

# The Archaeological Survey Of Part Of Hillendale Mine

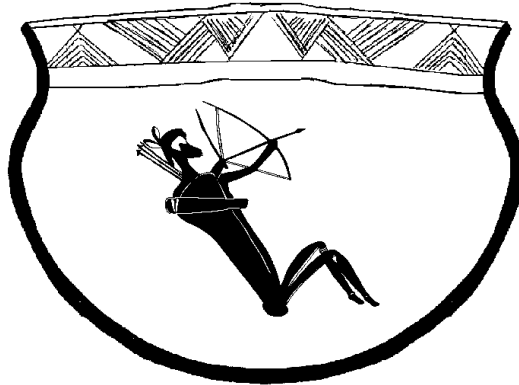
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Umlando was requested to undertake an archaeological survey of the new area exposed by the Hillendale mine. This survey is part of the ongoing requirements of the EMPR for the Hillendale Mine.

The survey was undertaken in early March 2005. No new sites, *per se*, were recorded however several pottery sherds and stone tools were observed. I have recorded this as a general site in case the original excavations did not record this area (see attached site record form).

**The site:**

The site is a general scatter of pottery and stone tools. The stone tools (two in total) are Late Stone Age artefacts made on quartzite.

The pottery from the site can be divided into two periods: Early and Late Iron Age. The Early Iron Age pottery occurs less frequently and one complete pot was removed. The pot dates to the Mzonjani Phase and is between 1 700 and 1 500 years old. Similar pots have been recorded and excavated in this area. The pot was lying on its side and may be part of a pit.

The most abundant pottery is Late Iron Age pottery. It is characteristically thin-walled and undecorated.

**Significance:**

The artefacts have low significance.

**Mitigation:**

No further mitigation is required, and the complete vessel has been removed.