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Final Comment

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

Attention: LEAP -Landscape Architectural and Environmental Planning

The proposed installation of an ESKOM powerline to be installed within the existing ESKOM servitude of the Diepsloot Cemetery within the City of Johannesburg, Gauteng.

Küsel, U. May 2020. Phase I Cultural Heritage Resources Impact Assessment: Part Of An Application To Eskom For The Location Of An Electrical Cable On One Of Their Servitudes On City Of Johannesburg Land - Diepsloot Cemetery Portion 1 Of The Farm Diepsloot 388-JR Gauteng Province

The proposed development entails a power cable route that will run next to the Eskom power lines on the eastern boarder of the Diepsloot cemetery in a northern direction. The route of the power cable running from south to north crosses a double tar road. From here it reaches the township boarder with its concrete wall. This area was cleaned in the past. Illegal dumping takes place all along the concrete wall. The cable route will run parallel to the wall. The route of the proposed power cable has previously been cleaned as part of the cemetery and wall development. The author notes that this cleaning of the site would have destroyed any heritage sites.

The assessment recorded no archaeological heritage sites situated on the site earmarked for the power lines.

At present the only graves in the cemetery are in the far western section of the cemetery more than a hundred metres from the proposed development.

The SA Palaeontological Sensitivity Map indicates that the study area has Insignificant fossil sensitivity.

Final Comment

In terms of archaeological and palaeontological heritage, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objections to this proposed development, provided that the recommendations in the specialist reports and this comment are adhered to, and on the following conditions:

- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments and charcoal/ash concentrations) or

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palaeontological remains are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, based on the nature of the finds, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

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, mitigation may be necessary and the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit must be contacted for processes to follow.

Should the project be granted Environmental Authorisation, SAHRA must be notified and all relevant documents submitted to the case on SAHRIS.

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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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.