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Attention: Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

MOTIVATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FEE

Eskom Holdings SOC Limited, Western Cape Operating Unit: Distribution Division (Eskom) proposes to construct a new double circuit powerline (132kV and 66kV) to replace an existing partially burnt 66 kV wood pole line from the Romansrivier substation to the Ceres substation in the Witzenberg Municipality, Western Cape.

The project consists of the following key components:

- Installation of a 80 MVA 132/66/11kV transformer at the Romansrivier substation to supply the new 132 kV line to Ceres;
- Installation of 132 kV and 66 kV feeder¹ bays at Romansriver substation and a 66kV feeder bay at Ceres substation;
- Construction of a double circuit distribution powerline (132kV and 66kV) on 68 pylon structures between Romansrivier and Ceres substations in the Breede River Valley / Mitchell's Pass (~20km);
- Construction of new access roads, including bridges and other watercourse crossings; and
- Upgrading of various existing (access) roads.

SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (SRK) has been appointed to undertake the Basic Assessment (BA) process required in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998, as amended (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014.

As the applicant is a state-owned enterprise, we understand that Eskom is exempt from paying the fee for the Environmental Authorisation application.

¹ A feeder is a powerline transferring power from the substation to the transformers

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