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Interim Comment

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
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Eskom Distribution, Limpopo-Mpumalanga cluster(LIMLANGA) is proposing to build a 1.207 km, 22kV powerline from the Marite feeder near Mkhuhlu village. The project will be within the Madras 292 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 is proposing to construct a new power line from the Hozanne substation to the new Marite Feeder in the Mkhuhlu Village.

The photos provided to the case show a gravel road in a densely vegetated area with poor ground visibility, the potential impact on heritage resources is considered medium. The construction of a 22 kV power line that will be 1.207 kilometre in length in such an environment may impact on unknown heritage resources. The power line route is located in an area of negligible palaeo-sensitivity and according to the SAHRIS palaeomap, no impact assessments are required.

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 of the scale of the power line and nature of the landscape. In order for SAHRA to make an informed decision, an impact assessment in terms of section 38(3) must be undertaken by a suitably qualified archaeologist. The subsequent report must follow the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological Component of Impact Assessment Report. The quickest process to follow is to contract a



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qualified archaeologist (see www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za). **The Minimum Standards refers to a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption from further studies, that may be submitted should the archaeologist deem it appropriate.**

The SAHRA will process the case further once the HIA report or Letter of recommendation for exemption is submitted to the case.

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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