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Final Decision

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

Attention: Mnr Pieter du Preez
Eskom Distribution- LOU
109 Snyman St
Eduan Park
Polokwane
Limpopo

Aurecon intends to construct the powerline for the above-mentioned project for the Polokwane Municipality. The powerline will include 504m MV line which will be connected to the existing Municipality Powerline in the area (refer to the Span plan sheets, the Pegging Coordinates and the Google Earth KML file for more information) traversing Pelgrimshoop 606 LS , in Polokwane Local Municipality in the Capricorn District of the Limpopo Province. The purpose of this powerline is for water pumps from boreholes along the Blood River

Polokwane Local Municipality 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 504m in length starting at the Perskebul 11 kV feeder, across agricultural fields, along a fence line and close to the Blood River. The municipality is commissioning this development to supply electricity to operate the water pumps at the municipal borehole in the area.

The photos provided to the case do not show any surface heritage features therefore, the potential impact on heritage resources is considered low. The construction of a 11 kV power line in this area will not change the character of the landscape. The likelihood of heritage artefacts being uncovered from the foundation excavations is low. However, the area is relatively undisturbed, and any construction close to the dry stream bed must be monitored by the construction manager.

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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.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts Polokwane Local Municipality'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:

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 8654).

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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 072 802 1251).

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Nokukhanya Khumalo
Heritage Officer
South African Heritage Resources Agency

Phillip Hine
Acting Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit
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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.