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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Eskom - LOU

**The project entails the decommissioning of the existing, and construction of a new Chemie Substation as well as various 132kV power lines. The study area is mainly along the R40, south-west of Phalaborwa in the Limpopo Province.**

Eskom SOC Ltd is proposing to decommission an existing substation and 2 km 132kV power line that connected the substation the the 132kV Foskor/Chemie 2 corridor route. In a separate location Eskom is proposing to construct a new Eskom Chemie substation which will be 150m x 200m in extent which includes laydown areas during construction. A single 132kV power line that will be 2.2 km in length will also be constructed to connect the new Eskom Chemie substation to the Chemie/Selati 132kV power line corridor. A single Loop-in-Loop-out 132kV power line that will be 2.8km in length, will also be constructed to connect the new Eskom Chemie substation to the 132kV Foskor/Chemie 2 power line corridor. The proposed development area is on farms Schiottot 25, Makusane Location 28 and Portions 0 and 3 of Wegsteek 30, in the Phalaborwa Local Municipality of Limpopo Province.

Eskom SOC Ltd has appointed to undertake the Basic Assessment process in support of an Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 10 of 1998 (NEMA), as amended, and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2017 as amended. The report mentions that a Heritage Impact Assessment has been conducted as part of the specialist reports, the summary of the report concludes that no heritage resources were identified within the project area apart from Marula and Mopane tree stands that are of cultural significance to the local community. However, if the pylon footings are placed away from the tree stands the over all impact of the proposed development is low in terms of heritage.

The HIA report must be submitted to SAHRA on the SAHRIS case file. The summary of the HIA report in the DBAR does not mention if a palaeontological assessment of the development area was commissioned. SAHRA requires that a desktop palaeontological impact assessment is commissioned for this project, the assessment must be carried out by a suitably qualified palaeontologist. The BAR appendices must also be submitted to SAHRA.

SAHRA will comment further once all the above requested reports are submitted to the case.



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Yours faithfully

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