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Final Decision

In terms of Section 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr Lubabalo Ndzimande
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Eskom as the implimenting agent for the Department of Energy (DOE) intends to build a 1.1km 22kv power line inorder to eletricfy houses in the Majemantsho area under Joe Morolong local municipality, JTG District,Northern Cape.

Eskom has submitted an application in terms of section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) for a proposed 22kV powerline to be constructed to electrify two houses near Majemantsho village, Northern Cape. The proposed powerline will be 1.1 km long.

The proposed development is located in an area of moderate palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. The proposed line route is located through areas that have been previously disturbed. Submitted photographs show that the area is has deep red soils.

In a comment issued on the 20/03/2019, SAHRA requested that a Palaeontological Impact Assessment be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist. A study has since been submitted to SAHRA.

Almond, J. E. 2019. Recommended Exemption from further palaeontological studies: Proposed 22kv powerline in the Majomantsho area, Joe Morolong Municipality, Northern Cape.

The proposed powerline route is underlain by Early Precambrian rocks of the Kraaipan Group that do not contain fossils. These rocks are overlain by Late Caenozoic aeolian sands, calcrete and surface gravels of the Kalahari Group of low to very low palaeontological sensitivity. The footprint of the powerline is small and is unlikely to impact on significant palaeontological resources. A Chance Fossil Finds Procedure is recommended and provided in the report.

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Final Comment

The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be adhered to:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations provided by the heritage specialist is supported and must be adhered to. No further specific conditions are provided for the development;
- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
 - i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA.

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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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/521475>

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.