

## Final Comment

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

Attention: Eskom - NWOU

**The project entails the construction of an approximate 20km 88kV powerline and a substation.**

*Van Vollenhoven, AC. December 2013. A report on a cultural heritage impact assessment for the proposed eskom Lethabong project, close to Brits, North West Province.*

Eskom proposes the construction of a new substation (Lethabong) and 20 km power line near Brits, North West Province. A Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment has been submitted in support of this application. For the power line three route alternatives were investigated. The author indicated in the report that the area was surveyed over a period of six hours. During the survey no archaeological/palaeontological or any other types of heritage resources were identified.

In terms of the power line alternatives, the archaeologist indicated that the area the preferred option traverses is relatively flat and crosses areas that are used for game farms and areas that were ploughed in the past. According to the report the second alternative follows a similar route as the preferred option. Alternative three follows the Beestekraal tar road and passes a number of streams. It is noted that dense vegetation is present in pockets in along all three alternatives.

The author indicated that there are no objections in terms of the heritage resources for the proposed development proceeding.

According to the palaeo-sensitivity map (<http://www.sahra.org.za/map/palaeo>), the area is considered to have an insignificant/zero palaeo-sensitivity. No palaeontological studies are therefore required for this project.

Comment:

SAHRA has no objection to the proposed development in terms of the archaeological and palaeontological component of the heritage resources. However, the following recommendations must be implemented:

1. The preferred route alignments must be subject to a final walk-down. Specific emphasis must be placed on tower locations. The results of the walk down must be submitted to SAHRA for comment.
2. No further palaeontological studies are required for the project.

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3. If any archaeological/palaeontological or any other heritage resources are identified during construction activities, SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit (Colette Scheermeyer/Phillip Hine, tel. 021 462 4502), and an archaeologist/palaeontologist, dependent on the nature of the find must be alerted immediately. If the newly discovered heritage resource is considered to be significant, a mitigation assessment may be required.

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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Phillip Hine  
Heritage Officer

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Colette Scheermeyer  
SAHRA Head Archaeologist  
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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/159891>  
(DEA, Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1114)

**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.