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Final Decision

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

Attention: Mnr Pieter du Preez
Eskom Distribution- LOU
109 Snyman St
Eduan Park
Polokwane
Limpopo

Multi Project Services intends to construct a underground cable for the above mentioned project. The cable will include 1224m of underground cable of 3.3kv. Refer to the attached plans and coordinates for more information. It will be on the farm Wanhoop 78 JT in the Highlands Local Municipality in the Mpumalanga province.

Multi Project Services Ltd is proposing to construct a new underground power line starting at the Roossenekal 11kV rural feeder to supply electricity to a Vodacom tower on Portion 1 the farm Wanhoop 78 JT, in Highlands Local Municipality of Mpumalanga Province. The length of the power line is proposed to be 1.224 km. The nature of the landscape is undeveloped close to a nature reserve. As this power line will be constructed underground the level of disturbance is greater and the possibilities of uncovering significant heritage resources.

South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) issued a Notification of Intent to Develop (NID) letter dated 18/10/2016, requesting a Heritage Impact Assessment is undertaken for this project. The report has subsequently been submitted to the case for commenting.

Coetzee, T. September 2017. Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment for the construction of a powerline to supply electricity to a Vodacom Tower between Roossenekal and Mashishing, Mpumalanga.

The author undertook a field survey of the proposed underground 11 kV power line route and the Vodacom De Berg development. Three structures were identified outside the power line servitude route and the author is of the opinion that the structures are not older than 60 years therefore, they have no historical significance. The author recommends the four structures are left intact and not disturbed and if any heritage resources are uncovered construction must cease immediately and an archaeologist called in to inspect the finds.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the AIA report and the recommendations provided. Therefore, in terms of section 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act, no. 25 of 1999 (NHRA), SAHRA has no objections to the proposed development.

This Final Decision applies to the provisions of the NHRA only. Should any other local by-laws or legislation be triggered by the development, it is incumbent on the developer to obtain approvals from the relevant departments.

The following is a condition of the development during construction:

- If there are any new heritage resources discovered during construction and operation phases of the proposed development, then a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings at the expense of the developer.
- If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required at the expense of the developer. Mitigation will only be carried out after the archaeologist or palaeontologist obtains a permit in terms of section 35 of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999). You may contact SAHRA APM Unit for further details: (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8652).
- If any unmarked human burials are uncovered and the archaeologist called in to inspect the finds and/or the police find them to be heritage graves then mitigation may be necessary and the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit must be contacted for processes to follow (Thingahangwi Tshivase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490).

Should the developer, consultant or any member of the public wish to lodge an appeal against this decision or any part thereof in terms of Chapter VI of the NHRA Regulations No. R 323 of 2000, then the appeal must be addressed to SAHRA Council. The SAHRA Legal Adviser (Simphiwe Mome 021 202 8692) must be contacted directly for the procedures to follow.

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/373862>

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.