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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: Eskom MOU

Eskom Mpumalanga Operating Unit is proposing to construct a 22 Kv power line which is 2.8 km at Khumbula Village on the farm Kabokweni 148-JU within Enhlanzeni District, Mbombela Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The project will entail digging 2x2m and 2.4 meters deep holes to plant 14m wooden poles. The proposed power line is for the Khumbula Village Electrification project.

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, the proposed new MV power line will be 2800 metres. The proposed new power line will be starting at JC 22 kV feeder, on the farm Kabokweni JU, in the Mbombela Local Municipality of Mpumalanga Province. The power line will be constructed along the road servitude.

The information provided in this case is insufficient to substantiate the motivation for SAHRA to grant an exemption from conducting a heritage assessment. The minimum required information should be the following:

Ground level photos of the proposed power line route including photos of each pole position must be supplied. The proposed power line route is over 1 km in length, 8 photo of the route will not suffice.

A survey diagram provided with a legend to guide in the understanding of the various symbols on the map, and cross section of the pole and the depth of excavations.

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.

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit cannot make an informed decision on this proposed development because the information provided to this case is not enough to determine if any heritage resources will be disturbed or damaged by the proposed power line construction. In order for SAHRA to



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process this case a detail project description of the Nature and extent of the development must be submitted.

SAHRA requires ground level photographic images of the power line route and photos of the pole positions on the ground to be uploaded to the case, along with a desd, a project description, depth of foundations required for the wooden pole.

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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