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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Ms RENDANI PHADAGI

**Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd, Limpopo Operating Unit (LOU) intends to construct the powerline for the above-mentioned project. The powerline will be connected to the existing powerline (refer to the Span plan sheets and the Coordinates for more information) traversing Sekhukhune District Municipality of the Limpopo Province. Environmental Screening of the powerline route was conducted during mapping of the village and pegging of the route the by Survey team and site verification by Environmental Practitioner which lead to the generation of the servitude planning documents [Distribution Environmental Screening Document (DESD), Wayleave, Span plan and coordinates attached for your reference]. No Heritage resources outlined on item 6.3 of the DESD were observed on site**

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 2281.637m 22kV power line development for the Sekhukhane District Municipality. According the documents submitted to the case, the development will be located on property 781KS in the Limpopo Province.

The proposed development will be in a rocky area at the foot of a mountain. The area is of insignificant palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map.

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As per section 38(2)a of the NHRA, the SAHRA Archaeological, Palaeontological and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes that it is unlikely that Palaeontological heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed line, therefore no further Palaeontological assessment is required.

The region is known to contain significant heritage resources and the line will be at the bottom of the hill on the edge of the mountains and plateau. Therefore a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) report must be submitted to the case because archeological heritage resources could exist in the area. An Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA), that complies with the 2007 Minimum Standards must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist. The Minimum Standards provides allowance for a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption that

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can be submitted by a qualified archaeologist should they deem it appropriate.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.

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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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/537771>

**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.