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Final Decision

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

Attention: Ms Ntsoaki Patience

92 Hans Van Rensburg
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Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd, Limpopo Operating Unit (LOU) intends to construct the power line for the above-mentioned project. The power line will include new 637.58M MV, which will T-off from the existing power line in pole number PS30/10/7/4/3 (refer to the Span plan sheets and the Pegging Coordinates for more information) traversing on Ptn 35 of farm Palmiefintien 684-LS, in Polokwane Local Municipality of Capricorn District Municipality of the Limpopo Province.

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 power line starting at PS 11kV feeder. The power line will be supplying electricity to various households on Portion 4 of the farm Palmietfontein 684 LS, in Polokwane Local Municipality of Limpopo Province.

The SAHRA issued a letter dated 06/12/2021 requesting ground level photographs for the proposed power line. The photographs have been added to the case.

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 11 kV 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 grey 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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As the new line will be built in a disturbed area and there are likely no in-situ heritage resources, no further assessment of the impact to heritage resources is required as per section 38(2)a of the NHRA.



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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 further conditions are required 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 (Nokukhanya Khumalo/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/Ngqalabutho Madida 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 regarding offenses;

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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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/585358>

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.