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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: Ms Phuluso

Eskom - LOU

92 Hans van Rensburg

Polokwane

0700

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd, Limpopo Operating Unit (LOU) intends to construct the powerline for the above-mentioned project. The powerline will be connected from the existing powerline in the area from pole number MBM47/26/89,

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 power line will be 461 metres starting at Malamulele/Boltman 22 kV feeder, on the Fischer 214 LT, in the Limpopo Province. The power line will be supplying electricity to a household in the Matsikaila village. It will be constructed along gravel road servitude passing by a cemetery.

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:

- A .kml file of the proposed powerline route as it appears in the survey diagram provided.
- The proposed power line route is also located in a green palaeo-sensitivity area which will require a desktop assessment of letter of exemption from undertaking a palaeontological assessment by a suitably qualified palaeontologist to determine whether the power line will not have an impact on the palaeo-heritage.

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.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit requires the submission of a palaeontological desktop study or letter of recommendation for exemption from undertaking a palaeontological desktop study. This desktop study or letter of exemption must be undertaken by a suitably qualified palaeontologist.

SAHRA also requires the submission of an amended .kml file the maps the power line route as it appears in the survey diagram and not using a point.

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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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