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Proposed Eskom Garona-Aries 400kV Transmission Line

Eskom has compiled a scoping report intending to construct a 400kV transmission powerline between the existing Garona and Garies Substations in the Northern Cape Province.

A meeting took place between Spoomnet Corporate Environmental Management and Infrastructure Management as well as Tswelopele Environmental (Pty) Ltd (working on behalf of the client, Eskom). The purpose of the meeting was to gather more information on the proposed electricity transmission line.

The proposed line with its alternatives transverse Spoomnet railway line at the following different points:

- The alternate Route 2B situated west of Kenhardt traverses Spoomnet railway line twice.
- The shorter Route 1A go across Spoomnet railway line first before it traverses Orange River and secondly at the Garona substation.
- The shorter Route 2C crosses Spoomnet railway line twice in the vicinity of Aries situated southwest and also near Kenhardt.

In light of the above, Spoomnet Corporate Environmental Management recommends that the following be adequately considered and addressed in the EMP:

- Fire prevention measures during the welding process.

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- Designation of previously disturbed areas where materials and equipment will be stored during construction phases especially where the proposed power line crosses the railway line.
- Provision of layout plans indicating location of temporary material storage sites and access routes to the point of intersections preferably in disturbed areas.
- Identification and fencing off of any critically sensitive natural habitats of flora and fauna within Spoornet property where the power line will traverse the railway line.
- Submission of project closure and rehabilitation plan including but not limited to the following:
 - A rehabilitation method statement for each site where the power line traverses the railway line before the commencement of construction of the proposed power line.
 - Rehabilitation of all disturbed areas, including access and haul roads.
 - The use of vegetation occurring in the area naturally during rehabilitation.
- Provision of environmental management awareness and training to contractors.
- Placement of appropriate road signages and signage men during construction phase
- Compliance of temporary hazardous and flammable materials storage facilities to the relevant SABS codes
- Setting up of a central communication hotline where future complaints from interested and affected parties can be lodged
- Waste management and provision of trash bins and abluition facilities.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter, please contact Mr. Elekanyani Phundulu of Spoornet Corporate Environmental Management.

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