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Final Decision

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

Attention: Galaletsang Motlalekgosi
Eskom-MOU

Eskom Distribution, Mpumalanga operating Unit is proposing to build a 1,367 km 22 kV powerline to supply the customer. The project is within the farms Vergenoeg 177 JT and Langverwacht 181 JT. Within the Ehlanzeni district and Mbombela municipalities, Mpumalanga province. The proposed project will involve 14m wooden poles to be dug in a 2X2m hole with the depth of 2.4m.

Eskom SOC Ltd, Mpumalanga Operating Unit (MOU) 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 will be starting at Kiepersol 22 kV feeder and it will be constructed along a gravel road.

The photos provided to the case do not show any surface heritage features however two photos of a power line route over a kilometre is not enough to determine if there are no heritage resources along the power line route. There should be photos of every pole pegging. However, due to SAHRA responding to this case outside the 14 day response time period, this will not be a requirement.

Final Decision

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts Eskom Holdings (SOC) Ltd MOU'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

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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).

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

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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.