



Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd
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PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF 400/132KV MARANG B SUBSTATION AND ±2KM, 400kv POWER LINE LOOPING IN AND OUT FROM THE BIGHORN-MARANG OR MEDUPI MARANG 400KV POWERLINES WITHIN RUSTENBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF BOJANALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

Magoma, M. February 2014. Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Specialist Study Report For The Proposed Construction Of 400/132kv Marang B Substation And 2km 400kv Powerlines Looping In And Out From The Bighorn-Marang, Medupi Marang Or Midas Marang 400kv Powerlines Within Rustenburg Local Municipality Of Bojanala Municipality. North West Province

Durand, F. February 2014. Proposed construction of Marang B - a new 3 x 500MVA 400/132kV Main Transmission Substation east of Rustenburg, North West Province.

Eskom SoC Ltd. proposes the development the construction and operation of a new substation, Marang B 400/132Kv and a 2km 400Kv loop-in loop-out power lines from the existing Bighorn Marang or Marang-Midas or Medupi-Marang 400Kv power line within Rustenburg Local Municipality.

Three sites and associated power line corridors have been investigated for the proposed project. In terms of heritage resources, Site 1 and its associated power line corridor is considered the least sensitive in terms of heritage resources. Site 2 and Site 3 and its associated power line corridors are not preferred for the project since these will have negative impacts on several Late Iron Age Stone walled sites.

In terms of the palaeontological component of the heritage resources, the specialist indicated that the area is underlain by rocks of the Bushveld Igneous Complex. The Bushveld Igneous Complex do not contain fossiliferous material. No further palaeontological assessments are therefore required.

Final Comment:

SAHRA has no objection to the proposed project in terms of the archaeological and palaeontological components of the heritage resources. The following recommendations must be implemented:

1. SAHRA supports the recommendation of the specialist report and the Draft EIR that Site 1 is the preferred option for the substation as associated power line corridor. This option will have the least impact on heritage resources.





2. If archaeological/palaeontological or any other heritage resources are discovered during construction activities SAHRA (Mrs Colette Scheermeyer/Phillip Hine, tel. 021 462 4502), and an archaeologist or palaeontologist depending on the nature of the finding must be alerted immediately. If the newly discovered heritage resource is considered significant, a rescue excavation may be needed. A permit from the responsible heritage authority will be required.

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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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/155868>
(DEA, Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/611)

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 SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.

