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Final Decision

In terms of Section 38(2), 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Ms Munzhedzi Mudau
Eskom Distribution- LOU

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd, Limpopo Operating Unit (LOU) intends to construct a Medium Voltage (MV) power line for the above-mentioned project. The power line is approximately 374m in length and will T-off from the existing power line at pole number PMVT268/9(refer to the Span plan sheets and the Pegging Coordinates for more information). The line will be built on Farm Paradise 724MS Farm which is under the jurisdiction of Makhado Local Municipality, Vhembe District Municipality, Limpopo Province.

Eskom has submitted an application in terms of section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) for the construction of a power line on Farm Paradise 724MS which is under the jurisdiction of Makhado Local Municipality, Vhembe District Municipality, Limpopo Province.

The proposed power line will originate from an already existing power line. The proposed project is within a residential and open area that is already disturbed by current land use activities such as the existing roads, existing power line, agricultural activities and property boundary fences. Environmental screening of the power line route was conducted during pegging of the power line route by a survey team and site verification done by an environmental practitioner, no heritage resources were noted. The proposed development is located in an area of moderate sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map.

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As the proposed line will be located in a disturbed area, is unlikely that in-situ heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed powerline. As such, no further assessment of the impact to heritage resources is required as per section 38(2)a of the NHRA.

The applicant is advised of the following:

- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils

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or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) (Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;

- If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA DAU (Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- See section 51(1) of the NHRA regarding offenses;
- If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA.

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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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.