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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
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1200

Eskom Holdings, Limpopo-Mpumalanga Cluster(LIMLANGA) is proposing to build a 339 m MV powerline from the Rustplaas 22kV feeder near Lydenburg. The project will be within the Boomplats 29 JT property, Ehlanzeni District municipality, Thabachweu Local Municipality, Mpumalanga province. The project will involve the digging of 2X2m and 2,4m deep holes to plant 14m wooden poles and install transformer to supply a customer.

Eskom SOC Ltd Limpopo Mpumalanga Cluster Operating Unit (LimLanga) 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 power line, to provide electricity to an Eskom customer in the Boomplaas, Thaba Chweu Local Municipality of Mpumalanga.

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 is less than a kilometre in length will not change the character of the landscape. The likelihood of heritage artefacts being uncovered from the foundation excavations is low. However, the area is also located in a low palaeo-sensitivity area and the power line will have negligible impact on the palaeo-heritage.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts application and all the supporting documents for this proposed power line route. Therefore, in terms of section 38(2)b of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999 (NHRA) the proposed development is granted an exemption from undertaking a Heritage Impact Assessment.

The 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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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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Heritage Officer
South African Heritage Resources Agency

Phillip Hine

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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.