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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Eskom - FSOU

Dismantle a portion of line from RESY 8-234 up to RESY 8-251 and Re-route the dismantled portion from Resy 8-234 up to Resy 8-251, by moving line closer to N6 as. The new path of the line will be 5km from Resy 8-233 to Resy 8-252. Dismantle a portion of line from Resy 8-242 up to Resy 8-242-9. Connect Resy 8-242-10 point to the new build line ,to be able to supply the customer at Resy 8-242-19. Proposed project in Reddersburg area, Farm Middelfontein 198, Kopanong local municipality, Free State.

Eskom Free State Operating Unit (FSOU) submitted an application in terms of section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) for the proposed dismantling and rerouting of a portion of a powerline next to the N6 road about 18km outside Reddersburg on Farm Middelfontein 198, Free State Province.

A portion of line from RESY 8-234 up to RESY 8-251 will be dismantled and the dismantled portion will be re-routed from Resy 8-234 up to Resy 8-251. The new path of the line will be 5km from Resy 8-233 to Resy 8-252. Another portion of the line will be dismantled from Resy 8-242 up to Resy 8-242-9 and Resy 8-242-10 point will be connected to to the newly build line to supply the customer at Resy 8-242-19.

An old shed and farm store rooms that might be older than 60 years were identified along the route of the powerline and no other sensitive heritage resources were observed on the site.

Recommendations

No activities or any driving or parking of vehicles should take place in close proximity to the old buildings on the Farm Reddersburg 198 Portion 2.

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The SAHRA Archaeological, Palaeontological and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes that it is unlikely that archaeological heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed line provided that no activities or any driving or parking of vehicles takes place in close proximity to the old buildings, therefore, an assessment of

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archaeological resources is not required.

The proposed development area is located in an area of very high sensitivity in terms of palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a field based Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist (See <https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html> for a list of qualified palaeontologists). The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

Further comments will be issued upon submission of the PIA.

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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