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## Final Decision

### In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Miss Prudence Khosa  
Eskom Distribution- LOU  
92 Hans van Rensburg  
Polokwane

**Eskom Holdings SOC Limited's Limpopo Operating Unit (LOU) intends to construct the powerline for the above-mentioned project. The powerline will include new 337 M which will T-off from existing MV powerline and pole number UMY192/13 (refer to the Span plan and the pegging coordinate spreadsheet). The powerlines will be in situ development and transverse on the farm portion 39 Bergvley 984- LS in Polokwane Local Municipality at Capricorn District of the Limpopo Province.**

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 new MV power line will be 337.86 metres starting at Monyemane 11 kV feeder, on the farm Bergvley 984 LS. The power line will be supplying electricity to a borehole just outside the Moshate village. It will be constructed across a field and a dry stream bed.

The power line route is within an area likely to contain heritage site. The area surrounding Polokwane is known for the stonewalled villages. However from the documents submitted to the case, SAHRA determines the likelihood of drilling through heritage sites is low.

### Final Decision

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



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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).

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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Nokukhanya Khumalo  
Heritage Officer  
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/524291>

**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.