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## Final Decision

### In terms of Section 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Miss Asandiswa Bongo  
Eskom SOC Limited  
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**Eskom is intending to erect a 22 kV powerline that is approximately 17,563 km long. The powerline will begin at Gamohaam substation and supply electricity to the people of the Gantatelang community. The proposed development will take place in the Gasegonyane local Municipality, near 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 from the Gamohaam substation, Kuruman, Northern Cape Province, to provide the community with electricity.

The proposed powerline will be 17,563 km long and will be constructed within areas disturbed by gravel and tarred roads, existing powerlines and residential development. Only a small section of the line will run through an undisturbed area. The DESD notes that graves are located along the road. The proposed line is located in an area of very high, high and moderate sensitivity for palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map.

In an Interim Comment issued on the 03/11/2021, SAHRA requested that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) inclusive of a desktop PIA be conducted for the proposed development that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA. Since the issuing of the Interim Comment, an HIA and PIA have been submitted for review (29/01/2022).

*Durand. J. F. 2022. Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the Proposed Gamohaam Ntatelang 22kV Line - Kuruman, Northern Cape.*

The proposed development area is underlain by dolomitic limestone of the Lime Acres Formation and is overlain by a layer of sandy soil of the Gordonia Formation and sands, calcretes and surface limestones of the Mokalanen Formation. No palaeontological sites were identified as part of the field assessment. Stromatolites

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may be present and a Chance Fossil Finds Procedure is recommended to be followed, especially in the southern part of the study site.

*Magoma, M and Ngoben, N. 2022. Phase 1 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment Specialist Report for the proposed Gamohaam Ntatelang 22KV powerline on Kuruman 690 in Gasegonyane Local Municipality of John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality, Northern Cape Province.*

No heritage resources were identified within the proposed powerline route. A cemetery is located 55 m from the proposed powerline route and will not be impacted.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- Ensuring that the descendants (community members in this instance) of the graves are sought, and notified about this proposed construction which may have an impact (directly or indirectly) on their grave. This can be done by means of placing of placard(s) in the township, or through liaising with the ward-councilor/ and or traditional leader;
- Aspects related to dumping of construction material within this buffer zone and stone robbing or removal of any material should be addressed, and discouraged;
- Labor-intensive workers should be notified about this cemetery, and the developer should avoid conveying duty during the time when the graveyard is active (that's mostly Saturday morning); and
- A Chance Finds Procedure must be implemented.

## Final Decision

The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 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 – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further 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

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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/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 with regards to offences;
- 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/587608>

**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.