



## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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### **SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED FOSKOR-MERENSKY 275KV ±130KM POWERLINE AND ASSOCIATED SUBSTATION WORKS.**

#### **1. Purpose**

To make comments and inputs on the construction of Foskor-Merensky 275kv of 130km from Steelpoort to Phalaborwa.

#### **2. Background**

Nsovo Environmental Consulting had been appointed by ESKOM HOLDING SOC LIMITED to prepare EIA for the construction of 130km of 275kv power line from Steelpoort to Phalaborwa to improve the existing power energy of Steelpoort/Burgersfort and Phalaborwa

#### **3 Discussions**

##### **3.1 Status of the farms**

Proposed power line routes will be passing through Drakensberg Mountains to Maruleng Municipality area and eventually through some private game reserves to Phalaborwa area. Some parts of Maruleng Municipality, residential areas and agricultural lands will be affected. Most of the communities are depended much on agricultural activities.

##### **3.2 Climatic conditions**

The annual rainfall varies from 200mm to 400mm with maximum summer temperature of more than 31°C and minimum winter of 7°C to 10°C.

### 3.3 Soils

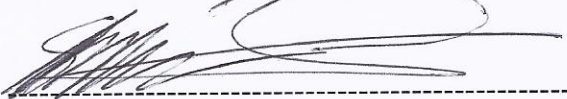
Soils of the area are red and greyish with high base status and associated with Glenrosa and Hutton soils .

### 4. Recommendations

The department has no objections with the construction of the power line provided the servitudes of power lines will not disturb the community farming activities. All affected farming communities should be properly consulted about the establishment of servitudes and the construction of power lines.

It is recommended that the applicant should take all rules and regulation relating to the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, Environmental Conservation Act, Act No. 73 of 1989 and other related laws into consideration, to protect the existing natural forest and the streams.

Recommended/ Not recommended



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**Manager: Land Use Planning**

Approved/ Not approved



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**Senior Manager:  
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