

PROPOSED ISUNDU 765/400 KV SUB-STATION AND TURN-IN TRANSMISSION LINES, KZN MIDLANDS.

Our Ref: SAH16/8448



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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) and the KwaZulu-Natal Heritage Act (Act 4 of 2008)

Attention: Eskom - Megawatt Park
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Eskom propose the development of a 765 kV transmission line from the Venus Sub-station, near Estcourt, to the proposed new Isundu Sub-station site, near Ashburton. There are two proposed x 400 kV transmission lines between the Sigma and Hector Sub-stations and another three proposed x 400 kV feeder bays at the existing Hector Sub-station. The new Isundu Sub-station site, near Ashburton is also being reviewed for development.

Thank you for the opportunity rendered to Amafa to make decision regarding this development proposal. The development area has been subjected to a Heritage Impact Assessment and expert recommendations have been put forward by eThembeni as captured in the application submitted to Amafa . The report indicates that the area is not likely to yield fossil deposits as it falls in a zone of low paleontological sensitivity. There is no reference to presence of archaeological deposits or graves but it provides evidence of farm structures. The heritage legislation stipulates that no heritage resources should be damaged, destroyed, excavated, altered, disturbed ,exhumed, collected or removed from original position without a permit .

The developer is required to comply with the condition of non intrusion in any way without approval. A farm house and ancillary agricultural buildings of the Thorndale farmstead are older than sixty years and the developer requires to contact the Built Environment Section for a Permit if any direct or indirect intrusion of the structure and the cultural landscape is envisaged.

In view of the findings outlined in the report by eThembeni that we received for the above proposed development, we have no objection to the proposed development within limits of the prescribed mitigation measures and recommendations.

You are also required to adhere to the below-mentioned standard conditions:

Conditions:

1. Amafa should be contacted if any heritage objects are identified during earthmoving activities and all development should cease until further notice.
2. No structures older than sixty years or parts thereof are allowed to be demolished altered or extended without a permit from Amafa.
3. No activities are allowed within 50m of a site, which contains rock art.
4. Sources of all natural materials (including topsoil, sands, natural gravels, crushed stone, asphalt, etc.) must be obtained in a sustainable manner and in compliance with the heritage legislation.

Failure to comply with the requirements of the National Heritage Resources Act and the KwaZulu Natal



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Heritage Resources Act could lead to legal action being instituted against the applicant.

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/330772>

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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 Amafa immediately.
3. Amafa reserves the right to request additional information as required.



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