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Final Decision

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

Attention: Miss Matlhogonolo Nnene
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DSC Building
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The proposed Ga-Segonyane (CKU02-21) 1300 m long 22 kV powerline, in Kuruman, Northern Cape

Eskom has submitted an application in terms of section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) for a proposed 22kv powerline to be constructed on a property north-east from Kuruman, Northern Cape provinces.

The proposed powerline will be 1 300 m long, from an existing road, adjacent to a watercourse and through an area disturbed by access tracks and agricultural activities. The proposed development is located in an area of moderate palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map.

Two previous HIAs in the vicinity (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/heritage-reports/9-2-055-0002-20080801-acrm>) and <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/mapoteng-mv-line> that identified dolerite Stone Age lithics of low significance. The PIA conducted as part of the Mapoteng Line noted that area is “underlain by dolomite, limestone and chert of the Ghaap Group and Kalahari Group sands and limestones. Stromatolites are known to be present in the Ghaap Group formations; and fossil pan and ancient river deposits are evident in Kalahari sands.”

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As per section 38(2)a of the NHRA, the SAHRA Archaeological, Palaeontological and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes that it is unlikely that significant archaeological and palaeontological heritage resources may be impacted by the proposed line. Therefore, no further assessment of the impact to heritage resources is required.

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The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 38(2) and 38(4) of the NHRA and must be adhered to:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – No specific conditions are provided for the development;
- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
 - If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA.

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/579093>

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.