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Final Decision

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

Attention: Eskom Distribution Northern Region
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0700

A PHASE I HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT (HIA) STUDY FOR ESKOM'S PROPOSED UITKYK SUBSTATION AND FOR THE PROPOSED 132kV POWER LINES BETWEEN THE MAMATSHEKELE AND PROPOSED UITKYK SUBSTATIONS AND BETWEEN THE PROPOSED UITKYK SUBSTATION AND THE NALEDI SUBSTATION IN THE LIMPOPO PROVINCE OF SOUTH AFRICA

Pistorius, J. November 2012. A Phase I Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) Study For Eskom's Proposed Uitkyk Substation And For The Proposed 132kv Power Lines Between The Mamatshekele And Proposed Uitkyk Substations And Between The Proposed Uitkyk Substation And The Naledi Substation In The Limpopo Province Of South Africa

The proposed development entails Eskom's proposed new Uitkyk Substation and 132kV power lines between the Mamatshekele and Uitkyk Substations as well as the 132kV power lines between the proposed Uitkyk Substation and the existing Naledi Substation. Three power line route options are mentioned.

The author notes that the study area has been disturbed by agriculture, erosion and settlement for a significant period of time.

The assessment revealed two graveyards, located near Option 03 for the proposed 132kV power line which runs between the Mamatshekele and Uitkyk Substations:

GY01, which holds up to twenty graves with granite headstones.

GY02, which has a section with at least six graves demarcated with upright stones and another section with at least five graves of which four are decorated with granite headstones and trimmings.

The author states that it is unlikely that the graveyards will be negatively affected by Option 03 for the proposed 132kV power line which runs between the Mamatshekele and Uitkyk Substations, but states that preference is given, from a heritage point of view, for the construction of either Option 01 or Option 02 for the proposed 132kV power line running between the Mamatshekele and Uitkyk Substations. The author further states that either Option 01 or Option 02 can be used for the proposed Uitkyk Substation.

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As there is apparently no evidence of any significant archaeological material in this area, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objection to the development (in terms of the archaeological component of the heritage resources) on condition that, if any new evidence of archaeological



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Eskom's proposed Mmamathsekeli project in the Limpopo Province



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sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources is found during development, SAHRA and an archaeologist and/or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be alerted immediately.

The SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves Unit requires that the graves should be restored where these are dilapidated, protected and conserved in perpetuity. For this purpose, a proper fence must be build around them including entry gates to allow visits from relatives and family friends. The fence must be placed 2 meters away from the perimeter of the graves. No development is allowed within 15 meters from the fence line surrounding the graves. A Site Management Plan must also be drafted and implemented for the two graveyards.

As soon as the preferred route alignment has been finalised, all pylon locations must be inspected by a professional archaeologists and the results submitted to SAHRA APM Unit.

A palaeontological assessment will need to be undertaken for this project or at least a Letter of Exemption from further palaeontological studies must be submitted by a professional palaeontologist.

Decisions on Built Environment (e.g. structures over 60 years) and Cultural Landscapes and associated Living Heritage (e.g. sacred sites) must be made by Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (Mr Donald Lithole, litholek@sac.lp.gov.za) to whom this document will be copied.

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:

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.



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