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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Eskom MOU

Eskom Mpumalanga Operating Unit is proposing to construct a 22 Kv power line which is 4 759 meters on the Farms Versalles portion 1/535-KT, portion 3/535-KT, portion 4/535, and Farms Onverwacht portion 2/501-KT and RE/501-KT of Enhlanzeni District, Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The project will entail digging 1x1m and 1.8 meters deep holes to plant 11m wooden poles. The proposed power line will supply a water pump for the Banjomane Avocado Project (Desmond Greaver).

Eskom SOC Ltd Mpumalanga Operating Unit (MOU) has submitted a section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999 (NHRA) application, on behalf of their applicant to obtain a SAHRA decision in terms of section 38(2) of the NHRA for the construction of a power line, to provide electricity to an Eskom customer an avocado farm, Bushbuckridge Local Municipality of Mpumalanga.

The application does not contain sufficient information to process it.

SAHRA Response to Notification of Development

This application constitutes a section 38 (1) application for approval by SAHRA in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999 (NHRA), as the proposed power line exceeds 300 metres in length. As such SAHRA is providing response in terms of section 38(2) with regards to this application.

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit cannot make an informed decision on this proposed development because the information provided to this case is not enough to determine decisively that heritage resources will not be disturbed or damaged by the proposed power line construction. In order for SAHRA to process this case, The SAHRA requests that the DESD, survey diagram and Wayleave must be submitted to the case.

If historical features are identified in the photographs, then an assessment of impacts to heritage resources will be required in terms of section 38(2)a.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted



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Yours faithfully

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