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Final Decision

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

Attention: Mrs Nkateko Msimango
Eskom Distribution- LOU
92 Hans van Rensburg

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd, Limpopo Operating Unit (LOU) hereby notifying you that it intends to construct the powerline for the above-mentioned project. The powerline will include new 359.5m MV which will be supplying a farm for agricultural activities on Portion 16 of the farm Rietspruit 527 LQ in Lephalale Local Municipality of Waterberg District Municipality in 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 569m long power line starting at Afguns 22kV feeder, power line will be supplying electricity to a farm on Portion 16 of the farm Rietfontein 527 LQ, in Maruleng 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.

Final Decision

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

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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

Nokukhanya Khumalo
Heritage Officer
South African Heritage Resources Agency

Phillip Hine
Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit
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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.