

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE
PROPOSED MATUBATUBA DEVELOPMENTS**

FOR: METALLON PROPERTIES (Pty) Ltd

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INTRODUCTION

Umlando was contracted to undertake an heritage survey of the proposed Matubatuba developments. The aim of the survey was to determine if any archaeological or historical sites would be affected by the proposed development. The development will include business and residential properties.

The survey recorded one new archaeological site. The site is of low significance and no further mitigation is necessary. Figure 1 is the locality map.

The effected areas are located east of the N2-Matubatuba interchange and north of Matubatuba. The affected areas occur in current afforested areas. Afforested areas have the disadvantage in that the ground cover tends to be dense, thus making poor archaeological visibility. To counter this I surveyed along the tracks where sites are more likely to be observed.

RESULTS

MAT01

MAT1 consists of a scatter of Early or Middle Stone Age stone tools. This is to be expected as several Early Stone Age sites occur within a 2km radius of the affected areas. The stone tools are in a secondary context and have little value.

Significance: The site is of low significance.

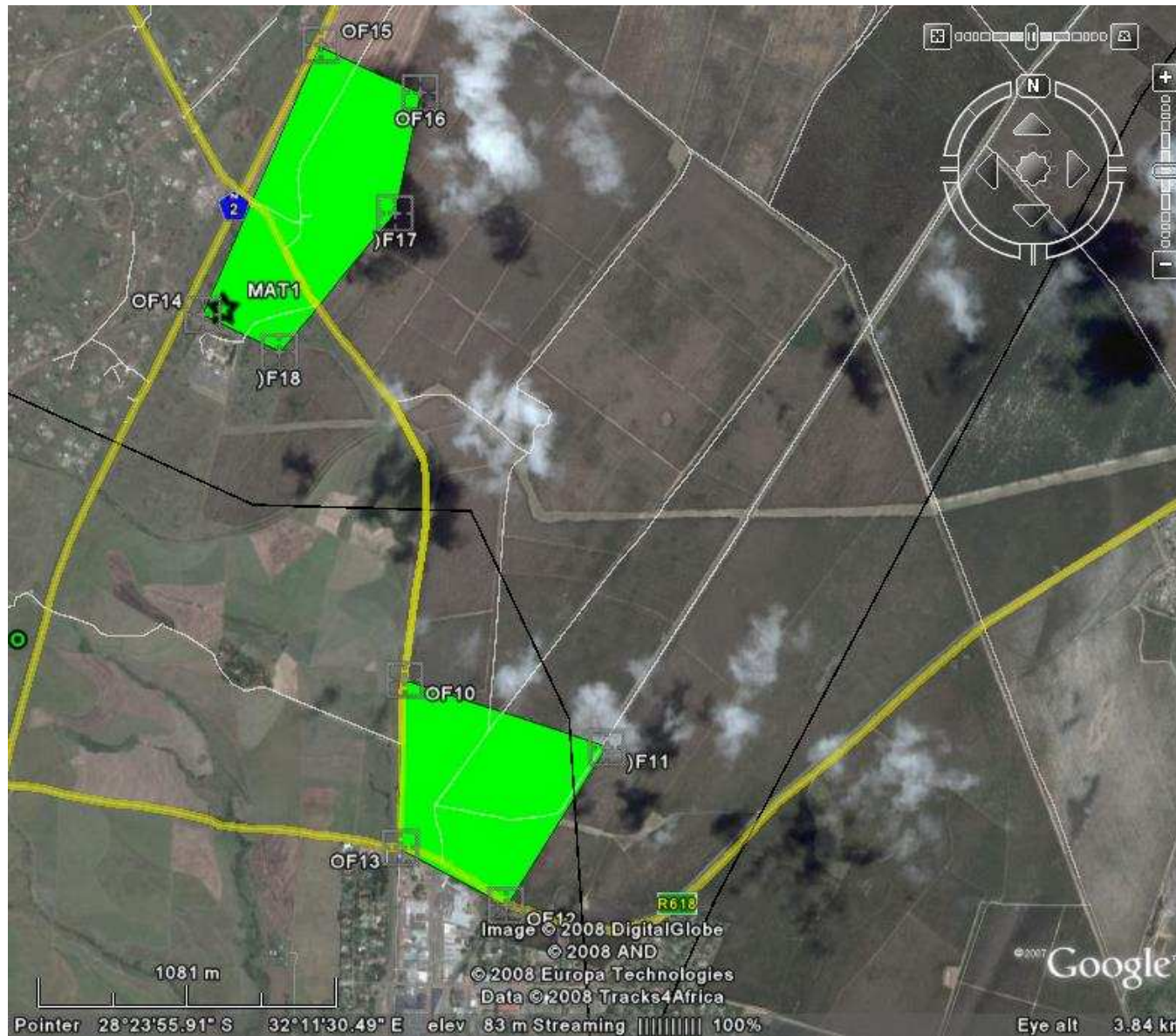
Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

CONCLUSION

One archaeological site was recorded during the course of the survey of the two development nodes near Matubatuba. These areas were surveyed despite the afforestation, and several (afforestation) excavation holes were noted and studied.

The development will require a permit from KZN Heritage for the damage to MAT1.

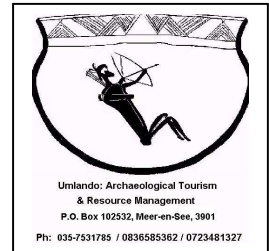
Figure 1: Location of the affected area and sites mentioned in the text¹



¹ Opaque Green indicates the extent of the site
[matubatuba survey](#)

Appendix A
Site Record Form

UMLANDO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE RECORD FORM



SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable)

Stone Age: Early/Middle

Early Iron Age:

Late Iron Age

Historical Period:

Recorder's Site No.: MAT01

Map Reference: 28°23'30.87"S 32°10'39.94"E (alt = 116m)

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: SKETCH OR DESCRIPTION.

From N2 drive north to N2-Matubatuba interchange Turn first right to Eskom Buildings.

Site is visible at soccer field.

SITE DESCRIPTION:

Type of Site: Surface, open

Merits conservation: No

Threats: yes

What threats: Possible development

RECORDING:

Graphic record: None

Digital pictures:

Tracings :

Re-drawings:

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Owner:

References:

Description of site and artefactual content.

Site consists of a scatter of MSA/LSA tools