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Response to NID (Notification of Intent to Develop)

In terms of Section 38(2), 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr Frederick Johannes Ludeke
Eskom Distribution Division
4 George Street
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Construction a new 22kV single wood pole structure power line of +-2km from the existing Britstown-Volstruispoort 22kV powerline to the proposed MTN Tower 30° 33' 5.9", 23° 17' 33.6".

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the proposed 2 km 22kV powerline, near Britstown, Northern Cape Province.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999 (NHRA), the proposed development triggers section 38(1) as it is longer than 300 m. In terms of section 38(2), the responsible heritage resource authority may request an assessment of heritage resources should we have a reason to believe that heritage resources may be affected.

The proposed powerline is located within an area of High sensitivity with regards to palaeontological resources as per the South African Heritage Information System (SAHRIS) PalaeoSensitivity Map. Additionally, based on aerial imagery, the proposed powerline will be located along a drainage channel, and what appears to be a group of structures near the eastern section of the line. There is a possibility of the occurrence of historical features and artefacts due to the presence of these structures.

SAHRA requests that Eskom submit a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) that must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA.

The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a specialist (see www.asapa.org.za or www.aphp.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

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of the sites.

A Palaeontological Impact Assessment must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources as the area is located within highly sensitive geological formations (see www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za for qualified paleontologists).

Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA 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.

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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