

The proposed construction of the 1730 m and 1860 m long and 6650 m long Orania Strydenburg 22 kV powerlines

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Final Decision

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

Attention: Miss Matlhogonolo Nnene
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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 22kv powerline to be constructed on farms Middeldam 168, Winterhoek 167, Klip Koppies 169 and Strydenburg 261 and 260, near Strydenburg, Northern Cape Province.

The proposed powerline will be 1730 m and 1860 m and 6650 m long over areas of deep red soils adjacent to N12 National Road. The proposed development is located in an area of moderate and high palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map.

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As per section 38(2)b of the NHRA, the SAHRA Archaeological, Palaeontological and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes that it is unlikely that heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed line. Therefore, an assessment of archaeological or palaeontological resources is not required.

While the proposed line is located in area of moderate and high palaeontological sensitivity, the previous road construction activities would have disturbed any in-situ palaeontological resources. Additionally, this is relevant to in-situ archaeological resources.

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:

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- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development;
- 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 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:
 - 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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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.