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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: Mrs Galaletsang Mongalo
Eskom MOU
28 Ferreira street
Nelspruit
1200

Eskom Holdings, Limpopo-Mpumalanga Cluster(LIMLANGA) is proposing to build a 621m MV and 1.164km LV powerlines from the Chochocho 22kV feeder at Buffelshoek village. The project will be within the farms Buffelshoek 216 KU and Okkernootboom 211 KU, Ehlanzeni District municipality, Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, Mpumalanga province. The project will involve the digging of 2X2m and 2,4m deep holes to plant 14m wooden poles and install 100 kVA transformer to supply households in the area.

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 electrification of a residential area on the farm Buffelshoek 216 KU and Okkernootboom 211 KU, Buffelshoek Village, Mpumalanga Province.

The proposed powerline will be 621 m and 1 164 m and will be located in an established village. The development area has been previously disturbed by residential construction, agriculture, roads and fences. The proposed development is located in an area of insignificant palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map.

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As the electrification will be built in a disturbed area and there are likely no *in-situ* heritage resources, no further assessment of the impact to heritage resources is required as per section 38(2)a of the NHRA.

The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 38(2) and 38(4) of the NHRA and must be adhered to:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development;

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- 38(4)b – No further conditions are required for the development;
- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Ngqalabutho Madida 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA regarding offenses;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
 - If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA.

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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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.