

Final Decision

In terms of Section 38(2) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Eskom-MOU

Proposed construction of a 1124 m 22 kV powerline. Project number: Enon P. School. Project name: Eskom. In Armesfort, Gert Sibande Municipality, Mpumalanga province.

Thank you for informing SAHRA of the proposed construction of a 22KV Power line from farm Rolfontein 536 IS on portion 0, Amersfoort in Gert Sibande Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The power line is proposed to be 1124 metres long.

It should be noted that this proposed development constitutes a linear development exceeding 300m as per Section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999). In terms of Section 38(2) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999), the relevant heritage authority is required to determine whether or not the proposed development is likely to impact on any significant heritage resources.

Based on the submitted information, the area of proposed development has been previously disturbed by farming activities, it is unlikely that any significant heritage will be impacted on by the proposed development.

Decision

The area of the proposed power line development is already disturbed, it is unlikely that any significant heritage will be found in the area of proposed power line route. As such no further heritage studies are required and Section 38(3) does not apply as per Section 38(2)b.

Please note, however, that heritage resources are still generally protected in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act. Heritage resources likely to occur in the area include rock art, buried ceramics, archaeological artefacts and burials.

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed development on the condition that if any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502) must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

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

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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/167775>

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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