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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd

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Environmental authorization process for the deviation and refurbishment of the existing 132kV powerline from the Oasis substation to the Taaipit substation, Northern Cape Province. A 200m corridor will be assessed along each of the proposed routes to determine the environmental impacts and significance of these impacts associated with the proposed development.

GIBB (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Eskom to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application process for the proposed Oasis-Taaipit 132KV Powerline, between Eksteenskuil and Kakamas, Northern Cape Province. A draft Basic Assessment Report (dBAR) has submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA), and the NEMA 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will include a powerline deviation from the Oasis substation to the Taaipits substation. Two alternative routes are being considered (1020 m or 700 m). The entire line will be upgraded from wooden pylons to steel monopoles.

Sativa Travel and Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd was appointed to conduct the heritage component of the BAR.

Mlilo, T. 2017. Proposed Oasis Taaipit 132 Kv Powerline Upgrade including 2 Deviation in Kai !Garib Local Municipality in Northern Cape Province: Archaeological and Heritage Impact Assessment Report.

Isolated surface occurrences of Stone Age lithics were identified along the proposed routes. A formal cemetery is located 200 m from one of the alternative routes.

Deviation Alternative 2 is the preferred route from a heritage point of view. Recommendations provided in the report include that a Chance Finds Procedure must be followed and conditions were provided as part of a Heritage Management Plan (Appendix 1).

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**ESKOM OASIS-TAAIPIT 132KV POWERLINE DEVIATION, KAI !GARIB LOCAL
MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that a Palaeontological Desktop Study be conducted as the proposed route is located within an area of moderate palaeontological sensitivity. Additionally, the HIA must be revised to include a map of the development with the identified heritage resources and the track log of the areas surveyed.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.

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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