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Final Decision

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

Attention: Mr Alex Neethling

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New Eskom overhead powerline to be erected from existing powerline to electrify Ximawasu Village in the Greater Giyane area on far Blinkwater 151 LT

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 power line development. According to the documents submitted to the case, the proposed power line will be starting at the Hlangani Blinkwater 22 kV feeder along a gravel road servitude on the farm Blinkwater 151 LT and unregistered stateland, in the Greater Giyane Local Municipality, Limpopo Province. The proposed length of the power line will be 2823 m in length to supply electricity to the Ximanasu Village.

The photos provided to the case do not show any surface heritage features therefore, the potential impact on heritage resources is considered low. However, the area is relatively undisturbed, and any construction close to a stream or dongas may potentially impact significant Quaternary sediments or archaeological artefacts. The portion of the power line that will be constructed through the natural bush does not have enough photographs.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts Eskom SOC Ltd's request 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:



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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 (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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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.