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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: Oarabile Mabula
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Eskom has been requested by Ratlou Local Municipality to electrify Ramabesa village. This project is on the priority list of the Ratlou Local Municipality and it forms part of 2023-24 financial year. The village falls under Stella CNC in Matlosana Zone. The development has a total of 29 new stands with 100% occupancy. From 29 stands, 12 are brick and 17 are of Tin type houses. The development currently has no services installed.

Eskom North West Operating Unit (NWOU) submitted an application in terms of section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) for a proposed 22kV for the electrification of a small extension of the Ramabesa Village located on the remaining extent of the farm Setlagoli 304 IO, North West Province.

The project will electrify 29 new stands and the poweline will be constructed next to the gravel roads between the houses. The powerline is located in an area of moderate palaeontological sensitivity in terms of the PalaeoSensitivity Map on SAHRIS, which is covered by sandy soil in a fairly flat area. It is noted that no impact to heritage resources is expected.

Final Comment

The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 38(2)a of the NHRA:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Development Application Unit (DAU) has no objections to the proposed development;



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- 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 (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;
- 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 of the NHRA regarding offences;
- 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/612784>

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.