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Response to NID (Notification of Intent to Develop)

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

Attention: Miss Matlhogonolo Tshegofatso Nnene
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Cnr Jellicoe & Watermeyer Street
Eskom Park
1035

Project name: Mrs Saaiman. Project number: CKU57-16. Area: Kuruman, Ga-Segonyana local municipality. Northern Cape province. Proposed construction of a 22 kV power line.

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the proposed construction of a 592 m 22kV powerline on Block AA 689, near Kuruman, Northern Cape Province.

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 (HIA)** is done as per Section 38(1) of the NHRA. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) any other applicable heritage components.

The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a specialist (see www.asapa.org.za) to provide a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Report. The Phase 1 Impact Assessment Report will identify the archaeological sites and assess their significance. It should also make recommendations (as indicated in section 38) about the process to be followed. For example, there may need to be a mitigation phase (Phase 2) where the specialist will collect or excavate material and date the site. At the end of the process the heritage authority may give permission for destruction of the sites. If the property is very small or disturbed and there is no significant site the specialist may choose to send a letter to the heritage authority to indicate that there is no necessity for any further assessment. It is noted that the proposed development is located approximately 19 km east from the Wonderwerk Cave National Heritage Site (9/2/055/0005; Government Gazette 33006, 12 March 2010).

Where bedrock is to be affected, or where there are coastal sediments, or marine or river terraces and in potentially fossiliferous superficial deposits, a Palaeontological Desk Top study must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources - or at least a letter of exemption

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from a Palaeontologist is needed to indicate that this is unnecessary. If the area is deemed sensitive, a full Phase 1 Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be required and if necessary a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary (see www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za for qualified paleontologists). It is noted that the proposed project is located within an area of very high palaeontological sensitivity. Please provide either a Palaeontological Desktop Study or a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption for further studies, to be completed by a qualified palaeontologist.

Any other heritage resources that may be impacted such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

Please note that if Letter of Recommendation for Exemptions are conducted, please ensure that photographs of the proposed route and surrounds are supplied to the specialists for inclusion into their reports so that SAHRA may provide an informed decision.

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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