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To: Paul Scherzer

Re: Maritime Heritage Aspects for the relocation of the current EASSy Submarine Cable at Mtunzini, KZN

I have reviewed the 2008 HIA by Albert van Jaarsveld for the Proposed Landing of the EASSy Submarine Telecommunications Cable, Mtunzini, KZN, North Coast. As the cable is already laid in the vicinity it would be extraneous to conduct a magnetometer survey that would identify magnetic anomalies that could be underwater cultural heritage resources. The desktop survey conducted in 2008 identified the site of a known wreck in the area. As we are unaware of the location of 90% of South Africa's 3000 wrecks, the contractors should be made aware that they may uncover shipwreck remains while excavating. In this case, they should immediately contact AMAFA and ourselves in order to assess the site.

Kind Regards,



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