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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Ms Deidre Herbst  
Eskom Holdings SOC Limited  
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### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE APPLICATION FOR CONTINUED ASHING AT THE EXISTING ASH DISPOSAL FACILITIES, AT TUTUKA POWER STATION, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

*J. van Schalkwyk. September 2012. Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed continuation of the Tukuta Ash Disposal Facilities, Mpumalanga.*

Eskom proposes to continue with ashing activities at the Tukuta Power Station situated north east of Standerton. The above HIA was submitted to SAHRA in December 2012 for assessment.

The HIA indicates that the area proposed for development is underlain with arenite, and has dolorite outcroppings to the west of the study area. The cultural landscape has been identified as rural, consisting of undulating plains. with no hills, outcrops, rock shelters or rivers to draw people to the area. The predominant land use in the area is agricultural.

No stone age or iron age archaeology, built environment heritage or graves were identified in the study area. However, the HIA is lacking in that no clear photographs of the landscape or the site of the proposed development are provided. The HIA did not include track paths of the area surveyed. Although a brief geological description was provided, no assessment of the impact of the proposed development to palaeontological material was included in the HIA. As such, the submitted study does not satisfy Section 38(3) of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999).

### Decision

The submitted HIA does not provide sufficient information for SAHRA to make an adequate assessment of the impacts of the proposed development to heritage resources. Please submit an amended HIA to SAHRA at your earliest convenience that includes the following;

1. A map of the proposed development footprint
2. A clear scope of the proposed work to take place on site and what infrastructure is proposed.
3. Clear photographs of the landscape to be impacted by the development



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4. Track paths of the area surveyed
  5. Palaeontological assessment that must be undertaken by a professional palaeontologist or a letter of exemption from further palaeontological studies if the specialist deems it sufficient;

The report must reflect the scope of the proposed project. It is advisable that the specialist receives all available information regarding the proposed project before the field survey is conducted.

SAHRA APM Unit awaits the updated report before issuing further recommendations regarding this case.

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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