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Dear Sir/Madam

Case ID 13395: Wolmaranstad ext 15 Electrification Project, Maquassie Hills Local Municipality, North West Province.

Eskom North West Operation Unit (NWOU) acknowledges receipt of the SAHRA Permit for the above mentioned project dated 11 September 2019.

In terms of the conditions of the permit received, Eskom NWOU hereby likes to enquire clarity on the following considering the challenges foreseen with implementing the decisions issued:

Interim and Final comments

“Eskom should consider employing local people for the installation of the fencing of the graveyard to encourage cooperation and tolerance for the project”.

“The graveyard must be fenced with an access gate. This must be done through consultation with the local community”.

Electrification of households projects within the entire country are funded by Department of Mineral and Energy (DME) whereby funds allocated to Eskom for electrification projects are in accordance to the number of households to be electrified. In this regards, it will be highly impossible for Eskom to adhere to the condition of fence installation as required noting that the budget allocated will only be for power lines construction.

“An Archaeologist must be present on site to supervise any excavation work”

Considering that Eskom has shifted the powerline by approximately 45m to the street servitude between houses as per the recommendation of the Heritage Specialist to avoid running the line close to the cemetery, no excavation work will take place in close proximity of the cemetery. An Environmental Officer will be present on site during the construction activities to monitor the progress. In this regard Eskom hereby like to request an exemption not to appoint an Archaeologist as per the condition of the permit.

In case any archaeological aspect is discovered, the activity will stop immediately, SAHRA and the SAPS will be notified as required. .

“During construction activities and/any development the 40m buffer must be maintained, this distance is extended to 50m no go buffer zone”.

Eskom has shifted the powerline by approximately 45m to the street servitude between houses as recommended by the Heritage Specialist however there is no space on site to accommodate the extension to 50m no go buffer zone meaning the poles will be within the yards of community members (Refer to the attach photograph).

Hope to hear from you regarding the way forward and we are available at any time if a meeting is required for clarity of the issues raised.

Yours sincerely



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