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Xulu Rural Subsidised Housing project, Nkandla Municipality

K2m Environmental is undertaking the EIA for the proposed housing upgrade study. The proposed Xulu Rural Subsidized Housing Project is aimed at providing suitable housing to approximately 1000 beneficiaries residing on portions of Wards 8 and 10 of the Nkandla Local Municipality within the uThungulu District. The total extend of the project area is approximately 3 927.29 Ha. The project area includes land falling under the rule of the Xulu Tribal Authority which make-up Portions of Ward 8 and 10 of the Nkandla Municipality.

The development is rated as having no to moderate palaeontological sensitivity and would normally require a desktop study as a minimum requirement. However the area is highly disturbed and the palaeontological layers tend to occur ~1.5m below the surface. The housing development will not be reaching these depths.

There are no known archaeological sites in the study area. The known archaeological sites in the general area tend to be open sites dating to one of the Stone Ages (fig. 1). These sites are always of low significance.

The 1965 1:50 000 topographical map indicates that there are several settlements in this area as well as a church and a hospital. These will not be affected by the proposed housing upgrade.

We support the notion that the project be exempt from further HIA studies as it is in existing and disturbed footprints. That is existing houses will be upgraded,

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and no houses will be built outside of these existing footprints, as per the development map.

Yours Sincerely



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Fig. 1: Location Of The Proposed Project And Known Heritage Sites

