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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(2), 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Miss Asandiswa Bongo
Eskom SOC Limited
69 Memorial Road, Monument Heights
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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.

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As per section 38(2)a of the NHRA, SAHRA requests that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) be conducted for the proposed development that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA. The following must be included in the HIA:

The assessment must include an assessment of the impact to archaeological resources. The assessment of archaeological resources must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and the report comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports (see www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za for a list of qualified archaeologists).

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The proposed development is located within an area of very high, high and moderate Palaeontological Sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. (See <https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html> for a list of qualified palaeontologists). The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the requested HIA.

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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