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## Letter

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

Attention: Miss Sebenzile Happyness Mavis Mhlongo

**Project name:Wescoal mining project number: WM143986214 Area:Middleburg Farm name:Elanspruit 291 JS Length of the line: 3327.436m**

Thank you for creating a case on SAHRIS and informing SAHRA on the proposed construction of an overhead 11 kV power line. The case application only details the location of the proposed power line and it does not mention whether Eskom SOC Ltd will be carrying out the construction of the power line or the power line is a self build application. Furthermore a project description is always lacking in Eskom power line applications. The information provided to SAHRA is inadequate to process this development application and we are not sure if the case status was ready to be placed as "SUBMITTED". In addition no photographs of the landscape in which the line will be constructed have been submitted to the case. Eskom SOC Ltd as a chapter 9 state entity, consistently makes applications on behalf of their clients, which do not fulfill the legislative requirements. All the letters issued to the cases are legal letters bound by the legislation and should be followed through.

It should be noted that this proposed development constitutes a linear development exceeding 300 m 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 (in this instance SAHRA is a legal statutory body as outlined in the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999) (NHRA)) is required to determine whether or not the proposed development is likely to impact on any significant heritage resources.

However as 6 months to a 1 year has gone by without SAHRA issuing comments this particular power line application was created on SAHRIS, SAHRA will not be issuing a decision letter. SAHRA requests confirmation on whether this development has gone ahead.

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/354065>