1. **SIGNIFICANCE ANALYSIS: “NO-GO” ALTERNATIVE - THE PROPOSED POWERLINE REMAINS IN ITS CURRENT STATE AND NO UPGRADES ARE PERFORMED**

Without = Without Mitigation

With = With Mitigation

**Table 5.1 Analysis of the significance of potential biodiversity and ecological processes impacts**

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|  | **NEGATIVE IMPACTS / EFFECTS**  |
|  | **Activity** | **Nature of impact**  | **Spatial extent** | **Severity / intensity / magnitude** | **Duration**  | **Resource loss** | **Reversibility** | **Probability** | **Significance scoring without mitigation** | **Significance scoring with mitigation** |
| **Without** | **With** | **Without** | **With** | **Without** | **With** | **Without** | **With** | **Without** | **With** |
| **Planning Phase** | **None – No planning or construction phases associated with the No-Go alternative** |
| **Construction Phase** |
| **Operational Phase** | General Operation as currently in place.  | Increased proliferation of alien invasive plant species. Degradation of natural environment.  | 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0.6 | **18** | **5.4** |
| **Decommissioning Phase** | Improper rehabilitation of areas *post* closure | Alien plant encroachment | 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0.9 | 0.4 | **16.2** | **3.6** |
|  | **POSITIVE IMPACTS / EFFECTS**  |
|  | **Activity** | **Nature of impact**  | **Spatial extent** | **Severity / intensity / magnitude** | **Duration**  | **Probability** | **Significance scoring** |
| **Construction Phase** | **None** |
| **Operational phase** | No construction  | No disturbance of flora and fauna in the surrounding areas and on the site.  | 1 | 3 | 7 | 0.3 | **3.3** |

**Table 5.2 Analysis of the significance of potential water-related impacts**

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|  | **NEGATIVE IMPACTS / EFFECTS**  |
|  | **Activity** | **Nature of impact**  | **Spatial extent** | **Severity / intensity / magnitude** | **Duration**  | **Resource loss** | **Reversibility** | **Probability** | **Significance scoring without mitigation** | **Significance scoring with mitigation** |
| **Without** | **With** | **Without** | **With** | **Without** | **With** | **Without** | **With** | **Without** | **With** |
| **Planning Phase** | **None – No planning or construction phases associated with the No-Go alternative.** |
| **Construction Phase** |
| **Operational Phase** | Storm water infrastructure maintenance | Erosion and scour - increased sedimentation. | 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0.9 | 0.6 | **18.9** | **6** |
| **Decommissioning Phase** | **None**  |

# Table 5.3 Analysis of the significance of potential construction-related impacts as well as visual related impacts

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|  | **NEGATIVE IMPACTS / EFFECTS**  |
|  | **Activity** | **Nature of impact**  | **Spatial extent** | **Severity / intensity / magnitude** | **Duration**  | **Resource loss** | **Reversibility** | **Probability** | **Significance scoring without mitigation** | **Significance scoring with mitigation** |
| **Without** | **With** | **Without** | **With** | **Without** | **With** | **Without** | **With** | **Without** | **With** |
| **Planning phase** | **None – No planning or construction phases associated with the No-Go alternative.** |
| **Construction Phase** |
| **Operational Phase** |

# Table 5.4 Analysis of the significance of potential social and socio-economic impacts

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|  | **NEGATIVE IMPACTS / EFFECTS**  |
|  | **Activity** | **Nature of impact**  | **Spatial extent** | **Severity / intensity / magnitude** | **Duration**  | **Resource loss** | **Reversibility** | ***P***  | **Significance scoring without mitigation** | **Significance scoring with mitigation** |
| **Without** | **With** | **Without** | **With** | **Without** | **With** | **Without** | **With** | **Without** | **With** |
| **Planning** **Phase** | **None – No planning or construction phases associated with the No-Go alternative.** |
| **Construction Phase** |
| **Operational Phase** | Operation of existing 220 kV Powerline | South African Grid Code N-1 requirement will not be met | 6 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0.7 | **26** | **8.4** |
| Loss or outage of 220kV Powerline | loss of supply to the area and other surrounding towns fed by the substations | 6 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0.9 | **22** | **16.2** |
| inability to evacuate renewable generation in the Paulputs network into the national grid | 6 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0.7 | **26** | **8.4** |