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Response to NID (Notification of Intent to Develop)

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

Attention: Galaletsang Motlalekgosi
Eskom-MOU

Eskom SOC Ltd, Mpumalanga Operating Unit is proposing a line deviation project on the Casteel 22kV feeder. the project will be within the Kasteel 231 KU, Ehlanzeni District Municipality, Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The 14 wooden poles will be planted in 2.4m deep hole with the area of 2X2m. A portion of the existing power line that traverses stands will be dismantled

Eskom SOC Ltd, Mpumalanga Operating Unit (MOU) is requesting, on behalf of their applicant, that SAHRA grant them an exemption from conducting heritage studies for this proposed power line development. According to the documents submitted to the case, the proposed development is for the construction a 740m 22kv powerline from the Athurseat Casteel 22kV feeder near to Casteel Village rural residential area in Kasteel 231 KU farm in Ehlanzeni District Municipality, Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

The project will involve digging of 2.4m deep holes with the area of 2mX2m to plant 14m wooden poles and a portion of the existing power line that traverses stands will be dismantled. The proposed development is located in an area of insignificant palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. There are graves on the line route that developers need to be careful for when driving and executing the work. The photos provided to the case do not show any other surface heritage features.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes that there are graves on the power line route which are protected in terms of section 36 on the National Heritage Resources Act, act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). Therefore, the location of the graves relative to the route must be mapped out and a 30m buffer must be maintained around the graves. The map must be submitted to the case on SAHRIS.

Due to the level of disturbance in the proposed development area, SAHRA deems it unlikely that any other significant archaeological heritage resources will be present along the route. It is noted that the development area is of insignificant palaeontological significance, therefore, in terms of section 38(2)b of the NHRA, the proposed development is granted an exemption from undertaking a Heritage Impact Assessment.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.

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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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/530414>

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.