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Dear Ms Evans

### **POWERLINE AMENDMENTS: MOOKODI-GANYESA POWER LINE**

Based on an email received by SiVEST on 11 April 2017, I have reviewed the three (3) proposed deviations in the Mookodi-Ganyesa power line in comparison to the authorised power line corridor. As requested, I have reviewed the maps and .kml files submitted to me regarding the above matter.

- During the original survey (Van Schalkwyk 2014: *Mookodi integration project – Phase 2: Heritage report, report number 2014/JvS/049* dated August 2014) the power line corridor was surveyed. As is normal procedure, one always survey an area larger than the defined route, which would in effect would cover the proposed deviations.
- Based on experience in the region (Van Schalkwyk 2012a, 2012b, 2016), it can be stated that this is also a region with a low occurrence of heritage sites and features.

Van Schalkwyk, J.A. 2012a. *Heritage impact assessment for the proposed Ganyesa Wild Silk Project, Vryburg region, North West Province*. Pretoria: Unpublished report 2012/JvS/020.

Van Schalkwyk, J.A. 2012b. *Basic heritage assessment for the proposed Mookodi 132kV Phase 2 power lines development, North West Province*. Unpublished report 2012/JvS/049.

Van Schalkwyk, J.A. 2014. *Basic heritage assessment for the proposed Mookodi 132kV Phase 2 power lines development, North West Province*. Pretoria: Unpublished report 2014/JvS/049.

Van Schalkwyk, J.A. 2016. *Cultural heritage impact assessment for the development of the proposed Meerkat Solar Power Plant on a portion of the farm Vyflings Pan 598IN, Vryburg region, North West Province*. Pretoria: Unpublished report 2016/JvS/007.

After review, the new proposed power line deviations in comparison to the original authorised power line corridor, I can, with a high degree of confidence state that the new route alignments would not have an impact on sites, features or objects of cultural heritage significance.

However, considering the fact that archaeological sites in many cases occur below ground surface, if, during construction, archaeological site or graves are discovered, work must immediately be suspended and a heritage specialist must be consulted to assess the finds.

Yours sincerely



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