



## **Interim Comment**

### **In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: Eskom Distribution Central Region  
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#### **Proposed Eskom Khanyazwe - Buffelspruit 132kV Powerline, Nkomazi Local Municipality, Mpumalanga.**

*Van Vollenhoven, A. (August 2012). A Report on a Basic Assessment relating to Cultural Heritage Resources for the proposed Eskom Malelane-Khanyazwe Project, Mpumalanga*

The above report was submitted in support of the proposed 132kV powerline from a new proposed switching station at Malelane to the existing Buffelspruit Substation. Two route alternatives are proposed. Route 1 is 32.96km long and is the preferred route. Route 2 is longer at a proposed 42km.

No track paths were included in the report. No assessment of impact to other types of heritage resources was included in the report such as palaeontological resources, significant structures or intangible heritage. As such, the submitted report does not comply with Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act and therefore does not satisfy the requirements of the Heritage Authority as is required in terms of Section 38(8).

The proposed development area has been previously disturbed by agricultural activities. In some places, however, the vegetation was dense enough to limit archaeological visibility. The proposed Alternative 1 is situated on more disturbed land than Alternative 2, and is preferred in terms of impacts to visual resources as well as impacts to heritage resources.

The submitted HIA does not conform to SAHRA's Minimum Standards for Impact Assessment Reports dated May 2007 and does not comply with Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act and therefore does not satisfy the requirements of the Heritage Authority as is required in terms of Section 38(8). As such, SAHRA requires that an HIA be completed that satisfies SAHRA's Minimum Standards for Impact Assessment Reports (2007). However, based on the information provided, SAHRA is able to determine that the preferred route is Alternative 1.

As no assessment of impacts to palaeontological resources has yet been completed, SAHRA requires that a Desktop Palaeontological Assessment be completed and submitted before a Final Comment can be issued.

SAHRA will await the submission of these revised studies before issuing a Final Comment.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully



## Khanyazwe to Buffelspruit Powerlines

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### ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/118867>

### 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.



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