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## Final Decision

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

Attention: Mr Lubabalo Ndzimande  
Eskom - FSOU  
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**Eskom is intending to build a 2950m of 22kV powerline from Diamond view to Mapoteng in order to electrify households in the Mapoteng area. this will happen under John Taolo-Gaetswe District Municipality in Kuruman, 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 22kv powerline to be constructed from Diamond view to Mapoteng to electrify households in the Northern Cape Province.

The proposed powerline will be 2.950 km long adjacent an existing powerline and access road within deep red soils. The proposed development is located in an area of moderate, high and very high palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map.

In a comment issued on the 10/03/2021, SAHRA stated that no further assessment of the impact to archaeological resources was required, however, a desktop assessment of the impact to palaeontological resources be undertaken. Since the issuing of the comment, a field-based PIA has been submitted for review (18/10/2021).

*J. F. Durand. 2021. Palaeontological Impact Assessment: Proposed Diamond View – Mapoteng MV Line, Kuruman, Northern Cape.*

The proposed development area is underlain by dolomitic limestone of the Lime Acres Formation that is very highly palaeontologically sensitive and may contain stromatolites. The dolomitic limestone is overlain by a layer of the Gordonia Formation and the Mokalanen Formation. A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended to be followed.

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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;
- 38(4)b – No further 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 for offences;
- 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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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/558644>

**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.