

The Archaeological Survey For The Proposed Umgeni River Canalisation

For Arcus Gibb

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Umlando was contracted by Arcus Gibb to undertake the archaeological survey of a selected area of the Umgeni River. The development proposes to canalise parts of the Umgeni River, and thus remove sections of the natural embankment. Amafa aKwaZulu-Natali requested that a heritage survey be conducted, as this was a potentially sensitive area.

Industrial activity and informal small-scale agriculture have heavily disturbed much of the affected area. Those parts of the lower embankment have been effected by previous flooding and are thus not archaeologically sensitive.

The areas to be affected by the canalisation were surveyed. These were restricted to non-developed areas. No archaeological sites were observed along this route. There is a cemetery in one area. The cemetery will not be affected as the canalisation will be rerouted.

No further mitigation would be required for this development.

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