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Dear Nobuhle

Re: Letter regarding Application for Exemption from a site visit Phase 1 PIA - Kendal

Thank you for your request to assist with the application for exemption from a Phase 1 site visit investigation for the proposed development of a Low-Pressure System (LPS) Pipeline and 11kV Powerline in association with an existing authorised (EA dated 28 July 2015) Ash Disposal Facility (ADF) at the Kendal Power Station, Emalahleni and Delmas Local Municipalities, Nkangala District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

In compliance with the legal requirements of a HIA and therefore at least providing SAHRA with the following documents, we declare our support for this application.

- 1. Comprehensive Desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment
- 2. Proof of knowledge of the geological and palaeontological environment
- 3. Proof of existing Environmental Authorisation and EMPr instructions
- 4. Submission of a comprehensive Chance Find Protocol
- 5. Submission of a recommendation for granting of Exemption from the field based PIA

Following our desktop survey and familiarising ourselves with the existing authorisations (2015) and from our field experience in the study area we support the application for exemption from further field visits at this stage of the EIA process. Please indicate if we can be of any further assistance with this application or any future assistance with the monitoring of impacts on the palaeontological heritage of the site.

Your time and support is highly appreciated.

Dr Gideon and Elsabé Groenewald **Geologist/Accredited Palaeontologist**