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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 Phuluso

Eskom - LOU

92 Hans van Rensburg

Polokwane

0700

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd, Limpopo Operating Unit (LOU) intends to construct the powerline for the above-mentioned project. The powerline will be connected from the existing powerline in the area from pole number MGL307/19, (refer to the Span plan sheets and the Pegging Coordinates for more information) traversing on farm Rem of farm STERKSTROOM 277 MT Vhembe District in the Limpopo Province. Environmental Screening of the powerline route was conducted during mapping of the project and pegging of the route 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]. No Heritage resources outlined on item 6.3 of the DESD were observed on site.

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 22kV powerline in the Bambeni Village on the farm Gamma 891 LT.

The current power line under application will t-off at the Bambeni/Shawela 22KV rural feeder and will be supplying electricity to supply to various households in the Bambeni Village. The proposed development is located in an area of negligible palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map.

Final Decision

As the new line 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 Development Applications Unit (DAU) 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 DA Unit (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Natasha Higgitt 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.