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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Mr Alex Neethling  
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### **New 3.56km OHL on Eerstehoek 235 IT Remainder and Aarnhemburg 155 IT Portion 2, Albert Luthuli Location Munic, Gert Sibande District Munic, Mpumalanga**

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 11kV powerline to be constructed on Eerstehoek 235 IT Remainder and Aarnhemburg 155 IT Portion 2, Albert Luthuli Location Munic, Gert Sibande District Munic, Mpumalanga Province.

The proposed powerline will be 3.56 km and run through a village and adjacent to dirt roads. The Distribution Environmental Screening Document (DESD) notes that graves are located next to the waterplant. The proposed development is located in an area of negligible palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map.

In an Interim Comment, SAHRA requested clarity regarding the distance of the proposed powerline from the graves, and the age and number of graves. Since the issuing of the comment, Eskom has provided a map showing four graves located 20m from the proposed powerline (27/06/2022).

### **Interim Comment**

SAHRA requests that an assessment of the impact to the graves be conducted by a qualified heritage practitioner. The assessment must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested report.

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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