



Interim Comment

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

Attention: Eskom

Ficksburg is supplied from the Clocolan Distribution Substation via an existing 88 kV power line. The maximum demand for the transformers was measured at 16.82 MVA in 2011, which is 84% loading of the installed capacity. The substation is a radial substation with approximately 9000 customers. A fault on the existing 88 kV power line results in supply lost to all customers. This project will result in the construction of a radial feed which will ensure a secure supply should one of the power lines experience a fault.

Van Schalkwyk, L. & Wahl, B. June 2013. Heritage Scoping Assessment Report: Proposed Construction of Clocolan – Ficksburg 88kV Power Line, Setsoto Local Municipality, Free State Province, South Africa

The proposed development entails an 88kV power line between Clocolan and Ficksburg in the Free State Province.

The Scoping Report was compiled using provincial and national heritage databases; a literature review and a review of available maps, including Google Earth imagery.

The authors state that seven formally protected heritage resources are present in the study area and that the towns of Clocolan and Ficksburg and their surroundings have been part of European farming activities date for more than 100 years ago, resulting in numerous buildings and structures older than 60 years being present throughout the study area. Grave sites are very likely to occur in the study area. Stone Age and Iron Age archaeological sites of varying heritage significance also occur in the study area. The authors further note that the geology around Clocolan can have a moderate to high potential for plant fossils with high palaeontological sensitivity and the geology of the Ficksburg area can have a moderate to high potential for fossils with high palaeontological sensitivity.

The authors recommend that a full Phase 1 HIA is prepared by an accredited subject specialist prior to any construction activities.

Case Decision

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit supports the recommendations of the authors and requires that a full Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment of the area affected by the proposed development is prepared by accredited subject specialists, and submitted to SAHRA for comments, prior to any development activities.





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.

