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Dear Ms Higgitt,

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE 132KV OYA OVERHEAD POWER LINE NEAR
MATJIESFONTEIN, WESTERN AND NORTHERN CAPE (SAHRIS CASE NO. 15709)**

CTS Heritage has been appointed by SiVEST (PTY) Ltd, on behalf of Oya Energy (Pty) Ltd to undertake the assessment of the proposed 132 kilovolt (kV) overhead power line and 33/132kV substations located within one (1) of the Strategic Transmission Corridors as defined and in terms of the procedures laid out in Government Notice (GN) No. 113, namely the Central Corridor, near Matjiesfontein in the Western and Northern Cape Provinces of South Africa. CTS Heritage submitted the Heritage Impact Assessment for this project to SAHRA via SAHRIS on 2 November 2020. SAHRA responded in a letter dated 4 December 2020 requiring that "A walk-down of the Northern Cape section of the powerline must be conducted prior to construction. The walk-down report must be submitted to SAHRA for review and comment prior to the construction phase." A copy of this letter is attached.

An archaeological walkdown of the Northern Cape section of the Oya OHL was conducted by Mr Nic Wiltshire (CV attached) on 07 January 2021 (see tracks included in Figure 1 below). This letter is therefore submitted to SAHRA in fulfillment of the above requirement and must be read in conjunction with the HIA for this project that is attached to the Case on SAHRIS. This letter does not constitute a complete HIA, but forms a letter supplementary to the existing HIA.

No heritage resources of any kind were identified along the Northern Cape section of the Oya OHL alignment during the field assessment conducted on 07 January 2021. The proposed alignment traverses a series of cliff lines and slopes approaching 60 degrees, and, as such, it was not possible to follow the exact line of the route. The most accurate possible assessment was conducted by navigating the ridgelines overlooking the drop. Images of the area proposed for the Oya OHL are included below.

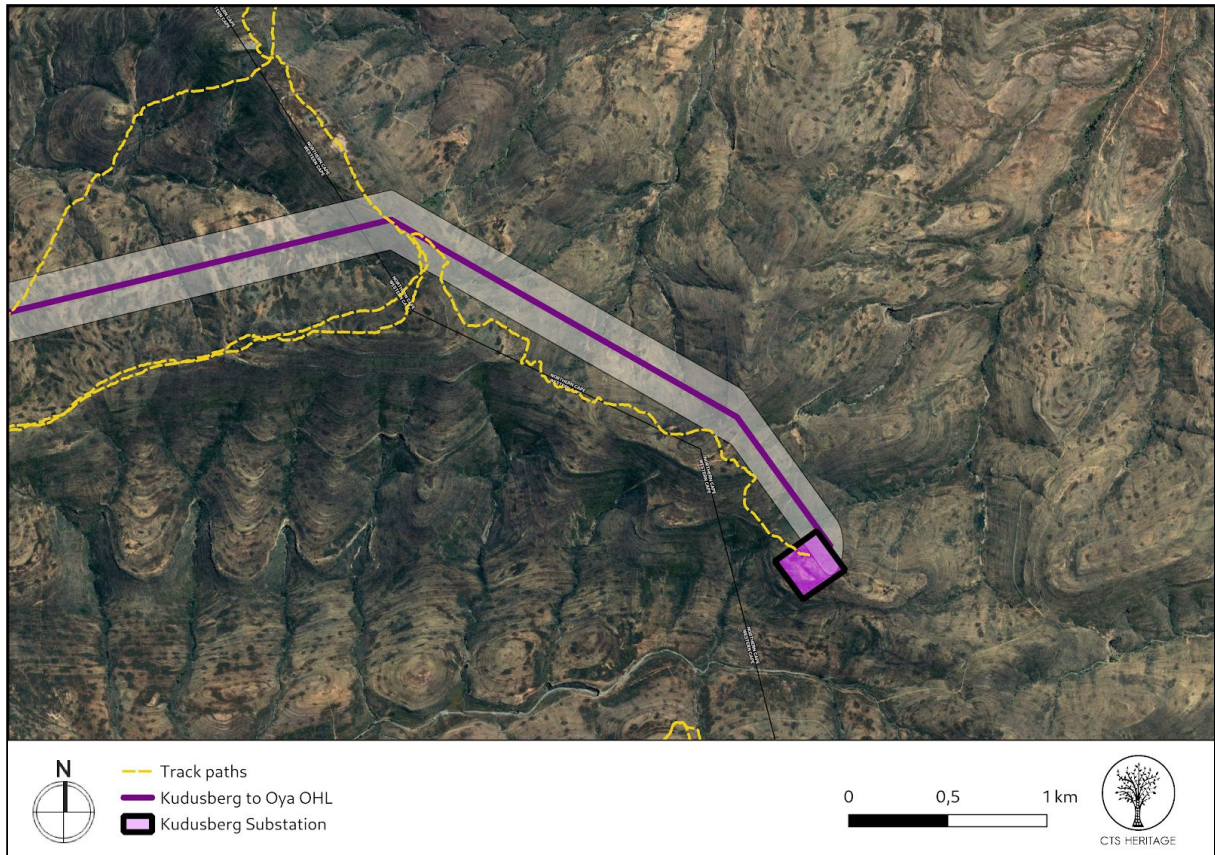
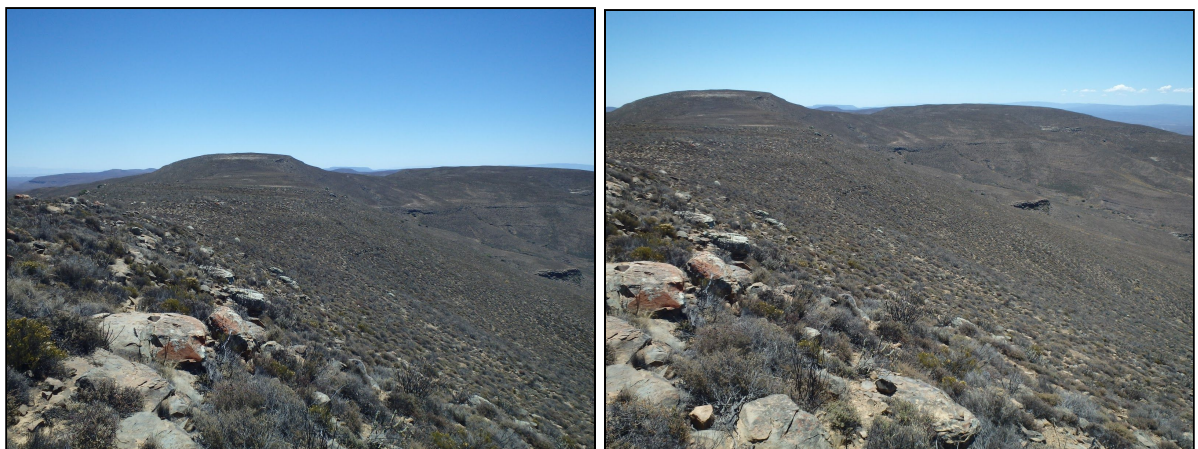


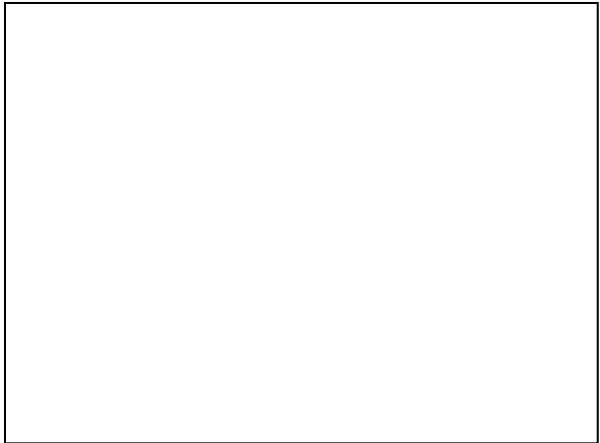
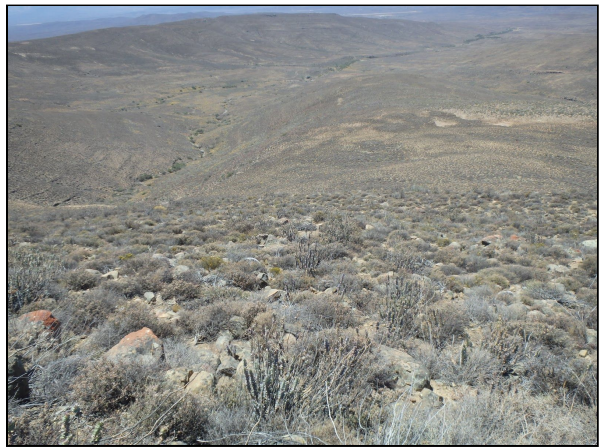
Figure 1: Updated track paths covering the Northern Cape section of the proposed Oya OHL

The images below are indicative of the views along the proposed alignment:





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As no heritage resources were identified within the Northern Cape section of the proposed Oya OHL alignment, no additional mitigation measures are required for inclusion in the recommendations as per the HIA submitted to SAHRA (Case No. 15709). In their letter, SAHRA raised concern regarding two heritage sites located in close proximity to the Northern Cape section of the proposed development. The only known sites located in proximity to the proposed Oya OHL in the Northern Cape are sites 131022 and 131023 (Figure 2 below). These sites are located more than 950m from the proposed alignment and therefore fall well outside of the recommended buffer of 50m. Both of these sites are not archaeological or palaeontological in nature, but are natural features (Site 131022 is an overhang and Site 131023 is a waterfall).

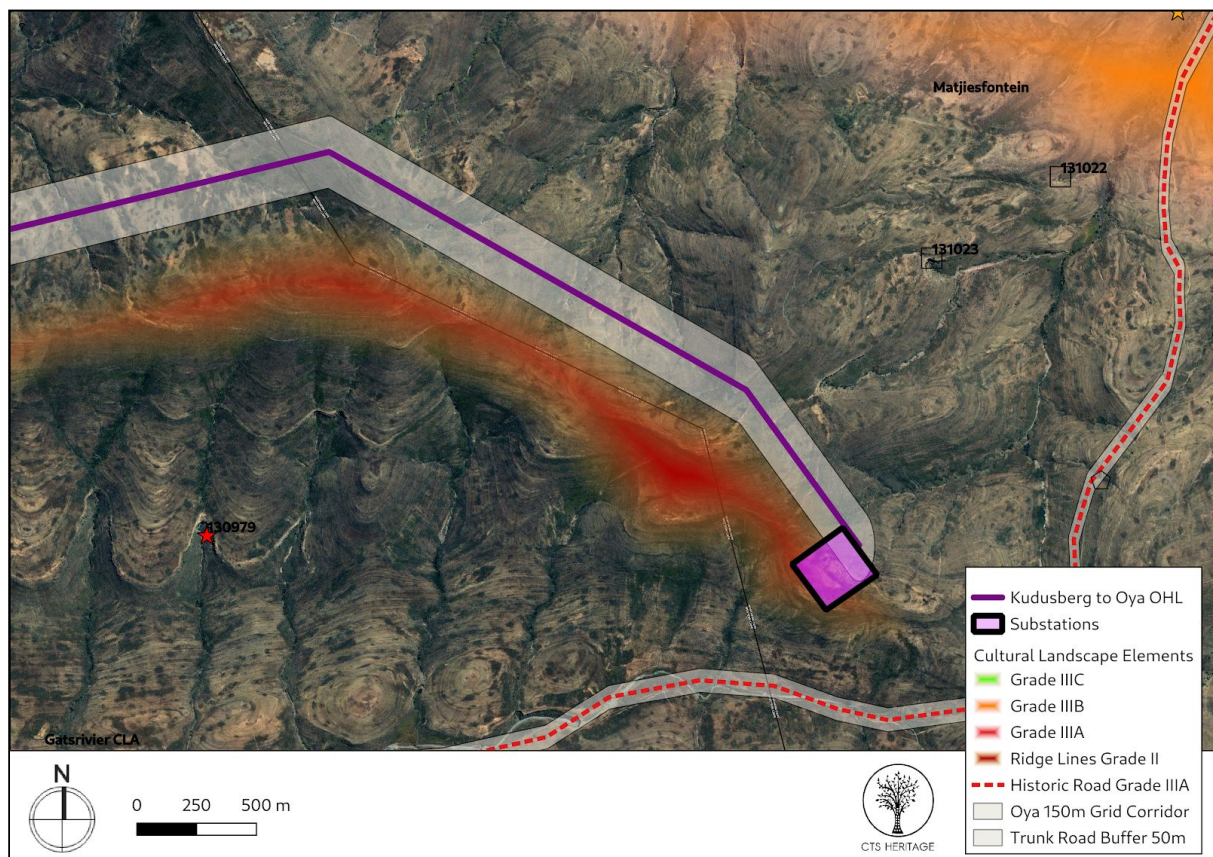


Figure 2: Heritage resources located in proximity to the Northern Cape section of the Oya OHL

The recommendations as included in the HIA therefore remain applicable and are repeated below, edited for relevance only to the Northern Cape section of the Oya OHL (ie. SAHRA's jurisdiction):

There is no objection to the proposed development on heritage grounds and the following is recommended:

- No mitigation is required prior to construction operations commencing.
- During the construction phase all excavations must be monitored for fossil remains by the



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responsible Environmental Control Officer (ECO) using the HWC Chance Fossil Finds Procedure. Should substantial fossil remains such as vertebrate bones and teeth, petrified wood, plant-rich fossil lenses or dense fossil burrow assemblages be exposed during construction, the responsible ECO should safeguard these, preferably in situ, and alert the South African Heritage Resources Authority (SAHRA) in the Northern Cape so that appropriate action can be taken by a professional palaeontologist,

- Should any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources be found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) in the Northern Cape must be alerted.
- If unmarked human burials are uncovered in the Northern Cape, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490) must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. A professional archaeologist must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. A Phase 2 rescue excavation operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA.

Please advise if any further information is required?

Kind regards

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