## Appendix A

Proposed construction of two 132kV transmission lines from the Maanhaarberg and Damfontein Wind Energy Facilities (De Aar 1) near De Aar, Northern Cape - Impact Assessment of the Corridor Alternative B

During the field assessments conducted by the avifaunal specialist for the Environmental Impact Assessment it became apparent that the Alternative Alignment A as assessed in the Heritage Impact Assessment was not viable due to the presence of wetlands and eagle nesting localities, as indicated in **Figure 1** below.

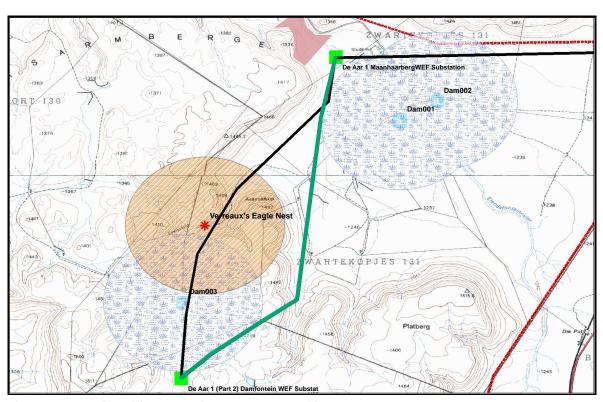


Figure 1: Areas identified as environmentally sensitive

Due to these constraints an environmentally preferred alternative was selected based on the specialist studies and feedback received from the client. The recommended corridor alternative is indicated in **Figure 2** below.

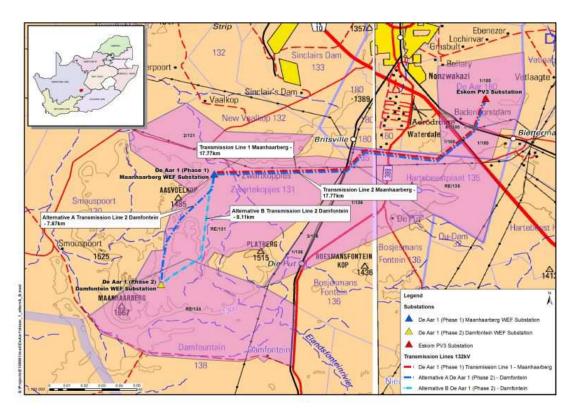


Figure 2: Corridor alternatives A and B

In order to address any additional heritage issues that may result from the Alternative Alignment B, all specialists were requested to assess the proposed extension area, and propose additional mitigation measures, if required. The additional impacts on heritage resources, over and above those mentioned in the Heritage Impact Assessment Report, that are anticipated, as a result of the proposed Alternative provided in the table below.



Figure 3: Corridor alternatives A and B with possible heritage sensitive areas (ridges – purple, drainage lines – blue)

Table 1: Additional Heritage Impacts and Recommendations

Additional Mitigation Measures
Walkdown of the proposed alternative alignment
before construction commence but after final
design of alignment. The aim is to identify all
heritage resources and implement the relevant
mitigation measures.
The desktop evaluation indicates the same type
of terrain and sensitive areas as assessed for
Alternative Alignment A (Figure 3), and as such
similar heritage resources can be expected and
mitigation of such resources identified during the
proposed walk down through buffering and
moving of pylons will be possible.