

APPENDIX C – Evaluation of impacts of the proposed line on the Red Data bird species – Kudu Juno 400kV

Collision with earth wire = negative impact

Habitat destruction = negative impact

Disturbance = negative impact

Nesting = positive impact

Impact of birds on quality of supply = negative impact on Eskom quality of supply

Note: Electrocutation of birds is highly unlikely and is not considered an impact on the proposed tower structure. On the proposed tower structure it should not be possible for birds to impact on quality of electrical supply through nesting, bird pollution and bird streamers as it is not possible for them to perch/nest above the conductors which are suspended in mid air. However it will be necessary to occasionally use strain type towers (notably at the river crossings – where bird are likely to be relatively abundant) which are likely to be of the self supporting type with a “cross boat” from which conductors are suspended. Birds could perch/nest above conductors on these towers – since these towers will be in the minority – this issue is not discussed on a per species basis in these tables.

Species	Conservation status	Nature of impact	General susceptibility to impact	Probability	Scale	Expected locality	Duration	Intensity or severity	Significance without mitigation	Significance with mitigation	Confidence
Cape Vulture	V	Collision with earth wire	Medium	Improbable due to very low report rate for the area							
		Habitat destruction	Medium								
		Disturbance	Medium								
Martial Eagle	V	Collision with earth wire	Low	Improbable	Site	Almost anywhere along the route – species is currently breeding on the existing Oranjemund Gromis line	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium - high
		Habitat destruction	High	Improbable							
		Disturbance	High	Highly probable – particularly while breeding							

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		Nesting	High	Improbable on this tower structure							
African Marsh Harrier	V	Habitat destruction	High	Improbable due to low report rate through much of the study area							
		Disturbance	High								
Lesser Kestrel	V	Habitat destruction	Medium	Improbable due to very low report rate							
		Disturbance	Medium								
Ludwig's Bustard	V	Collision with earth wire	Very high	Highly probable	Local	Throughout study area	Long	Medium	Medium	Low	High/medium
		Habitat destruction	High	Probable	Site		Long	Low	Low	Low	Medium
		Disturbance	High	Probable	Site		Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
Kori Bustard	V	Collision with earth wire	Very high	Highly probable	Local	Throughout study area, particularly in 2816 & 3017	Long	Medium	Medium	Low	High/medium
		Habitat destruction	High	Probable	Site		Long	Low	Low	Low	Medium
		Disturbance	High	Probable	Site		Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
Red Lark	V	Habitat destruction	High	Improbable due to low report rate							
		Disturbance	High								

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White Pelican	NT	Collision with earth wire	High	Probable	Local	Particularly at the Orange River Crossing	Long	Medium	Medium	Low	Medium
		Habitat destruction	Medium	Improbable							
		Disturbance	Medium	Improbable							
Black Stork Yellow-billed Stork	NT	Collision with earth wire	High	Improbable due to very low report rate							
		Habitat destruction	High								
		Disturbance	High								
	NT	Collision with earth wire	High	Improbable due to very low report rate							
		Habitat destruction	High								
Disturbance	High										
Marabou Stork	NT	Collision with earth wire	High	Improbable due to low report rates							
		Habitat destruction	High								
		Disturbance	High								
Greater Flamingo	NT	Collision with earth wire	High	Probable	Local	Any open water sources in study area – NB Orange River	Long	Medium	Medium	Low	Medium
		Habitat destruction	High	Improbable							

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		Disturbance	Medium	Improbable		Crossing								
Lesser Flamingo	NT	Collision with earth wire	High	Probable	Local	Any open water sources in study area – NB Orange River Crossing	Long	Medium	Medium	Low	Medium			
		Habitat destruction	High	Improbable										
		Disturbance	Medium	Improbable										
Secretarybird	NT	Collision with earth wire	High	Highly probable	Local	Almost anywhere along the route in natural untransformed areas	Long	Medium	Medium	Medium	High/medium			
		Habitat destruction	Medium	Probable	Site				Long	Low		Low	Low	Medium
		Disturbance	Medium	Probable	Site				Medium	Low		Low	Low	Medium
Black Harrier	NT	Habitat destruction	High	Probable	Site	Throughout study area – natural vegetation	Long	Low	Low	Low	Medium			
		Disturbance	High	Probable	Site							Medium	Low	Low
Peregrine Falcon	NT	Habitat destruction	High	Improbable		Particularly close to the Orange River Crossing – known breeding sites exist								
		Disturbance	High	Highly probable	Site							Medium	Medium	Medium
Lanner Falcon	NT	Habitat destruction	Medium	Probable	Site	Anywhere in study area	Long	Low	Low	Low	Medium			
		Disturbance	Medium	Probable	Site							Medium	Low	Low
Caspian Tern	NT	Habitat destruction	High			Could occur near Orange								

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		Disturbance	High	Probable	Site	River Crossing	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium
Half-collared Kingfisher	NT	Habitat destruction	High	Improbable due to very low report rate							
		Disturbance	High								
Karoo Lark	NT	Habitat destruction	High	Probable	Site	Anywhere in study area	Long	Low	Low	Low	Medium
		Disturbance	High	Probable	Site		Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
White Stork	Bonn	Collision with earth wire	Very high	Probable	Local	Particularly in the arable areas in summer months	Long	Medium	Medium	Low	High
		Habitat destruction	Medium	Improbable							
		Disturbance	Medium	Improbable							