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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Miss Thabelo Mugwedi
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Proposed re-routing of the Tahiti-Fontein powerline with most of the line running along the same servitude and dismantling of the old structures of the Tahiti-fontein feeder. Build new powerline to replace the line to be dismantled.

Eskom Distribution wants to repair and restructure the 11kV Tahiti-Fontein powerline. The project includes re-routing of the powerline (erecting a new powerline) and dismantling of the old structure of the Tahiti-fontein feeder. The length of the new proposed powerline is 7104.12m and most of it will be running along the same servitude.

There are marked graves that were observed along the line between the poles TF 108-165-1 and TF 108-165-2. The power line layout identifies three grave sites that are located very close to the proposed development areas. It is recommended that during construction as well as preparation for construction, the grave site is sealed off with danger tape to ensure that no driving, walking or any other associated activities happen within this site.

SAHRA issued an interim comment dated 29/10/2020 which requested that the distance between the identified burial sites and the powerline be indicated and that ground level photos of the study area and the grave sites be attached. A field-based Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA). The ground level photos of the development area were submitted to the case however the distance between the identified burial sites and the powerline was not indicated and the palaeontological studies were not submitted. The ground level photos indicate that some of the graves have graves erected around them.

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The SAHRA APM unit awaits the submission of the palaeontological studies and the indication of the distance between the identified burial sites and the powerline on the survey diagrams before further comments can be issued.

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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