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Final Decision

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

Attention: Mrs Galaletsang Mongalo
Eskom MOU
28 Ferreira street
Nelspruit
1200

Eskom Distribution, Mpumalanga Operating Unit(MOU) is proposing to build a 841m, 22kV powerline from the Oakley feeder near Bushbuckridge. The project will be within the Marite 287 KU farm, Ehlanzeni District Municipality, Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The project will involve digging 2.4m deep holes with the area of 2mX2m to plant 14m wooden poles and stringing the 22 KV powerline to interconnect with another feeder line.

Eskom SOC Ltd, Mpumalanga Operating Unit (MOU) is proposing to construct a new power line on behalf of their applicant, to supplying electricity to a household in the village. The photos provided to the case do not show any surface heritage features therefore, the potential impact on heritage resources is considered low. The construction of a 22 kV power line along the gravel road will not change the character of the landscape. The likelihood of heritage artefacts being uncovered from the foundation excavations is low. There will be no impact to palaeontological resources as the area is in a grey zone according to the SAHRIS palaeosensitivity map.

Final Decision

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit grants this application an exemption from further heritage assessments in terms of section 38(2)b of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

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

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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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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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.