

**Proposed Import, Regas and Distribution Depot (IRDD) of Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) at the Bayside Aluminium smelter site, Richards Bay, KwaZulu-Natal.**

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**Interim Comment**

**IN TERMS OF SECTION 41 OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL AMAFA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE ACT (ACT 05 OF 2018)**

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**Proposed Import, Regas and Distribution Depot (IRDD) of Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) at the Bayside Aluminium smelter site. LNG will be imported via the Port of Richards Bay and transported in ISO-Tanks to the IRDD at Bayside. From there gas will be distributed by road (ISO-tanks or LNG road tankers) and/or gas pipeline to customers in Richards Bay, KwaZulu-Natal Province.**

The application was considered by the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority, the KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute on 11 June 2025.

The documents submitted in support of the application were reviewed and the committee noted that exemptions for full Heritage Impact Assessments had been issued for Bayside in 2015 and the Nseleni adjoining site in 2021. The current scoping report indicated that the proposed pipeline would extend and run along the boundaries of the sites across from the Bayside site, however, there were no historic studies available for that site.

Therefore, a desktop study Phase I HIA is required for the proposed pipeline route outside of the Bayside site to cover all the areas that were not covered by any of the provided HIA and provided exemptions.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully



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Case ID: 24913

Our Ref: SAH25/ 24913 & 25/016

**Amafa Terms & Conditions:**

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to the Institute immediately.
3. The Institute reserves the right to request additional information as required.

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**ADMIN:**

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