## Annex B - Distribution Environmental Screening Document (DESD) (Informative)

## **Reticulation Powerlines and Ancillary Services**

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#### Instructions

- 1 Fill the report in as neatly and completely as possible
- 2 Where the question / statement is not applicable mark N/A
- 3 Indicate sensitive areas on a map and/or spanning plans
- 4 When in doubt, consult the Environmental Practitioner in your region
- The purpose of this DESD is to

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- Determine whether or not the project should be subject to R324-7, published in terms of the National Environmental management Act 107 of 1998
- Identify and mitigate the negative impact of Eskom's activities to a minimum in line with both Legislation and Eskom's Environmental Policies
- This report is a guide to Route Selection, Construction and Field Services

NOTE Complete the report before the survey<sup>111</sup>

This is not an office exercise.

Extra sheets of paper may be added and referenced if insufficient space has been provided.



Annex B (continued) **1** Project description Project name/Surveys VBAILHIADOG ELECTRIPICATION Area KURUMAN File number Voltage 22KV Request Project number Rural scheme/ Feeder Supply from (scheme name, pole numbers for tee-off) Supply to BATCHARES TO-~~Srup (Farm name, etc) 2 Properties traversed Farm name Registration number and Division Sub-division Line length (m) Soft MAP Compilation number

Farm name Registration number and Division Compilation number

Sub-division Line length/Site area (m<sup>2</sup>)

3 Brief description of the surrounding area TOWNSHIP AREA WITH SCHUICES AND CAMEL THORN TREES

Could the proposed project have an impact on or be constrained by any of the following environmental aspects?

Encircle the appropriate aspect, giving a description of the present state as well as an indication of the possible negative impact Note that mitigating measures for these impacts are to be included in the Environmental Management Programme.

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4 Physical	environment
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4.1 Water	streams	rivers	dams	wetlands	sprin	gs floodplaır	s OTHER
Present conditi	on T	нĒ	RIUE	R 1	ک	RUNNI	~ 4

Potential impact (e g threat of pollution)

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4 2 Soil.	sandy	rocky	clayey	OTHER
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Potential impact (e 4.3 Topography	Ũ	,	ravines do	ngas OTHER
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Potential impact (e g of erosion)

Comments/mitigating measures

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5 Natural env	ironment			
5.1 Flora	Indigenous	protected	exotic	OTHER
Brief description a	nd conservation sta	tus (e.g. rare, etc., me RCTS AN	ention trees/bus $i + t^{\varepsilon}$	h/grass) TRUES
		ons for Mit		(cfilo~
5.2 Fauna	mammals	birds		OTHER

Brief description and conservation status (e g rare, protected, etc , mention graffe, elephants, eagles, vultures, etc , mention migratory paths) NONC

Potential impact (e g threat of electrocution, collision, etc)

Comments/mitigating

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## 6 Social environment

6.1 Restricted areas	nature/game reserves	hıkıng trails	tourism routes	parks	recreational areas
Residential-) areas	green belts	sacred/holy grounds	OTHER		
Brief description	Right	NTAR	AREX		

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Potential impact e g threat of end	croachment, etc		
6.2 Visual aesthetics easily s	seen, hido	len	partially
Brief description EASI C-	1 Star		
Potential impact			
6 3 Natural heritage cultural significa	archaeologica ance objects	monuments	palaeontological objects
graves	meteorites	ruins	OTHER
Note Should any natural herita	age resource as listed a	above, or as defined	in the National Heritage

Resource Act, No 25 of 1999 be identified, the requirements of Act 25 of 1999 shall be followed by notifying the SAHRA If line or access road length exceeds 300m SAHRA shall be notified.

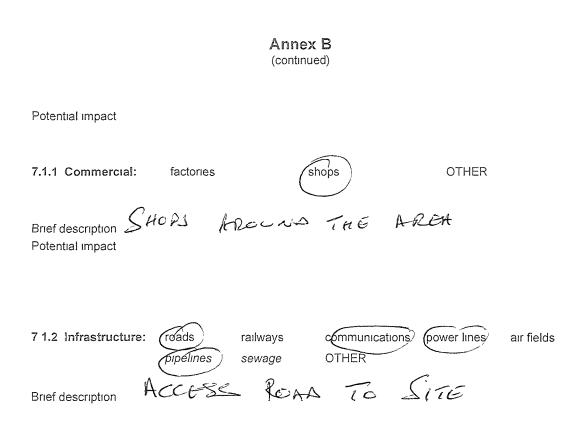
Potential impact GRAVES IN THE AROA AND ARE FERCIES

Comments/mitigating measures

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## 7 Economic environment

7.1 Land use	crops game farmıng	orchards	grazing mining	crop spraying OTHER
Brief description	THE AREA	HAJ L	ot of Tr	LES AND



Potential impact

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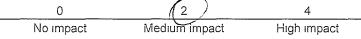
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What impact will this project have on elements 4 to 7?

1	Physical	$\frown$	
No impa	act (0)	Medium impact (2)	High impact (4)
2	Natural		
No impa	act (0)	Medium impact (2)	High impact (4)
3	Social		
No impa	act (0)	Medium impact (2)	High impact (4)

Overall impact

This section addresses the overall environmental impact of the project. The impacts as assessed in the above three spheres (physical, natural and social) need to be considered to determine the overall impact



If the overall impact is between 2 and 4, contact the Environmental Management Officer or the Environmental Senior Superintendent

#### Alternatives

Have alternative routes been discussed with the relevant land owner/s or users?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

#### Detailed study

Is an environmental assessment required in terms of Regulation R543?

Yes X No

Should a permit application be made to DWA?

Yes A No

Should the SAHRA be notified?

\_\_\_\_ ₹ Yes No

### Annex C - Environmental Management Plan (Normative)

#### 1 General conditions

- 1.1 The Eskom project manager or co-ordinator shall be responsible for ensuring that the land owners have been informed before any work is carried out on site. Contractors shall find out if the landowners have been informed before moving onto site.
- 1.2 No fences, gates or locks shall be damaged to obtain access onto a line route Arrangements shall be made in advance to obtain permission for access
- **1.3** Use of private roads shall be arranged in advance Any damage to private roads shall be repaired at the contractor's expense and to the satisfaction of the landowner This shall be the responsibility of the project manager or co-ordinator
- 1.4 Gates shall be left as they are found, i e closed gates shall be kept closed and open gates shall be left open. Gates to adjacent properties or onto public roads shall be closed at all times. Any Eskom gates installed on the line route shall be kept closed and locked except while stringing is taking place. Open gates shall be guarded to prevent animals straying and unauthorised persons and vehicles entering into adjacent camps or properties.
- **1.5** Permission shall be obtained from landowners before any water is used
- 1.6 No fires shall be lit on private property If fires are lit on Eskom's property or in the construction camp, provision shall be made that no accidental fires are started. No firewood shall be collected in the veld.
- **1.7** If activities that can cause a fire are carried out, fire extinguishers shall be available on site and in the construction camp
- 1.8 No property may be accessed after normal working hours except with the permission of the landowner Privacy shall be respected at all times
- **1.9** Eskom, Eskom's contractors and their employees shall at all times be courteous towards landowners, tenants and the local community
- 1.10 Eskom, Eskom's contractors and their employees shall not cause damage to property, crops or animals Activities that may cause conflict with landowners, tenants, the local work force or the local community shall be avoided Should conflict arise it shall be immediately reported to the Eskom project manager or co-ordiator
- 1.11 Vehicles shall be driven at a moderate speed on private roads and stay within the statutory speed limit on public roads
- 1.12 All movement of vehicles shall take place on the established Eskom servitude road or on private roads as agreed in advance. Keep to existing tracks. No movement shall take place through the veld. Special care shall be taken to prevent excess damage during wet weather.

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- **1.13** If any vehicle should get stuck, the damage shall be repaired immediately so that no deep ruts remain
- 1.14 Any damage to private property shall immediately be reported to Eskom and the owner The damage shall be rectified immediately if possible and/or appropriate compensation shall be paid to the owner at the discretion of the project manager/co-ordinator in consultation with the property owner A record of damages and rectifying action shall be kept The landowner's satisfaction with the outcome of rectifying action shall be obtained in writing
- 1.15 A proper system of waste management shall be instituted in the construction camp This entails that sufficient waste bins are available on site and in the construction camp The waste shall be dumped at an approved waste disposal site. No containers, scrap metal, conductor etc shall be left on site.

All scrap shall be removed and taken to an appropriate disposal site. No oil, diesel or other chemicals shall be spilled or discarded anywhere. If an accidental spill occurs, it shall be reported immediately and cleaned to the satisfaction of Eskom and the landowner. No waste shall be left in the veld or on the line route.

- **1.16** Washing and toilet facilities shall be provided on site and in the construction camp The facilities shall comply with Eskom standards and shall have the approval of the landowner
- **1.17** No human excrement shall be left in the veld If no toilet facilities are available such waste shall be buried *immediately*
- 1.18 Herbicides shall only be applied with Eskom's permission and in accordance with the Eskom Policy on Herbicides ESKPBAAD4
- 1.19 Camp and office sites shall be dismantled and removed after completion of the construction phase of the project. The site shall be rehabilitated to as close as possible to its original condition to the satisfaction of the landowner, which shall be in writing
- **1.20** All excavations shall be enclosed to prevent animals or people from accidentally falling into excavations
- 1.21 No trees shall be cut or removed without prior permission from the landowner Permits shall be obtained for the cutting and removal protected trees (protected trees shall be dealt with in 2, Special conditions)
- 1.22 Should any natural heritage object be found, or exposed during excavations, all work shall be terminated immediately and the finding reported to the Project Manager who shall inform the Eskom Environmental Practitioner and the SAHRA

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## 2 Special conditions

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(Specific issues identified during the scoping as needing attention i.e. erosion berms, bird flappers, protected trees etc.)

## TYPICAL MITIGATION MEASURES

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS	MITIGATION MEASURES
AGRICULTURE	
Loss of standing crop due to access road	- limit width of access and size of tower site
and tower work site	- avoidance of crop areas
	- monetary compensation for crop loss
	- time construction to avoid growing season
Soil Compaction	<ul> <li>scheduling activities to times of the year when soils are least susceptible to compaction</li> </ul>
	- stop activities when ground conditions are poor
	- use of equipment with low bearing capacity
	- chisel ploughing
Construction of new lines	<ul> <li>locate access roads along existing traffic routs</li> </ul>
Topsoil – subsoil mixing/soil rutting	- scheduling activities
	- stop activity when ground conditions are poor
	- use of equipment with low bearing capacity
	- use of gravel roads
	- addition of manures to offset fertility loss
	- compensation for reduced soil pEAuctivity
	- removal of spoil and/or bentonite from foundation operations
	- Segregation of topsoil and subsoil
Disturbance to farm operations	<ul> <li>maintain contact with landowner/tenant regarding preferences</li> </ul>
Loss of livestock	<ul> <li>employ noise control measures near sensitive livestock</li> </ul>
	- Construction of farm gates
	- Securing farm gates
	- Clean-up construction materials which could be ingested
	- Compensation for lost, injured livestock
SOCIAL IMPACTS	
Mud and Dust	- wetting down dry soils

-	chemical control of dust
-	cleaning roads to remove mud
-	temporary planting of grasses

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	-	construction timing
	-	use of gravel roads
	-	use of vehicles with low bearing pressures
	-	stop activities when ground conditions are poor
Wind/water erosion	-	avoidance of areas with high erosion potential
	-	timing activities to the most stable ground conditions
	-	slope stabilisation
	-	mechanical erosion control
	-	vegetation erosion control
	-	recompaction of trenches
	-	avoid trenching parallel to the fall of a slope

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Contamination by petrochemicals	<ul> <li>spill control material and procedures made readily available</li> <li>restoration methods investigated</li> </ul>	
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Loss of habitat, breeding and/or food source for terrestrial wildlife	- environmental mapping to identify sensitive areas	
	- avoidance of areas containing rare/endangered species	
	<ul> <li>construction and maintenance activities to be timed where possible to avoid peak breeding periods</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>the creation of "edge" (may be considered a positive impact)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>promotion of wildlife habitat through vegetation control</li> </ul>	
	- avoid the filling of small wetlands	
	<ul> <li>use design with low risk to wildlife electrocution or collision</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>fit bird flight divertors to powerlines in bird migration areas</li> </ul>	
Changes in composition of vegetation as a result of disturbance	- construction timing to minimise soil disturbance	
	- restoration of soils to a stable condition	
Removal or burial of stream bottom habitat and increased turbidity due to sedimentation Possible loss of wildlife/fish migration/travel routes	<ul> <li>minimise erosion from the right-of-way by maintaining a cover crop</li> </ul>	
	- mechanical erosion control	
	<ul> <li>minimise stream bank erosion by retaining shrubby bank vegetation and selective cutting, pruning of trees near watercourses</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Installation of sediment traps when necessary</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>avoid filling small wetlands servings as staging areas for waterfowl migration</li> </ul>	
	- Installation and maintenance of a proper stream	

	1	crossing device
	-	time construction activities to avoid disturbance to migrating fish and wildlife or during breeding
	-	Follow Eskom standards for the application of herbicides near watercourses
	-	Preserve and/or augment existing natural corridor crossings, investigate tower placement to optimise clearances to preserve existing vegetation
IntEAuction of exotic plant species resulting from vegetative erosion control	-	use of native species for erosion control
Vegetation stress due to nutrient loss as a result of soil deterioration	-	erosion control measures
Changes in vegetation due to soil disturbance (topsoil-subsoil mixing)	-	time construction/clearing to take advantage of stable soil conditions

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