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## Final Decision

### In terms of Section 38(2), 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Miss Tshegofatso Nnene  
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### **The proposed construction of the Ovaal 22 kV powerline re-build. Line length 21.103 km. Area: Douglas, Siyancuma local municipality, Northern Cape.**

Eskom has submitted an application in terms of section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) for a proposed re-build of the Ovaal 22kv powerline near Douglas, Northern Cape Province. The proposed re-build will be 21.103 km long.

The proposed development is located in an area of high palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. The proposed line route is located along an access road and an exiting line. The powerline poles will be replaced like for like, therefore no additional impact is envisioned.

### **Final Decision**

The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 38(2) and 38(4) of the NHRA and must be adhered to:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development and no further studies are required. There will be no additional direct impact to the servitude as each pole of the powerline will be replaced like for like and therefore no impacts to heritage resources are likely;
- 38(4)b – No specific conditions are provided for the development;
- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed

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development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;

- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
  - i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA.

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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**ADMIN:**

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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.