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Final Decision

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

Attention: Mr Alex Neethling

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ELECTRIFICATION OF GAWULA VILLAGE IN GREATER GIYANE MUCNICIPALITY. 22kV AND LOW VOLTAGE LINES

Eskom SOC Ltd, Limpopo Operating Unit (LOU) is requesting on behalf of the applicant, that SAHRA grant an exemption from conducting heritage studies for this proposed development. According to the documents submitted to the case, the proposed new power line will start at the Guvela 22kV rural feeder within the Gawula village. The power line will be constructed along road servitudes, along fences and in open veld just outside residential houses that will be supplied with the electricity connection. The length of the MV power line will be 1.521 km and the LV power line will be 5.87 km located within the farm Greater Giyane 891 LT.

The photos provided to the case do not show any surface heritage features therefore, the potential impact on heritage resources is considered low. The construction of a 22 kV power line that is less than a kilometre in length, along open veld between houses will not change the character of the landscape.

Final Decision

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts Eskom SOC Limited's Limpopo Operating Unit (LOU) request for an exemption from further heritage assessments, for this proposed power line route.

The following conditions still apply and need to be added to Appendix C 1.22:

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

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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 (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490).

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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