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Final Decision

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

Attention: Mr Aron Senyolo
Eskom - NWOU

Eskom has been requested by Madibeng Local municipality to electrify 101 households in Barseba Village as part of service delivery and universal access to electricity. The project is part of 2022/2023 Electrification Plan. Project entails electrification of 101 stands. The area is located in the North West Province.

Eskom North West Operating Unit has submitted an application in terms of section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) for a proposed construction of 11 kV power lines to supply houses in the Barseba Village, which falls under the jurisdiction of Moses Madibeng Local Municipality in the North West Province.

The proposed powerline will be located within an existing village and no heritage resources and graves were identified within the area. The proposed development is located in an area of negligible palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map.

Final Decision

As the proposed line will be located in a disturbed area, is unlikely that in-situ heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed powerline. As such, no further assessment of the impact to heritage resources is required as per section 38(2)a of the NHRA.

The applicant is advised of the following:

- 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 (Sityhilelo Ngcatsha/Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660) 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;
- If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit

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(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;

- See section 51(1) of the NHRA regarding offenses;
- 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

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/600302>

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.