

Final Decision

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

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Proposed construction of a 22 kv power line. Project name: Eskom. Project number: Ezakheni Electrification. Area: Piet Retief. Mkhondo Local municipality. Mpumalanga

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the intention to build power lines of various voltages, located on Portion 14, of farm Rustplaas 494 IT, near the town of Piet Retief, Mkhondo Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The Medium Voltage (MV) power line is proposed to start at the KKE rural feeder, the length of the MV power line is proposed to be 753 metres. The Low Voltage (LV) power line is to supply Ezakheni village will join in to the new MV power line, and the power line is intended to be a total of 2 745 metres in length.

Under sections 34, 35 and 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999) heritage resources are protected from damage from mining and development activities. These resources are for instance burial grounds, unmarked and marked graves that are older than 60 years, built structures that are older than 60 years old, archaeology (stone tools, stone walled sites, prehistoric and historic pottery sherds, ash grounds etc.) and palaeontology (fossils of plant and animal material).

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Based on the information that was submitted in this case, the route in which the power line will traverse has been previously disturbed by the Ezakheni village. No further heritage studies are required for this power line project and Section 38(3) does not apply as per Section 38(2)b.

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objections to this proposed development, based on the submitted information. However, should any evidence of any significant 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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Yours faithfully

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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/174296>

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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