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## Letter

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

Attention: Eskom MOU

**Eskom Distribution Mpumalanga Operating Unit is proposing to build a 312 meters of power line within Ehlanzeni District and Mbombela Local Municipality on Portion 2 and 3 of the farm Karismine 92-JU. The project will involve 14m wooden poles dug in 2.4m deep and the area of the hole is 2x2m.**

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 312 m in length starting at the Dwarsloop 22 kV feeder. The power line will be supplying electricity to a farm near the road to Kabokweni village, in the Mbombela Local Municipality of Mpumalanga Province.

The photos provided to the case show ash sand that may indicate a midden and the DESD mentions a old structures. These features must be assessed by a heritage specialist prior to the placement of pole positions to avoid any impacts to possible heritage sites.

SAHRA issued a NID requesting an assessment of the potential midden in 23/09/2019 however, additional photographs of the proposed power line route were submitted. However pole positions indicated in photo 4 and 5 may be located on heritage sites. Therefore, these features must be assessed by a heritage specialist prior to the placement of pole positions to avoid any impacts to possible heritage sites.

A survey diagram still has not been provided to the case. This must be provided and it must contain 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



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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.

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit cannot make an informed decision on this proposed development because the information provided to this case indicate potential impacts to heritage resources. SAHRA requires an assessment by a suitably qualified archaeologist in terms of section 38(2) and the submission of a heritage report in line with section 38(3).

SAHRA will comment further on the application once the heritage report is submitted to the case for decision making.

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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