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Final Decision

In terms of Section 38(2), 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Ms Mahlatse Shiloane
Eskom Distribution- LOU
92 Hans van Rensburg Street
P.O Box 3499
Polokwane
0700

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd, Limpopo Operating Unit (LOU) intends to construct the power line for the above-mentioned project. The power line will include 348m, which will T-off from the existing power line in pole number MMR56/11A/14/4 (refer to the Span plan sheets and the Pegging Coordinates for more information) traversing on the farm Gamma 891-LT in Greater Giyani Local Municipality of Mopani 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 348m power line starting at the Margot Morogolo 22kV feeder. Eskom is proposing to provide electricity to local business in Giyani Local Municipality of the 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 that is within an existing village, and along a gravel road will not change the character of the landscape. The likelihood of heritage artefacts being uncovered from the foundation excavations is low. However, the area is also located in a low palaeo-sensitivity area and the power line will have negligible impact on the palaeo-heritage.

Final Decision

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts application and all the supporting documents for this proposed power line route. Therefore, in terms of section 38(2)b of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999 (NHRA) the proposed development is granted an exemption from undertaking a Heritage Impact Assessment.

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The 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:

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 (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Ngqalabutho Madida 012 320 8490).

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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Heritage Officer
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Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/593924>

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.