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Letter

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

Attention: Ms Maria Rampjapedi
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0700

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd, Limpopo Operating Unit (LOU) intends to construct the powerline for the above-mentioned project. The powerline will include MV which will be connected to the existing powerline in the area (refer to the Span plan sheets and the Pegging Coordinates for more information) Lenyenye, Greater Tzaneen local 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 power line 5.5 km in length starting at the Lenyenye-Letsitele Valley 22kV feeder, along a new route and to dismantle an existing power line in Greater Tzaneen Limpopo Province.

However, the proposed power line is not mapped correctly as it appears in the span plan document and a proper assessment of potential heritage resources on the palaeo-sensitivity map cannot be undertaken. Also portions of the power line traverse thick vegetation and there is no additional photos within that area to give better ground visibility.

SAHRA Response to Notification of Development

This application constitutes a section 38 (1) application for approval by SAHRA in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999 (NHRA), as the proposed power line exceeds 300 metres in length. As such SAHRA is providing response in terms of section 38(2) with regards to this application.

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit cannot make an informed decision on this proposed development because the information provided to this case is not enough to determine decisively that heritage resources will not be disturbed or damaged by the proposed power line construction. In order for SAHRA to process this case, The SAHRA requests that an amended .kml file that shows the power line route as it



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appears on the Span Plan document and additional ground level photographs of areas with thick vegetation to provide better/closer look at the ground.

If historical features are identified in the photographs, then an assessment of impacts to heritage resources will be required in terms of section 38(2)a.

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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