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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Eskom - NWOU

### **PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF ESKOM RHOMBUS LETHABONG 88KV POWERLINE AND SUBSTATION, NORTH WEST PROVINCE; RUSTENBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.**

*Van Schalkwyk, J. March 2014. Cultural heritage assessment for the proposed Rhombus 88kv distribution power line and substation, west of Brits, North West Province.*

Eskom proposes the construction of 25 km 88Kv power line and a 100 x 100 meter 88Kv substation. The power line will run between the proposed Rhombus substation and the future Lethabong substation. The Lethabong substation forms part of a separate EIA application. The project will consist of one preferred option and two alternative route alignments. Two site alternatives, both sites are located on Portion 2 of the Farm Losperfontein 405 JQ.

A heritage assessment was undertaken for this project by Dr J. Van Schalkwyk and the field survey was done on 21 March 2014. The specialist indicated that the area is relatively pristine and can be classified as green fields. No archaeological or any other types of heritage resources were identified during the field assessment.

According to the fossil sensitivity map the area is not considered to have an insignificant to zero palaeontological sensitivity. No palaeontological study is required for this application.

Comment:

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed development in terms of the archaeological and palaeontological component of the heritage resources, provided that the following recommendations are implemented:

1. A final walk-down by an archaeologist must be done for the approved power line alignment; and a report submitted to SAHRA for commenting.
2. If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, marine shell and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Phillip Hine/Colette Scheermeyer, tel. 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



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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/173993>

**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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