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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(8), 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Ms Tshifhiwa Matamela

Eskom Holdings SOC Limited

92 Hans van Rensburg Street, Polokwane, 0700

The Proposed Construction of a 66kV Deviation Powerline (± 400 Meters in Length) from the Existing Knobel-Gilead Distribution Powerline, Molemole Local Municipality, Limpopo Province

GA Environmental (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Eskom Holdings (SOC) Ltd to undertake a Basic Assessment in support of an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environment Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) for activities that trigger the NEMA EIA 2014 Regulations, for the construction of an approximately 400m long 66kV deviation Knobel/Gilead Power line in the Molemole Local Municipality, Limpopo Province.

The power line will be located on Farm Lanark 199 LS, between two villages (Ga-Phagodi and Masetlong) in order to upgrade the electricity supply to meet increased demand.

The Final Scoping Report, it's appendices, including the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) report for the project have been submitted to SAHRA in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 25 of 1999 for commenting.

Van der Walt, J. and Kraljevic, L. June 2023. HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A 66kV DEVIATION POWERLINE (± 400 METERS IN LENGTH) FROM THE EXISTING KNOBEL-GILEAD DISTRIBUTION POWERLINE, MOLEMOLÉ LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE.

The author undertook a field assessment and did not identify any heritage resources along the proposed power line route. The author does not recommend any further mitigation measures and notes that the study area is in an area of negligible palaeo-sensitivity and no studies are required.

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The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final BAR:

38(4)a – The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) has no objections to the proposed development;

38(4)b – The recommendations provided by the heritage specialists are supported and must be adhered to. There is no further additional conditions.

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 021 202 8660) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offence 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 DA Unit (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offence 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;

38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:

i) 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;

The Final BAR must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes;

The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

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.