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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Mr Willem Hendrik Jacobus Goosen

The project is for the proposed construction of two 22KV power lines close to Christiana, North West Province. Both power lines are needed to provide electricity for farming purposes. The first is a 3 km line, directly south of the Vaal River and towards the south-west of Christiana. This is on the farm Van Aswegenshoek. The second is a 4 km line south of Christiana and runs over the farms Bloubosput, Marydale and Boesmansput.

Landscape Dynamics has been appointed by Willem Hendrick Jacobus Goosen to manage an application in terms of section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) for two proposed 22kv powerlines near Christina, North West Province. The proposed powerlines will be 3 km and 4 km long and constructed from 11/12/13 m wooden poles.

The proposed powerlines are located in an area of moderate and high palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. The northern most proposed line route is located adjacent to the Vaal River.

Archaetnos Culture and Cultural Resources Consultants were appointed to assess the impact to archaeological resources.

Van Vollenhoven, A. 2018. A report on an Archaeological Impact Assessment for two proposed 22kv powerlines close to Christina, North West Province.

No heritage resources were identified along the proposed powerline routes. Photographs in the report show that the area is highly disturbed due to access roads, fences, trenching and existing powerlines.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- It should be noted that the subterranean presence of archaeological and/or historical sites, features or artefacts is always a distinct possibility. Care should therefore be taken when development commences that if any of these are discovered, work on site immediate cease and a qualified archaeologist be called in to investigate the occurrence;

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- A Chance Finds Protocol is provided in the report.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that an assessment of the impact of the development on palaeontological resources is undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. The report must comply with the SAHRA 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments. The 2012 Minimum Standards makes reference to a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption that is to be submitted if there is no likelihood that palaeontological material will be impacted. The appointed palaeontologist may choose to submit such a letter should they deem it appropriate.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.

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.