



Final Comment

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

Attention: Eskom - NWOU

Heritage Impact Assessment in terms of the proposed Matlosana 132 kV Loop-in-Loop-Out Line and Substation situated on Sections of Portions 36 and 60 of the farm Palmietfontein 403 IP, City of Matlosana Local Municipality, North West Province.

Birkholtz, P. June 2014. Matlosana 132 Kv Loop-In-Loop-Out Line And Substation: Proposed Eskom Line on Sections of Portions 36 and 60 of the farm Palmietfontein 403 IP, City of Matlosana Local Municipality, North West Province.

The Anglo-Saxon Group proposes the construction of a 132 kV Loop-in-Loop-Out power line and Substation on sections of Portions 36 and 60 of the farm Palmietfontein 403 IP, City of Matlosana Local Municipality, North West Province. A portion of the power line was previously surveyed during 2010 for a Township development. The focus of this report was on the portion of the power line that falls outside the area surveyed in 2010. However, the specialist team surveyed the entire area for the current investigation.

Sites identified:

Site 1: An informal cemetery containing eleven graves. The specialist notes that the cemetery probably reflects the remains of four adults and seven children. It is recommended that the site be fenced and retained in situ.

Site 2: A possible grave which comprises of an oval shaped stone concentration in an east-west orientation. The specialist recommended that the site should be retained *in situ* and fenced.

Site 3: A small informal cemetery with 38 graves which falls outside the current project area.

No archaeological resources were identified during the field assessment and the area is deemed to have a low to insignificant palaeontological sensitivity.

Final Comment:

The SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit supports the recommendation of the specialist that the identified burials be retained *in situ* and fenced. The graves should be restored where these are dilapidated, protected and conserved. For this purpose, a proper fence must be build around them including entry gates to allow visits from relatives and family friends. The fence must be placed 5 meters away from the perimeter of the graves. No development is allowed within 15 meters from the fence line surrounding the graves.

Relocation is dependent on the results of the consultation process and a permit would be required in terms of section 36 of the NHRA.

As there is apparently no evidence of any significant archaeological and palaeontological material in this area,





the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objection to the development on condition that, if any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources is found during development, SAHRA (Mr Phillip Hine/Mrs Colette Scheermeyer, tel. 021 462 4502) and an archaeologist and/or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be alerted immediately.

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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/168282>

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.

