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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Vungandze Projects

Eskom Holdings SOC Limited is proposing an installation of a Low-Pressure System (LPS) pipeline and an 11KV powerline within the Kendal Power Station continuous ash disposal facility in Mpumalanga Province.

Sazi Environmental Consulting CC has been appointed by Eskom Holdings SOC Limited to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed construction of a Low-Pressure System (LPS) pipeline and 11kV powerline at the Kendal Power Station, near Kendal, Mpumalanga Province (DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2553).

A draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will include the construction of a LPS pipeline and 11kV powerline.

Vungandze Project (Pty) Ltd were appointed to provide heritage specialist input into the EA process as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Mngomezulu, M. 2022. Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Kendal Power Station Continuous Ash Disposal Facility and Associated Infrastructure (Low-Pressure System (LPS) Pipeline; 11kV Powerline) in Mpumalanga Province.

One possible grave was identified within the proposed development area. A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended to be followed.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that the HIA be revised to include the following:

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- As per section 38(3)a of the NHRA, a map of the identified heritage resources;
- A description of the identified possible grave with photographs and as per section 38(3)b of the NHRA, an assessment of the cultural significance of the heritage resources;
- To include discussions with regards to section 38(3)d and e of the NHRA;
- As per section 38(3)g of the NHRA, recommendations for the mitigation of impact to identified heritage resources.

A section of the proposed powerline and pipeline were not assessed as per the tracklog on page 17 of the HIA. This section must be surveyed as part of the revised HIA.

A field-based PIA must be completed as part of the EA process as the proposed development area is located in an area of very high palaeontological sensitivity.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above pending reports and the revised BAR to include the results of the revised HIA and PIA. The applicant is advised to extend the EA process in terms of section 19(1)b of the NEMA EIA Regulations in order to address this comment.

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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