



Final Decision

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

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The customer requested a 11kV line in Bethal. Project number Blinkwater ELEC

Thank you for notifying SAHRA on the proposed development a 11kv power line development in the North of Bethal. The power lines will be located on the remainder of Portions 6, 30 and 19 of the farm Uitgedacht 229 IS, eMalahleni Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The power lines are intended to be a total 344.57 metres of Medium Voltage power lines and a total of 653.61 metres of Low Voltage power lines. The power lines are to supply the farms mentioned above, from the rural Bethal North Feeder.

It should be noted that this proposed development constitutes a linear development exceeding 300m as per Section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999). In terms of Section 38(2) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999), the relevant heritage authority is required to determine whether or not the proposed development is likely to impact on any significant heritage resources.

Based on the submitted information to this case, the route in which the power lines is intended to traverse has been disturbed by current agricultural activities and residential development, the power line will be constructed along existing road servitudes as seen in the span plan and SAHRIS location map. Thus the likelihood of the finding significant archaeological and other heritage resources is low.

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The area of proposed power line development is already disturbed, it is unlikely that any significant heritage will be found in the area of proposed power line route. As such no further heritage studies are required as per Section 38(2)b.

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed development on the condition that if any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502) must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.



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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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/175134>

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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