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Letter

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

Attention:

Ms Jesse Jegels
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Eskom Distribution Division proposes to construct a new 11kV overhead transmission line near Butterworth, Eastern Cape

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

The project entails the construction of a 621m 11kV power line and a 100kV transformer. While it is expected that the impact of the power line on the receiving landscape will be minimal from an archaeological perspective, the proximity of the project to the coastline still warrant for an assessment.

It is possible that shell middens, Stone Age sites or ruins of previous settlements are located on the proposed area of the development.

Decision:

Therefore, SAHRA requires that an archaeologist be present on site during the planning and pegging of the final route alignment to ensure that the positions of pylons and construction camp (if any) do not impact on possible archaeological resources present on site. This may however result in delaying in the process and may require adjustment of the final alignment.

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:

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.



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