



## **Interim Comment**

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

Attention: Nzumbululo Heritage Solutions  
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0700  
**A PHASE I HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT (HIA) STUDY FOR ESKOM'S PROPOSED NEW VICTOR SWITCHING STATION AND 132kV POWER LINE IN THE GREATER TUBATSE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE STEELPOORT VALLEY IN THE LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

Pistorius, JCC. June 2013. A PHASE I HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT (HIA) STUDY FOR ESKOM'S PROPOSED NEW VICTOR SWITCHING STATION AND 132kV POWER LINE IN THE GREATER TUBATSE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE STEELPOORT VALLEY IN THE LIMPOPO PROVINCE.

Eskom proposes the construction of a Switching Station and an associated 1 km 132Kv power line within the Greater Tubatse Local Municipality, Limpopo Province. An Archaeological Impact Assessment as undertaken for this project. Scatters of Middle Stone Age artefacts and material dating either the Late Iron Age/Historical Period was present. The specialist indicated that these finds are scattered randomly over the project area and is of low significance. The author notes that these finds do not occur in high densities, although no indication was provided as to how this was determined.

No palaeontological assessment was undertaken for this project.

#### Decision

Although the project will have a relatively small footprint, the specialist did indicate that archaeological resources are present which will most likely be impacted by the development. Whilst SAHRA does not have any objection to the project, it is requested that in future, the following information be provided:

- All sites must be geo-referenced and plotted on a map. If the scatter is extensive than areas of higher densities must be indicated. Sufficient information must be provided for SAHRA to make informed decisions.
- Considering that the identified resources are likely to be of low significance and that the project will have a small footprint, the proposed development may continue.
- A palaeontological assessment will not be necessary for this project.
- If archaeological/palaeontological or any other heritage resources are found during construction activities SAHRA APM Unit (Mrs Colette Scheermeyer/Mr Phillip Hine, tel. 021 462 4502) or an archaeologist/palaeontologist must be alerted immediately to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resource is considered to be significant further work in the form of a Phase 2 mitigation assessment may be required at the cost of the developer.

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



# HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT (HIA) STUDY FOR ESKOM'S PROPOSED PROJECT

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Yours faithfully

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## ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/124874>

## 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.



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