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MATHEKETSHENI 20MVA 132/88kV SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED POWERLINES NOTIFICATION TO SAHRIS AND AMAFA AKWAZULU NATALI ABOUT GRAVE LOCATION NEAR THE SUBSTATION



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1. Map showing project area

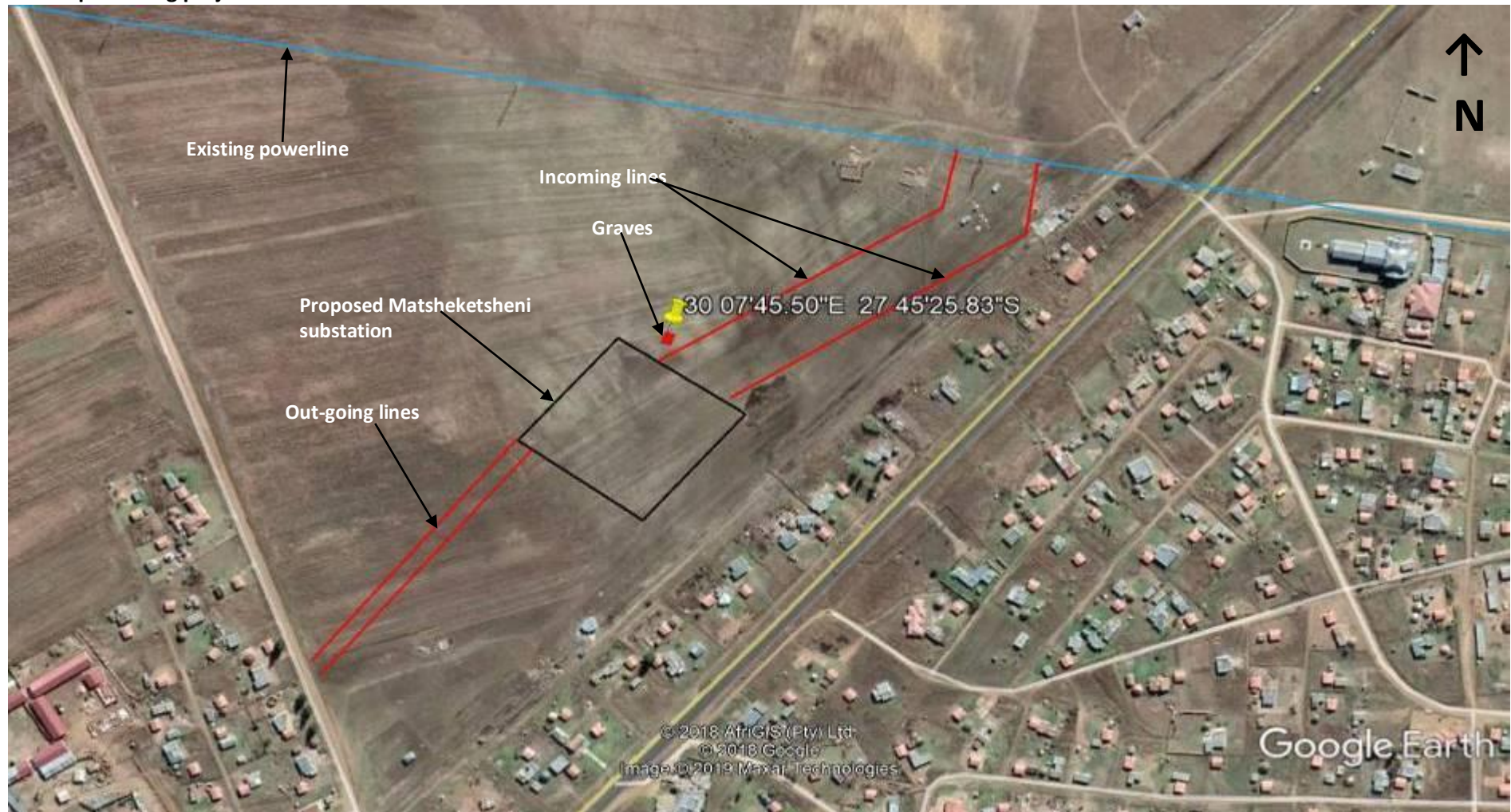


Fig 1. Showing location of identified grave site (red dot) in relation to proposed substation and powerline

2. Description of the activity

A grave was discovered situated near the proposed Matsheketseni substation site. The grave was pointed out by the grave owner. Eskom Holdings proposes to fence the grave to prevent any potential disturbance to the grave. Entrance into the substation and construction work will be done within the perimeter of substation so as to restrict disturbance to within the substation demarcated work area.

3. Aim of liaising with SAHRA

The aim is to notify the relevant authority of the presence of a grave, pointed out by the owner, and inform the relevant authority of measures taken to prevent any disturbance to the grave.

Table 1 Actions undertaken

Actions	Description
Mapping of the grave in relation to the planned substation site and powerline servitude	Eskom Holdings has identified the location of the grave and the location of the substation. The location has been GPS and mapped in relation to the location of the substation
Liaising with local leadership structures and owners of the grave	See attached Eskom Holding notification form signed by the owner and local traditional leadership
Pictures of the grave	Attached pictures showing grave site
Fencing of the grave	The contractor will fence off the grave area to prevent any potential disturbance to the grave site
Identification of the grave	Identified by Eskom surveyor
Location of incoming lines	The incoming powerline will be stranded a few meters from the grave site
Connecting of the incoming powerline into the substation	Connecting of the powerline will involve stringing of the powerline and will not affect the grave
Working along the incoming powerline servitude area	String of the powerline involves pulling of conductors and the activity will be done away from the grave area
Establishing a substation site	The substation site area is situated outside the grave site area
Locating temporary work area	The temporary working area will be located within the substation perimeter
Locating access track into the substation	The track will be located away from the grave site.
Commissioning of the powerline and the substation	Energising and commissioning the operation of the substation and the powerline will not impact on the grave site and its integrity
Maintenance of the powerline and the substation	Maintenance of the powerline and the substation will not impact on the grave site as work will be limited within the servitude and the substation perimeter.

4. National Heritage Resources Act 25, 1999

General Protections section, part 2 of the Act under sub-section 36, Burial grounds and graves, states general conditions for protection of graves.

Table 2 Explanation of sub-section 36 of NHRA in relation to the proposed substation and associated powerline (extracted from NHR Act)

Subsect of the NHRA, Act 25,1999	Explanation of mitigation measures
(3) (a) No person may, without a permit issued by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority— (a) destroy, damage, alter, exhume or remove from its original position or otherwise disturb the grave of a victim of conflict, or any burial ground or part thereof	No disturbance will be done to the grave. The substation is situated a safe distance from the perimeter of the substation

which contains such graves;	
(b) destroy, damage, alter, exhume, remove from its original position or otherwise disturb any grave or burial ground older than 60 years which is situated outside a formal cemetery administered by a local authority;	No disturbance will be done to the grave site as it is situated within a safe distance to the perimeter of the substation Access road into the substation is located south of the substation away from grave. The grave is located north of the substation.
(c) bring onto or use at a burial ground or grave referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) any excavation equipment, or any equipment which assists in the detection or recovery of metals.	N/A
(4) SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority may not issue a permit for the destruction or damage of any burial ground or grave referred to in subsection (3)(a) unless it is satisfied that the applicant has made satisfactory arrangements for the exhumation and re-interment of the contents of such graves, at the cost of the applicant and in accordance with any regulations made by the responsible heritage resources authority	No application for disturbance or damage is done
(5) SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority may not issue a permit for any activity under subsection (3)(b) unless it is satisfied that the applicant has, in accordance with regulations made by the responsible heritage resources authority— (a) made a concerted effort to contact and consult communities and individuals who by tradition have an interest in such grave or burial ground	See attached Eskom Holding notification form signed by the owner of the grave and local traditional leadership
(b) reached agreements with such communities and individuals regarding the future of such grave or burial ground	See attached Eskom Holding notification form signed by the owner of the grave and local traditional leadership
(6) Subject to the provision of any other law, any person who in the course of development or any other activity discovers the location of a grave, the existence of which was previously unknown, must immediately cease such activity and report the discovery to the responsible heritage resources authority which must, in co-operation with the South African Police Service and in accordance with regulations of the responsible heritage resources authority	The grave was not identified during the basic assessment process. The grave was only identified after environmental authorisation was issued EIA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1068 No construction of the powerline and substation has taken place
(a) carry out an investigation for the purpose of obtaining information on whether or not such grave is protected in terms of this Act or is of significance to any community;	This document is to liaise with Amafa AkwaZulu-Natali to get guidance and permit to work around the area without disturbing the grave site
(b) if such grave is protected or is of significance, assist any person who or community which is a direct descendant to make arrangements for the exhumation and re-interment of the contents of such grave or, in the absence of such person or community, make any such arrangements as it deems fit.	No exhumation is required for the proposed Matsheketsheeni project

5. Need for liaising with SAHRA

- To get guidance and approval to establish the proposed Matsheketseni substation and associated powerlines

6. Proposed mitigation measures

Actions mentioned in table 1 above will be strictly adhered to. Appointed ECO for the construction of the project will monitor construction activities, report on the observed activities whether and how they comply to stated mitigation measures. Auditing report compiled during construction activities will be made available to stakeholders, I&AP, and authorities upon request by contacting Eskom Holdings, Land Development and quoting the project name and EIA reference number