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Final Decision

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

Attention: Mrs Nkateko Msimango
Eskom Distribution- LOU
92 Hans van Rensburg

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd, Limpopo Operating Unit (LOU) hereby notifying you that it intends to electrify Ga-Rapadi Village, The MV and LV lines are more than 300m in size which will T-off from the existing powerline in pole number VNM476/22/73/33/23/8 refer to the Span plan sheets and the Pegging Coordinates for more information, traversing in farm Kafferboom 664LR in Lephalale Local Municipality of Waterberg District Municipality of the Limpopo Province.

Eskom SOC Ltd, Limpopo Operating Unit (LOU) is requesting, on behalf of their applicant, that SAHRA grant them an exemption from conducting heritage studies for this proposed power line development. According to the documents submitted to the case, the proposed MV and LV lines are more than 300m and will be erected for the electrification of Ga-Rapadi Village on the farm Kafferboom 664LR in Lephalale Local Municipality of Waterberg District Municipality of the Limpopo Province.

The proposed development is located in an area of moderate palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. It is noted that the photos provided do not show any surface heritage features and potential impact on heritage resources is considered low.

The SAHRA APM unit issued a comment dated 31/01/2020 which requested that a desktop PIA be undertaken. The PIA report was subsequently submitted on the 20/08/2020.

Banzai Environmental was appointed to provide the heritage specialist report for the EA process as per section 38(2) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Butler, E. 2020. Palaeontological Desktop Assessment For The Electrification Of Ga-rapadi Village, Limpopo

The development area is underlain by the Quaternary superficial deposits. Quaternary fossil assemblages are generally rare and low in diversity and occur over a wide-ranging geographic area. These fossil assemblages resemble modern animals and may comprise of mammalian teeth, bones and horn corns, reptile skeletons and fragments of ostrich eggs. Microfossils, non-marine mollusc shells are also known from Quaternary



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deposits. Plant material such as foliage, wood, pollens and peats are recovered as well as trace fossils like vertebrate tracks, burrows, termitaria and rhizoliths.

The development will not lead to detrimental impacts on the palaeontological resources of the area. If fossil remains or trace fossils are discovered during any phase of construction, either on the surface or exposed by excavations the Environmental Control Officer (ECO) in charge of these developments must be informed

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes that the level of disturbance in the proposed development area is extensive, and assumes that no significant archaeological and palaeontological heritage resources would be impacted by the proposed powerline. Therefore, in terms of section 38(2)b of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999 (NHRA), the proposed development is granted an exemption from undertaking a Heritage Impact Assessment.

SAHRA has no objections to this proposed development going ahead and this Final Comment applies to the provisions of the NHRA only.

The following conditions still apply and need to be added to Appendix C 1.22:

If there are any new heritage resources discovered during construction and operation phases of the proposed development, then a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings at the expense of the developer.

If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required at the expense of the developer. Mitigation will only be carried out after the archaeologist or palaeontologist obtains a permit in terms of section 35 of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999). You may contact SAHRA APM Unit for further details: (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8654).

If any unmarked human burials are uncovered and the archaeologist called in to inspect the finds and/or the police find them to be heritage graves, then mitigation may be necessary and the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit must be contacted for processes to follow (Mimi Seetelo 072 802 1251).

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



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Yours faithfully

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South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/533017>

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.