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Final Decision

In terms of Section 38(2), 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mulalo Michael Muelelwa
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Eskom has been requested by Greater Taung Local Municipality to electrify 100 houses at Ranstad Ext village. Among the proposed house connections, there are houses that have existing electricity. However, due to the orientation and unreliability of the existing infrastructure, the houses will be reconnected on the new grid, and the old infrastructure will be dismantled. The proposed development will entail construction of 22kV (Medium Voltage) power line of approximately 1157m, construct Low Voltage and connect houses. The proposed development falls within the Greater Taung Local Munc in North West province.

Eskom Distribution North West Operating Unit has been request by the Greater Taung Local Municipality to electiry 100 households at Ranstad Ext Village.

The scope of work entails the construction of a 22kV (Medium Voltage) power line of approximately 1157m and the connection of houses. The scope of work will also include the dismantling of old infrstructure to reconnect houses to the new grid.

A DESD has been submittted with the application and no known heritage resources have been identified within the development foot print.

The power line will in some areas run through vegetated areas and along the Harts River. Water sources are common sites of Later Stone Age archaeological material. The project cuts across areas of moderate and low palaeontological sensitivity.

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As the new line will be built in a disturbed area and there are likely no *in-situ* heritage resources, no further assessment of the impact to heritage resources is required as per section 38(2)a of the NHRA.

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The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 38(2) and 38(4) of the NHRA and must be adhered to:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – No further conditions are required for the development;
- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Elijah Katsetse/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Ngqalabutho Madida 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA regarding offenses;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
 - If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA.

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: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/593806>

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.