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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 MTK277/24,**

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 Tsianda Village. According to the documents submitted to the case, the proposed new power line will be 1246 metres starting at Maludane/Tshakhuma 22 kV feeder, on the farm Reubainder 21 MT, in the Limpopo Province.

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.

*Bamford, M. November 2020. Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the Proposed Tsianda Electrification Project, Makhado Local Municipality, Limpopo Province.*

The study area is underlain by basalts of the Sibasa Formation, Soutpansberg Group, which has no palaeontological significance. The proposed new power line will have no impact and recommends no further mitigation measures.

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

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SAHRA has no objection 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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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/540907>

**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.