
PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE OLIFANTSHOEK SUBSTATION AND POWER LINE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT

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HERITAGE IMPACTS			
1.	<p>Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Eskom to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for a proposed powerline and sub-station in the Olifantshoek region, Northern Cape Province. An EIA will be completed in support of the Environmental Authorisation Application in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA), NEMA EIA Regulations 2014. The proposed development will include a 31 km 132kV powerline that will run along an existing gravel road, the N14 highway and existing 400kV powerline. Three alternatives for the 100 m x 100 m sub-station located within Olifantshoek will be considered.</p> <p>Cedar Tower Services were appointed to provide Heritage input into the EIA. Lavin, J and Bluff, K. 2016. Heritage Screener: Eskom Substation and Power Line Olifantshoek, Northern Cape Province.</p> <p>The Heritage Screener noted that the proposed development footprint has been extensively disturbed due to the existing infrastructure such as the roads and the powerlines. The footprint of the proposed development has previously been assessed in 2007 and 2014. In both these previous assessments, only ephemeral scatters of Stone Age artefacts of low significance were identified.</p> <p>Additionally the Screener noted that the proposed project area is located in areas of moderate, high and unknown palaeontological sensitivity, however, as no deep excavations</p>	<p>Natasha Higgitt Heritage Officer</p> <p>South African Heritage Resources Agency</p> <p>Letter: 10-10-2016</p>	<p>1. Please note that the scope of work has changed to include only two substation alternatives. The third option was not considered as it would be directly constructed within a watercourse. This is not sustainable from an environmental sensitivity perspective. The Basic Assessment Process has been submitted to DEA, and have been provided to SAHRA for further comment and consideration.</p>

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	<p>are anticipated for the project, it is unlikely that palaeontological resources will be impacted.</p> <p>Recommendations provided include the following: No further heritage specialists studies are required; and If any heritage resources are discovered during the construction phase of the proposed development, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit should be contacted immediately.</p> <p>Interim Comment The SAHRA APM Unit cannot provide further comment without reviewing the Environmental Reports i.e. Scoping and/or EIA and all appendices. Please ensure that the documents are submitted to the SAHRIS Case application so an informed decision may be issued.</p> <p>Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.</p>		
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2.	Kindly forward me a KMZ file of the proposed power line route.	Tshegofatso Monama Square Kilometre Array: South Africa Email: 31-03-2017	Tshegofatso Monama is registered as an I&AP on the project's database. A KMZ file of the power line route was emailed to him on 25 May 2017.