

Final Decision

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

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The customer Kalabasfontein requested a 11kV line in Bethal.

Thank you for notifying SAHRA on the proposed development a 11kv power line development in the North of Bethal. The power lines will be located on Portions 8 and 11 of the farm Kalabasfontein 232 IS, eMalahleni Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The power line is intended to be a 1.8 km of Low Voltage power line. The power line will supply the Kalabasfontein Village, from the rural Bethal-Bethal North Feeder.

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 to this case, the route in which the power lines is intended to traverse has been disturbed by current agricultural activities and residential development, thus the likelihood of the finding significant archaeological and other heritage resources is low.

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The area of proposed power line development is already disturbed, it is unlikely that any significant heritage will be found in the area of the proposed power line route. As such no further heritage studies are required as per Section 38(2)(b).

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.



Yours faithfully

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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/179461>

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.

