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

Attention: Mnr Pieter du Preez
Eskom Distribution- LOU
109 Snyman St
Eduan Park
Polokwane
Limpopo

Multi Project Services in conjunction with Readira Projects intends to construct the powerline for the above-mentioned project. The powerline will include 1095m MV line which will be connected to the existing pole number AMZ4/411 to AMZ4/400 in the area (refer to the Span plan sheets and the Pegging Coordinates for more information) traversing Portion 4 of Wolvenkraal 192 JR in the Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality in Mpumalanga (47KM West of Groblersdal). The line will make way for the upgrading of the road next to the power line. The project area is right next to the upgraded road and heavily degraded by current land use and road construction activities such as the roads and existing powerline. Given the observation that the area is heavily degraded Multi Project Services request the Heritage Compliance Agency to exempt this project from full heritage assessment studies or any further AIA/HIA studies and grant us permission to proceed with the development as proposed. However, should any of the heritage resources, including graves or human remains be encountered or discovered during construction, Eskom shall immediately cease construction, inform SAHRA office, other relevant Department and as soon as possible contract a professional archaeologist to inspect the findings and conduct investigation as prescribed by the Act. Please refer to photos, spanplan and coordinates for more detail

Thank you for submitting this proposed power line deviation by Eskom in the village of Elandsdoorn near Majakaneng, starting at the Zoetmelkfontein 22 kV. Along with other documentation photos of the proposed route were submitted, and it is noted that some areas of the proposed power line route are within road servitude as well as some existing lines are being moved because the roads are being widened.

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.

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Due to the power line being constructed on existing road servitude it is unlikely that any significant heritage will be disturbed during construction in the area of proposed power line route, as such no further heritage studies are required as per Section 38(2)b. However since there is little present development, construction must be vigilant of any possible heritage resources.

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), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, 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, and a permit will be needed before mitigation. You may contact SAHRA APM Unit for further details: (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8652),
- and if any unmarked human burials are uncovered then please contact the SAHRA BGG Unit (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490).

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

Yours faithfully

Nokukhanya Khumalo
Heritage Officer

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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.