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## Final Decision

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

Attention: Ms Phuluso

Eskom - LOU

92 Hans van Rensburg

Polokwane

0700

**Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd, Limpopo Operating Unit (LOU) intends to construct the powerline for the above-mentioned project. The powerline will be connected from the existing powerline in the area from pole number MGL245/33, (refer to the Span plan sheets and the Pegging Coordinates for more information) traversing on farm Rem of farm Ngondeni (STREKSTROOM 227MT) Vhembe District in the Limpopo Province. Environmental Screening of the powerline route was conducted during mapping of the project and pegging of the route by Survey team and site verification by Environmental Practitioner which lead to the generation of the servitude planning documents [Distribution Environmental Screening Document (DESD), Wayleave, Span plan and Pegging coordinates attached for your reference]. No Heritage resources outlined on item 6.3 of the DESD were observed on site.**

Eskom SOC Ltd, Limpopo Operating Unit (LOU) 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 new 471m long power line starting at SG-Geluk 22kV feeder, the power line will be supplying electricity to a farm on the remainder of the farm Sterkstroom 277 MT, in Greater Tzaneen Local Municipality of Limpopo Province.

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 22kV power line will not impact on heritage resources or change the character of the landscape. The likelihood of heritage artefacts being uncovered from the foundation excavations is low. The overall power line is located in a blue palaeontology sensitive zone according to the SAHRIS palaeomap. According to the SAHRIS palaeomap policy, the development does not require a palaeontological impact assessment.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit grants this application an exemption from

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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.

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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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/579705>

**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.