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Dear Sir/ Madam

DC23/ENQ0058/2017: PROPOSED ISANDLWANA RURAL HOUSING PROJECT WITH 1 500 IN SITU HOUSING UNITS LOCATED AT OKHAHLAMBA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY WITHIN UTHUKELA DISTRICT DC23

1. The above mentioned refers:
2. This query is regarding the need for environmental authorization in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) NEMA.
3. Based on the information received and the site inspection conducted on 22 August 2017, this Department is of the opinion that the following proposed project does not trigger an activity which is identified in terms of sections 24(2) (a) or (b) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and therefore does not require an environmental authorization.
4. This recommendation is based on the following:
 - 4.1 The land is currently occupied and there are already existing homesteads on the land therefore there will be no clearance of indigenous vegetation.
 - 4.2 There is no new land or green fields identified, for clearance of indigenous vegetation that will be above the threshold.
 - 4.3 There are no features of cultural or heritage significance within the vicinity of the proposed site.
 - 4.4 The new 1 500 houses will be located within existing cleared areas and where vegetation has been previously been disturbed.

5. The proposed project is for the upgrade of the informal housing settlements to formal housing. There is no new land identified for the housing project, this will entail the in situ upgrading of houses.
6. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw these comments should any other information that contradicts the above come to light.
7. The developer is however reminded of section 28 of NEMA and their duty regarding care and remediation of any environmental damage that may occur during the lifetime of the project.
8. Please contact this Department if there are any queries regarding this correspondence.

Yours faithfully,



For: Head of Department: KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Environmental Affairs