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## Dear Natasha

## AIA: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A 66KV LINE LINKING THE PROPOSED AGGENEYS PHOTO-VOLTAIC SOLAR POWER PLANT WITH THE AGGENEIS SUBSTATION, NORTHERN CAPE

With reference to your enquiry regarding an Archaeological Impact Assessment for the transmission line linking the proposed photo-voltaic solar power plant with the existing substation.

The matter of the 66 kV transmission line was considered during fieldwork conducted by Webley & Halkett on the 16 April 2012. The majority of the line will run in parallel to the existing line (see Fig. 1). There is only a small portion of the line which will be newly constructed.

This line was followed to the boundary of the property. In the limitations of the survey (noted in the original report by Webley & Halkett) it was noted that the gate to the adjoining property was locked and contained a "No Trespassers" sign. It was therefore not possible to undertake a foot survey around the koppie (Fig. 1).

However, this is a relatively short distance and in our opinion this does not indicate a significant limitation to our conclusions. These are:

- That there is a background scatter of archaeological material in this area which is of low significance and does not require mitigation;
- That the majority of the new line will run in parallel to an existing line;
- The impact of a 66 kV line on background archaeological material is negligible.

Yours sincerely

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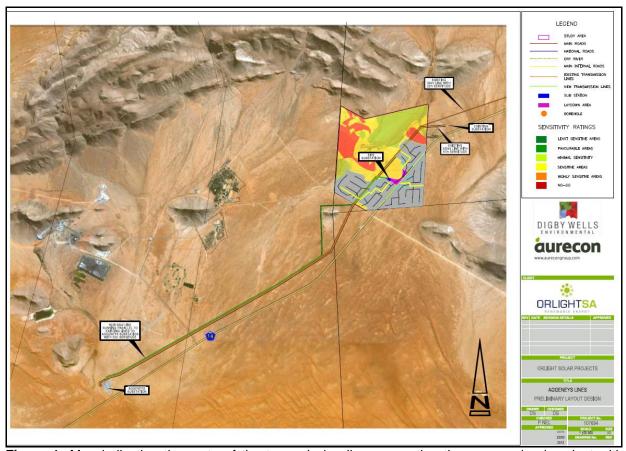


Figure 1: Map indicating the route of the transmission line connecting the proposed solar plant with the existing substation.