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## Letter

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

Attention: Greater Taung Local Municipality

#### **Notice of intent to engage in the development of electrical infrastructure for the purposes of household electrification in the Buxton area, Taung municipality**

Eskom SOC Ltd is proposing to construct either an underground or overhead 33kV power lines that will be located on the farm Taung 894, just outside the town of Norlim in the Taung Municipality in the North-West Province.

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.

However the information submitted to the case is not sufficient to process this case as the project description does not contain enough information of the following points: construction, areas to be affected by construction including particular location details like the farm and municipality name, nature of the environment. Detailed information of why two methods of construction are being considered should be included in the project description. There is more information about the overhead power lines submitted to the case, but very little in terms of the underground construction methods.

In addition the photos of the proposed power line route are not sufficient to assess the conditions of the landscape of the power line route. The photos should show ground level images of the power line route, and the road crossings as well as where it starts and where it ends.

This power line will be constructed close to a declared world heritage site and national heritage site and SAHRA would like a suitably qualified palaeontologist and archaeologist to look at the proposed power line route. The report could be a letter of exemption or a full PIA/HIA compiled by the respective professional and if it is within the boundaries of the declared site a separate permit application will have to be made after receiving and commenting on the heritage specialist reports.

SAHRA will comment further on this proposed power line development once the above requested reports are

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submitted to the case.

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:**

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