

**The November 2006 Archaeological Survey Of The RBM Zulti  
North Mining Lease**

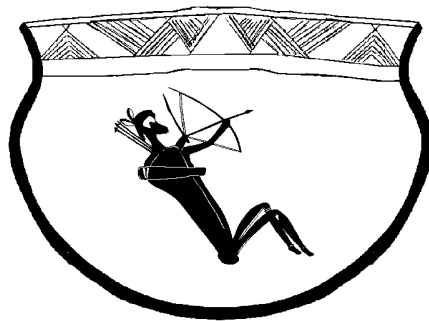
**For Richards Bay Minerals**

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Umlando undertook its monthly survey of the RBM Zulti North mining lease in October 2006.

No new sites were recorded, however two previously recorded sites were sampled.

#### AMS9

This site was revisited and more artefacts were sampled. More decorated pottery sherds were recovered. These sherds include shell-impressed pottery as well as other comb-stamped decorations. These decorations belong to the Groups 6 and 7 of pottery styles. The site clearly now dates to the early to middle of this millennium. Thus, the two skeletal remains that were excavated this year do not date to the Historical Period. We intend to undertake partial excavations at this site later in this year.

#### MPD79

The site is located on the left-hand side of the road (driving south) after the helicopter landing area near MPD. The site is on a small dune that does not appear to have been mined. The *in situ* midden suggests that the site was not mined.

One large *in situ* midden with mussel, limpet and oyster was observed along the road cutting. More of the midden occurs underneath the sand. This midden is at least 1m below the current surface. Other scatters of shell occur along the top of the dune. Many bone fragments were observed. These are mostly from bovid and fish. Several upper grinding stones and white beach sandstone fragments (i.e. lower grinding stones) were noted. The site has several pieces of slag and iron ore.

The pottery from the midden appears to date to the Mzonjani Phase (approx. 200 AD – 400 AD), while the upper parts of the site appear to date to the Late Iron Age.

We also recorded several Late Stone Age (LSA) stone tools at either end of the dune. These stone tools included scrapers and utilised flakes. This is the second LSA site to be recorded in the dunes. Unfortunately, there is no other LSA material at the site.

The site is marked for monitoring.

We visited the other mining ponds and the new AMS north sites; however, no new sites were observed.