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Final Decision

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

Attention: Miss Sebenzile Happyness Mavis Mhlongo

Project name: Mphenyatsatsi London zone 4-8 Electrification Farm name: London 249 KU Province: Mpumalanga Length of line: 437 MV, 1.251 KM Technical specifications: 14 m wooden pole for MV, 9m wooden pole for LV 2 X 2 m area of hole

Eskom SOC Ltd, Mpumalanga Operating Unit (MOU) 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, MV and LV power lines will be constructed for the electrification of the Mphenyatsatsi rural area zone 4-8 located in Farm London 249 in Bushbuckridge, Mpumalanga Province. The powerlines will have a length of 437m (MV) and 1251m (LV) 14m and 9m wooden poles will be erected.

The proposed line will be next to the road and the photos provided to the case do not show any surface heritage features. The area is of insignificant palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map, therefore the potential impact on heritage resources is considered low.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes that the level of disturbance at the



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proposed development area is extensive, and assumes that no significant archaeological 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 above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/536191>

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.