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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR EXEMPTION: HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT
FOR THE POWERLINE UPGRADE PROJECT**

Dear Jenna Lavin,

On behalf of our client, Sasol Mining (Pty) Ltd (Sasol), please find herewith a letter of recommendation for exemption from a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA).

Sasol is planning to extend the existing Syferfontein Mine into the adjacent Block 4 reserves towards the north-west of the Syferfontein reserves. An existing powerline located on the Syferfontein Mine property must be upgraded in order to sustain the proposed Block 4 operation. The proposed upgrade of the existing powerline is a Listed Activity requiring a Basic Assessment in the current mining right area.

The proposed upgrade will not involve any extension of the existing powerline nor will the supporting structure of the powerline be replaced. Instead, the 22 kV powerline (cable) will be replaced by a 132 kV powerline. The Basic Assessment will be compiled in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no. 107 of 1998) (NEMA).

An Environmental Management Programme (EMP) and Integrated Water Use License Application (IWULA) for the existing Syferfontein Mine are available. Specialist studies including archaeology and heritage studies were conducted for the current EMP in 2010.

A Heritage Statement has been attached as motivation for the recommendation for exemption. The Heritage Statement includes relevant project details, findings and recommendations.

During the construction phase of the project, the existing 22 kV powerline on the current mining right area will be upgraded to a 132 kV powerline. The increased presence of workers required for the upgrade of the 22 kV powerline to a 132 kV powerline during the construction phase may result in intentional / unintentional damage to heritage resources however this is a short term risk that can be managed through the implementation of Chance Find Procedures. It is therefore recommended that this aspect of the project be wholly exempted from a HIA including components such as:

- Built Environment Assessment;
- Archaeological Impact Assessment;
- Phase 1 Palaeontological Assessment; and

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- Burial Grounds and Graves Assessment; and
 - Visual Impact Assessment.

In the event that any heritage resources are identified, the client should adopt appropriate Chance Find Procedures that can be completed on request.

We look forward to receiving your timeous comments as required under Section 38(2) of the NHRA.

Regards,

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