



## **Letter**

### **In terms of Section 35(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

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### **Archaeological Excavation of LIA Stone Walled Site to be impacted by the development of the ESKOM Tubatse Switching Station located on Portion 5 of the farm Luipershoek 149JS, near Steelpoort, Steelpoort Valley, Mpumalanga Province**

*Pelser, A. June 2013. A short report on the preliminary mapping of a stone walled Late Iron Age site impacted on by the development of the Eskom Tubatse Switching Station, near Steelpoort in the Limpopo Province*

Thank you for the information regarding this permit application provided in the above report. Environmental Authorisation was granted in 2011 for the construction of a 400kV power line from Steelpoort to Marblehall, including the proposed Tubatse (Steelpoort) Switching Station.

At T/Site 12, 13 and 14, the HIA report completed for the project in December 2012 indicated the presence of a large stone walled settlement including agricultural terracing, spanning approximately 400x500m. This site has high archaeological significance. The Steelpoort Substation was proposed for this location.

Due to the significance of the archaeological site at T/Site 12, 13 and 14, Eskom proposed to move the location of the Steelpoort Substation a few 100m to the north to mitigate the impact of the proposed development. This new location was investigated in the report by J. van Schalkwyk dated January 2013. Some Late Iron Age stone walling occurs in the vicinity of the new location for the substation, however this occurs mostly in the west of the site.

In the above report, it is indicated that additional stone walling was identified in the site to be impacted by the substation as a result of vegetation clearing. However, it is unclear in the above report as to which specifically identified resources will be impacted by the proposed substation development. It is also unclear which specific areas of the identified 400mx500m area is being applied for mitigation in this application.

Before the committee can assess the merits of your permit application, please provide a detailed map which overlays;

- The known heritage resources
- The footprint of the proposed substation
- As well as the specific areas that require mitigation, which are being applied for in this application.

SAHRA will await the above information before distributing your application to the APM HOB Permit



## Tubatse Switching Station

Our Ref: 16/1/5/9 Tubatse to Marblehall Powerline

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Committee.

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/124449>



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