ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE PROPOSED EAST CENTRAL ARTERIAL

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INTRODUCTION

Umlando cc was contracted by Exigent Environmental cc, to undertake a heritage survey of a proposed development of the East Central Arterial, Richards Bay, KwaZulu-Natal (see fig. 1).

I undertook a site visit on 13 October 2008. The area consists of thick bush and grasslands. These are several tracks along the development node. These were surveyed for archaeological sites, however, archaeological visibility was still poor.

The area is archaeologically sensitive and sites may occur in the proposed area. The location of a raised area of land above a water source tends to favour the occurrence of Late Iron Age or Historical Period sites. That is, the area is archaeologically sensitive, and sites or artefacts may occur under the current dense vegetation.

A survey should be undertaken again once bush clearance has occurred, but before construction begins.



FIGURE 1: LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED AREA