GPS reading? yes

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

Follow the RBM Main road towards MPE. Take the back route to MPE, the site is located on the first dune from Lake Nhlabane.

SITE DESCRIPTION:

Type of Site: Open

Merits conservation: No

Threats: Yes

What threats: RBM Mining

RECORDING:

Details of graphic record: Photo's

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

Address: PO Box 102532, Meerensee, 3901

Owner State

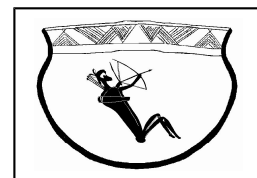
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Date: 18/03/2008

DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND ARTEFACTUAL CONTENT.

Site consists of an ephemeral scatter of shell and some adiagnostic pottery.

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 74

Official Name:

Local Name:

Map Sheet:

Map Reference: S: 28 33 30.5 E: 32 20 40.5 Alt: 64m

GPS reading? yes

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

Follow the RBM Main road towards MPE. Take the back route to MPE, the site is located on the first dune from Lake Nhlabane.

SITE DESCRIPTION:

Type of Site: Open

Merits conservation: No

Threats: Yes

What threats: RBM mining

RECORDING:

Details of graphic record: Photo's

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

Address: PO Box 102532, Meerensee, 3901

Owner State

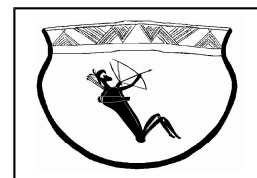
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Date: 18/03/08

DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND ARTEFACTUAL CONTENT.

The site consists of at least 3x shell middens, faunal remains (bovid?), upper grinding stones and adiaagnostic pottery. The site may extend into the adjacent vegetation.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE RECORD FORM



SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable)

Stone Age

Early Iron Age:

Late Iron Age: x

Historical Period:

Recorder's Site No.: MPE 75

Official Name:

Local Name:

Map Sheet:

Map Reference: S: 28 33 18.9 E: 32 20 53.1 Alt: 76m

GPS reading? yes

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

Follow the RBM Main road towards MPE. Take the back route to MPE, the site is located on the second dune from Lake Nhlabane.

SITE DESCRIPTION:

Type of Site: OPen

Merits conservation: Yes. Sampled

Threats: Yes

What threats: RBM mining

RECORDING:

Details of graphic record: Photo's

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

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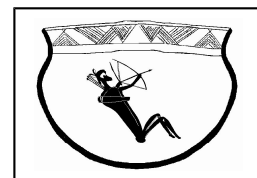
References:

Date: 18/03/08

DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND ARTEFACTUAL CONTENT.

The site consists of a single shell midden, fragments of bone (bovid?), adiagnostic pottery, a lower grinding stone and a *daga* fragment with reedmat impressions.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE RECORD FORM



SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable)

Stone Age

Early Iron Age:

Late Iron Age

Historical Period: x

Recorder's Site No.: MPD 81

Official Name:

Local Name:

Map Sheet:

Map Reference: S: 28 34 30.7 E: 32 20 40.9 Alt: 85m

GPS reading? yes

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

The site is located on the third dune from the ocean.

SITE DESCRIPTION:

Type of Site: Open

Merits conservation: No

Threats: Yes

What threats: RBM mining

RECORDING:

Details of graphic record: Photo's

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

Address: PO Box 102532, Meerensee, 3901

Owner State

References:

Date: 18/03/08

DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND ARTEFACTUAL CONTENT.

The site consists of a scatter of *P.perna* and some adiagnostic pottery.