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Final Decision

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

Attention: Miss Prudence Khosa
Eskom Distribution- LOU
92 Hans van Rensburg
Polokwane

Eskom Holdings SOC Limited's Limpopo Operating Unit (LOU) intends to construct the powerline for the above-mentioned project. The powerline will include new 1.8 KM MV powerline which will T-off from existing MV powerline and pole number SDG129/27 (refer to the Span plan and the pegging coordinate spreadsheet). The powerlines will be in situ development and transverse on the of Farm Vlaklaagte 625 Portion 1 LS in the Polokwane Local Municipality at Capricorn District of the Limpopo Province

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 power line will be starting at the De Put 22 kV feeder in a natural landscape with little disturbances, to supply electricity to a chicken farm.

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 in an area with existing power lines will not change the character of the landscape. The likelihood of heritage artefacts being uncovered from the foundation excavations is low. However, the area is relatively undisturbed and any construction close to the dry stream bed must be monitored by the construction manager.



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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts Eskom SOC Ltd's requests for an exemption from further heritage assessments for this proposed power line route. Therefore, in terms of section 38(2)*b* of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999 (NHRA) the proposed development is granted an exemption from undertaking a Heritage Impact Assessment.

SAHRA has no objections to this proposed development going ahead and this Final Decision applies to the provisions of the NHRA only.

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 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.



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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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

Phillip Hine
Acting Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit
South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/421157>

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.