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**KWADUKUZA CREMATORIUM**

Both the initial construction and the subsequent expansion of the KwaDukuza Crematorium commenced without the necessary Environmental Authorisation. Environmental Authorisation cannot be obtained via the normal EIA route (BA or Scoping & EIR in terms of the NEMA and the EIA Regulations) as the unauthorized activity is deemed a criminal offence in terms of Section 24F of the NEMA and thus both phases of activity are deemed unlawful. In order for the activities to be rendered lawful an application must be made in terms of Section 24G (consequences of unlawful commencement of activity) of the NEMA and the Competent Authority is requested to grant *ex post facto* Environmental Authorisation.

Umlando undertook a survey for the Off Take 6 pipeline in 2014. The pipeline location was to the east of the crematorium (fig. 1). The survey did not note any heritage sites. It is highly unlikely that sites were damaged by the expansion.

Your Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Anderson', with a horizontal line underneath.

Gavin Anderson

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**Fig. 1: Location of the crematorium and surveyed pipeline**

