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Letter

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

Attention: Miss Sebenzile Happyness Mavis Mhlongo

Project name: NKOMAZI ANTHRACITE PTY LTD Farm name: Sweet Home 496 JU
Province: Mpumalanga Length of line: 324m Technical specifications: 14 m wooden pole for MV, 9m wooden pole for LV 2 X 2 m area of hole

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 324 m in length starting at the Sikhwahlane 22 kV feeder. The power line will be supplying electricity to a water pump station near the gravel road to the old mine dam, in the Nkomazi Local Municipality of Mpumalanga Province.

SAHRA issued a Response to a Notification of Intent to develop (NID) letter dated 23/09/2019, that request ground level photographs and the clarification of the length of the power line in order to substantiate the request for exemption.

The proposed power line route is also located in a very high palaeo-sensitivity area which would normally require a letter of exemption from undertaking a palaeontological assessment by a suitably qualified palaeontologist, but due to the power line being less than 1 km in length SAHRA grants the applicant exemption from undertaking this study.

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 process this application, we require the aforementioned information in order to make an informed decision.

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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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