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Dear Stakeholder

ESKOM MANOGENG SWITCHING STATION DEVELOPMENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESCUE PROGRAMME FOR HUMAN REMAINS, ROOSENEKAL, ELIAS MOTSOLEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

We are pleased to inform all key stakeholders that the archaeological rescue of human remains and artefacts from the footprint from the Manogeng Switching Station was completed in November 2021. We cherish the support from various organs of the national and provincial government, without which it would have been difficult to go ahead with the construction of the Transmission project. Equally critical, we note public sensibilities on the sanctity of graves and human remains and as such respect for the dead has been built into the consciousness of all those who have worked in this project.

We further inform you that since the launch of the rescue programme, human remains representing a minimum of seventy-nine (79) individuals have been rescued together with an assortment of cultural artefacts.

The discovery of so many graves has been a subject of concern for the local communities which hold them sacred ancestral remains. Concerning this matter, Eskom has exercised due diligence by following due process in accordance with the relevant legal prescripts.

Eskom is unflinching in its commitment to community stakeholders who claim the graves to be their ancestral graves. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) entered into, and Heritage Conservation Management Plan are critical protocols of communication underpinning the precautions taken to make sure that the descendant families are directly involved and local customs and beliefs on the handling of human remains are respected. Going forward ESKOM will continue to engage all community stakeholders soliciting their support and cooperation.

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It is now a common concern that the human remains are reburied as soon as possible with all due respect to the wishes of the descendants and observing local customs and norms. I am pleased to inform you that the National Treasury made available the needful funds for the reburial programme. As this is a matter of restoration of the dignity of the deceased and the spiritual health of the local community, it is our hope that we can proceed to rebury the human remains without delay.

Yours sincerely



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