

## Our Ref:

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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd  
P.O. Box 8610  
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**Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd is proposing to construct a substation of about 80 x 80 m (6400m<sup>2</sup>) ; and an approximately 9km 132kV overhead power line from the deviation point of the previously authorised 140km power line from Hermes to Dominion Reefs, City of Matlosana Municipality, Klerksdorp, North West Province. The Authorisation (DEA Reference Number: 12/12/20/1739) for the project was granted on Tuesday, 22nd February 2011. However, due to the appeal from one of the landowners, a deviation of about 9 km and a new site for the location of the substation is proposed. The objective of the proposed powerline and substation is to strengthen the Hermes network capacity as well as to improve the quality of supply in these areas. The power line falls within the boundaries of Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, in the North West Province.**

*van Schalkwyk, J. March 2010. Addendum March 2013. Heritage impact assessment for the proposed Hermes/Dominion Reefs 132kv Power Line Development, Klerksdorp Magisterial District, North West Province.*

Eskom proposes the development of a 132Kv Power Line and a substation in the Klerksdorp region of the North West Province. Owing to an appeal of one of the landowners, the power line had to be rerouted and a new substation site had to be selected. The addendum addresses the proposed changes and also the selection on the new substation site.

It is noted that no heritage resources were identified, however, the author did note that certain sections of the power line corridor was covered by dense vegetation, although it is not specifically stated in which sections of the corridor this applies. It is further noted that the project is located in an area with a low palaeontological sensitivity and is therefore unlikely that significant palaeontological resources will be identified.

Decision:

1. SAHRA requires a final walk down of the power line corridor from an experienced archaeologists with specific attention on the pylon locations. This report must be submitted to SAHRA for comments prior to any development activities.
2. If archaeological or any other heritage resources are discovered during construction activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Mrs Colette Scheermyer/Mr Phillip Hine, tel. 021 462 4502) and an archaeologist or palaeontologist depending on the nature of the find must be alerted immediately. If the newly discovered heritage resource is considered significant the site may need to be excavated at the cost of the developer.



The South African Heritage Resources Agency

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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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/145785>

**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.