

` The archaeological survey of the Zulti North Mining Lease

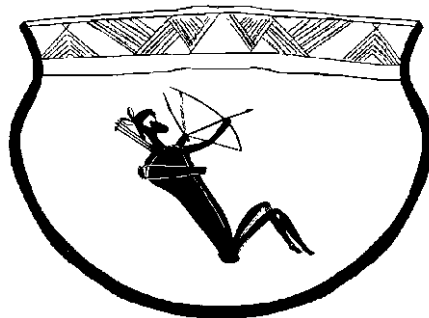
For Richards Bay Minerals

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We undertook the archaeological survey 1 April 2006 as part of the ongoing archaeological monitoring program. We revisited previously recorded sites and recorded two new sites.

AMS8

Most of AMS9 has been mined, however the small dune face is exposing a few artefacts and we thus revisit the site. One upper grinding stone, one bone (possibly human), and a large lump of clay that a hole in the centre (function unknown).

AMS9

AMS9 was originally recorded in February 2006, when human remains had slumped down the dune face. We have revisited the site one each survey, as we want to obtain a more precise date to the skeleton, by means of the decorated pottery. We sampled several decorated pieces of pottery during this current trip and can now date the skeleton.

The pottery can be described as follows:

- 1 lid
- inverted rim
- everted rim
- triangular comb stamping: diagonal lines between two horizontal lines
- everted rim with semi-circular lip notching
- lip notching on the interior and exterior of the everted lip. Semi-circular comb stamping at the shoulder-neck junction. Red burnish on the shoulder-body.
- Triple row of rectangular comb stamping
- Everted rim with flat lip and double row of comb stamping on the rim.

We also sampled bovid remains, pottery, shellfish, metallurgical artefacts and grinding stones.

The pottery of this site dates the Group 7 pottery and thus dates between c. 1300 AD to c. 1500 AD. We are waiting for new radiocarbon dates that may give a more precise date to this type of pottery. The site, and thus the associated human skeleton, thus predates the arrival of Zulu-speaking people in this area.

Mining Pond A

Two small scatters of artefacts were recorded at MPA. Both of these sites may yield further material and we will monitor them in the future.

MPA35

This small site has been exposed by bulldozer activity. A few fragments of pottery and brown mussel were observed, and one upper grinding stone.

MPA36

MPA36 is located on a very narrow, and steep, dune, of which some is still underneath vegetation. Only one pottery sherd and several fragments of brown mussel were observed.

Mining Pond C

No new sites were recorded at MPC

Mining Pond D

No new sites were recorded at MPD

Mining Pond E

No new sites were recorded at MPE

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.: MPA35

Official Name:

Local Name:

Map Sheet: 2832 CB Cape St. Lucia

Map Reference: S 28 37' 48.0" E32 17' 32.4"

GPS reading? Yes

Directions to site: Sketch or description.

On second dune cordon on top of a dune ridge.



SITE DESCRIPTION:

Type of Site: open
 Merits conservation: no
 Threats: yes
 What threats: RBM

RECORDING:

Details of graphic record: N/A

Colour slides:	Black & White photographs
Tracings	Re-drawings

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Owner State

References:

Date: 25/04/2006

Description of site and artefactual content.

Site has some pottery, brown mussel and white beach sandstone fragments. One quartzite upper grinding stone observed.

Probably Historical, but may be LIA.

