

**Proposed Position:** Archaeologist / Heritage practitioner  
**Name of Firm:** eThembeni Cultural Heritage  
**Name of Staff:** Elizabeth Jane Wahl  
**Profession:** Archaeologist / Business Director  
**Date of Birth:** 12 August 1967  
**Years with Firm:** 12  
**Nationality:** South African  
**Membership of Professional Societies:**  
Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA)

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## **KEY QUALIFICATIONS AND RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

Ms Wahl has 17 years of professional experience as a practising archaeologist and heritage resource manager in South Africa. Her research interests have focussed on the Stone Age of southern Africa, while her management specialisations are heritage impact assessments and specialist heritage studies.

Ms Wahl's key heritage management, tourist guide training and research initiatives include:

- Greater St Lucia Wetland Park World Heritage Site (survey and monitoring of archaeological sites; excavation of human skeleton and subsequent community liaison; management plan for Catalina Bay)
- Mnweni Valley cultural landscape management, northern uKhahlamba / Drakensberg - cultural tourist guide training, development of integrated land use and cultural heritage management plan, co-ordination of displays for interpretive centre.
- Reichenau Mission, southern uKhahlamba / Drakensberg - cultural tourist guide training; permaculture design workshop, compilation of infrastructural development plan with local community, including establishment of a community Trust, upgrade of access roads, building restoration, skills training and empowerment.
- Maloti / Drakensberg Transfrontier Conservation and Development Area project for the Global Environment Facility of the World Bank - assessment of heritage databases and organisational capacity of relevant areas of Lesotho and South Africa.
- uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park World Heritage Site (development of a cultural heritage management plan following UNESCO recommendations for rock art management in southern Africa)
- Isandlwana Battlefield, KwaZulu-Natal (excavator and logistical coordinator for Glasgow University Archaeological Research Division)
- uKhahlamba / Drakensberg mountains and northern KwaZulu-Natal (rock painting surveys)
- Scorpion Shelter, Cape Province; Lenjane and Crystal Shelters, KwaZulu-Natal (principal excavator)
- Cederberg and Koue Bokkeveld, Cape Province (rock painting surveys)
- Dunefield Midden, Pancho's Kitchen Midden and Steenbokfontein, Cape Province (excavation assistant)

Ms Wahl has completed more than 900 heritage impact assessments and specialist studies in South Africa. Please refer to the eThembeni company profile for a recent selection of projects.

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## **EDUCATION**

1995 BA Honours African Studies (first class), archaeology and sociology majors, University of Cape Town  
Various Masters courses in Heritage and Tourism, University of KwaZulu-Natal  
Currently completing an MPhil in the Conservation of the Built Environment, University of Cape Town

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## EMPLOYMENT RECORD

December 2000 to present

Partner in eThembeni Cultural Heritage, independent advisors to organisations throughout the subcontinent

September 1998 to November 2000

Head of Archaeology with Amafa aKwaZulu-Natali, the provincial cultural heritage authority, responsible for archaeological heritage management in KwaZulu-Natal, including site conservation and interpretation

April 1995 to August 1998

Curator in Department of Archaeology, Natal Museum, Pietermaritzburg, responsible for Stone Age research, education and heritage management

November 1994 to March 1995

Contract employment at the Natal Museum, Pietermaritzburg to develop an archaeological predictive model for KwaZulu-Natal, using Geographical Information Systems

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### LANGUAGES

#### Speaking

#### Reading

#### Writing

English

Excellent

Excellent

Excellent

Afrikaans

Excellent

Excellent

Excellent

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A detailed listing of publications is available on request

### Certification

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, these data correctly describe me, my qualifications, and my experience.



Elizabeth Jane Wahl