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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Ms Maria Rampjapedi

Eskom - LOU

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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) Dan village, GreaterTzaneen local Municipality of the Limpopo Province. Environmental Screening of the powerline route was conducted during mapping of the village and pegging of the route the by Survey team and site verification by Environmental Practitioner which lead to the generation of the servitude planning documents [Distribution Environmental Screening Document (DESD), Wayleave, Span plan and Pegging coordinates attached for your reference

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 for the construction of a power line 3162.8 m in length starting at the Letaba Julesburg 22kV feeder, crossing the farm Mohlabas Location 567 LT, along the existing Letaba Risenga 66kV power line in Greater Tzaneen Local Municipality of the Limpopo Province. This power line will be connecting and upgrading the power supply from the Letaba Substation to the Julesburg Substation.

A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) report by Mr J Pistorius has been submitted for this application.

Pistorius, J.C.C. May 2012. A PHASE I HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY FOR ESKOM'S PROPOSED LETABA PROJECT IN THE LIMPOPO PROVINCE.

In 2012 the author undertook a field survey of proposed projects not relating to the current case, but were located in the same vicinity. At least four (4) formal cemeteries were identified located far from the then proposed power lines and substations.

SAHRA Response to Notification of Development

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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.

The report is over 10 years old and assesses activities not proposed in this current case. The SAHRA cannot make informed decision on the current application based on the results of this report. The current power line application will pass across an existing cemetery and the DESD mentions potential impacts to the graves during construction. An archaeologist must be appointed to undertake a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) and the report must be submitted before the case is processed further.

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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