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## Final Decision

### 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 proposing to construct a new power line on behalf of their applicant in order to supply electricity to the applicants household in the Matsikaila village. 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 farm Fischer 214 LT, in the Limpopo Province. The power line will be constructed along a gravel road servitude that passes by a cemetery.

SAHRA issued a Notification of Intent to Develop (NID) letter requesting a .kml file that maps the power line route as it appears on the span plan document, and a 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 palaeo-heritage.

*Butler, E. December 2020. Palaeontological Desktop Assessment for the Electrification Project in the Matsakali Village, Limpopo.*

The study area is underlain by Quaternary aged superficial deposits of moderate palaeontological significance. The proposed new power line will have a low negative impact and recommends no further mitigation measures.

If fossil remains or trace fossils are discovered during any phase of construction, either on the surface or exposed by excavations the Environmental Officer (EO) in charge of these developments must be informed. These discoveries ought to be protected and the ECO must report to SAHRA.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the Desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment and the recommendations contained in the report.

SAHRA has no objections to this proposed development going ahead and this Final Decision applies to the provisions of the NHRA only.

The following conditions still apply and need to be added to Appendix C 1.22:

If there are any new heritage resources discovered during construction and operation phases of the proposed development, then a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings at the expense of the developer.

If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required at the expense of the developer. Mitigation will only be carried out after the archaeologist or palaeontologist obtains a permit in terms of section 35 of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999). You may contact SAHRA APM Unit for further details: (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8654).

If any unmarked human burials are uncovered and the archaeologist called in to inspect the finds and/or the police find them to be heritage graves, then mitigation may be necessary and the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit must be contacted for processes to follow (Mimi Seetelo 072 802 1251).

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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Heritage Officer

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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/540906>

**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.