



Letter

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

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Draft BAR: 400 Kv Eskom Middelburg Power Line

DRAFT BAR: PROPOSED DEVIATION AND RE-ALIGNMENT OF THE ESKOM 400KV POWERLINE ON THE FARM ELANDSPRUIT 291 JS PORTIONS 14 AND 35 NEAR MIDDELBURG, MPUMALANGA.

Eskom proposes the deviation of the existing Arnot Vulcan 400Kv Power Line; the existing power line traverses Portions 14 and 35 of the farm Elandspruit 291 JS, which is currently being mined via open cast methods for coal and clay by Shanduka Coal (Pty) Ltd, sterilizing a portion of the mineral reserves. Mining activities are also occurring on Portion 67, 68 and 69 of the farm Elandspruit 291 JS by Elandspruit Colliery (Pty) Ltd. The total length of the deviation as per the preferred option (Option A) will be approximately 3 km, traversing over five (5) different farm portions namely, Rietfontein 314 JS Portion 17 and Elandspruit 291 JS Portions 3, 26, 68 and 69.

In our response dated 10 August 2012 to the Heritage Impact report submitted to SAHRA dated April 2012, SAHRA indicated that no Palaeontological study was conducted for this project. SAHRA indicated that an assessment of the impacts to palaeontological resources is required. No such report has yet been received by SAHRA and as such, Section 38(3) of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999) has not yet been fully complied with.

In order to comply with SAHRA's previous request, a qualified palaeontologist must be contacted to undertake the necessary PIA or at least provide a Letter of Exemption, if deemed sufficient by the specialist. This report must be submitted and assessed by SAHRA before final environmental authorisation is granted.

Please note that any Decision in terms of Built Environment is the responsibility of the Mpumalanga Provincial Heritage Authority (Mr. Benjamin Moduka, email: bmoduka@mp.gov.za).

If any new evidence of archaeological/palaeontological sites or artefacts, or other heritage resources are found during construction activities, the SAHRA APM Unit (Mrs. Colette Scheermeyer or Mr. Phillip Hine, tel: 012 462 4502) must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist/palaeontologist must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, then a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary at the cost of the developer.

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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