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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(2), 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr Lubabalo Ndzimande
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Joe Morolong municipality customers applied for a 3 point electricity supply to pump water to supply local areas. the 22kV line will tap from suspension pole number LDR 360 - 208 for 3 km to the relative 3 points of supply at Gakhoe Village. this will take place at Kuruman, under JT District Municipality, Northern Cape. this is the same project but raised on different conditions.

Eskom has been requested to provide electrical infrastructure to pump water to supply local areas. The proposed 22kV powerline will be 2 972.4 m long and will cross a dry river bed and through a linear settlement along a road.

In a Response to NID comment, SAHRA noted that the Distribution Environmental Screening Document (DESD) submitted in 2016 stated that there would be a high impact caused by the development of the powerline. SAHRA requested that in terms of section 38(1) and 38(2) of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999 (NHRA), that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) be conducted to assess the impact to heritage resources by the proposed development. The HIA was to include an archaeological and a palaeontological component.

A new DESD, new layout kmz. file submitted in 2018 and ground level photographs show a slight alteration of the proposed powerline route, however, the powerline is still noted to have a high impact as shown in the DESD.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that an HIA as per section 38(3) of the NHRA be completed. The HIA must be completed by a heritage practitioner with relevant experience

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and must comply with the 2006 SAHRA Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports. Additionally, as the proposed powerline route is located within an area of very high palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map, a Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be completed by a qualified palaeontologist. The PIA must comply with the 2012 SAHRA Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.

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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