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## Response to NID (Notification of Intent to Develop)

### 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 power line to be erected from existing overhead power line to electrify Mabokelele Village. Properties are as follow:**

Eskom SOC Ltd, Limpopo Operating Unit (LOU) is requesting on behalf of their applicant, that SAHRA grant them 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 a total of 343 m consisting of power line, starting at the Koloti 11 kV feeder to supply electricity to various households in the Mabokelele Village.

The photos provided to the case indicate the power line will be crossing a cemetery. The documents submitted to the case do not indicate whether this cemetery is a municipal cemetery or not. Any Cemetery not administered by the local municipality and contains graves that are unknown or older than 60 years are protected by the National Heritage Resources Act, 25 of 1999, under section 36 of the National Heritage Resource Act, no. 25 of 1999 (NHRA). The SAHRA issued the first Notification of Intent to Develop (NID) letter (12/12/2018) requesting a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA), instead additional photos were uploaded to the case. The new photographs indicate that there new power line will also be crossing the cemetery. The presence of an older power line does not negate the requirements of section 36(3) of the NHRA.

### **SAHRA Response to Notification of Development**

This application constitutes a section 38 (1) application for approval by SAHRA in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999 (NHRA), as the proposed power line exceeds 300 metres in length. As such, SAHRA is providing response in terms of section 38(2) with regards to this application.

From the photos provided to the case, SAHRA has reason to believe there may be heritage that may be impacted by the proposed power line route. The photos provided to the case, and the additional photographs uploaded to the case, indicate the power line will be crossing a cemetery. Therefore, a permit in terms of



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section 36 of the NHRA will be required before construction can proceed.

SAHRA requires an assessment of heritage in terms of section 38(2)b must be undertaken by a suitably qualified archaeologist, due to a potential of a graves being located within the route of the power line. The HIA must assess potential alternatives with the least impact. In addition, a .kml file of the surveyed route must also be uploaded to the palaeosensitivity map on the case.

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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