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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
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28 Ferreira street
Nelspruit
1200

Eskom Distribution, Limpopo Mpumalanga (LIMLANGA) is proposing an electrification project at Thulamahashe village. The proposed 22kV powerline will feed from the Thulamahashe feeder, within the farm Edinburgh 238 KU, Ehlanzeni District municipality, Bushbuckridge municipality, Mpumalanga province. The project will involve the use of 14m wooden poles dug into a 2X2m wide and 2.4 deep holes.

Eskom SOC Ltd is proposing to construct a new power line on behalf of their applicant, to supplying electricity to various household in the Thulamahashe 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 that will be 6.87 kilometre in length constructed within road reserves in an existing village will not change the character of the landscape. The likelihood of heritage artefacts being uncovered from the foundation excavations is low. However, there must be a 30 m buffer zone around the cemetery. The power line route is located in an area of negligible palaeo-sensitivity and according to the SAHRIS palaeomap, no impact assessments are required.

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.



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There must be a 30 m buffer zone around the cemetery during ground clearance and construction.

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 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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Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/577605>

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.