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Prof. Deacon
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Dear Prof. Deacon,

Re: PHASE 1 AIA – PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE ROBBERG-BITOU 66KV POWERLINE, PLETTENBERG BAY, WESTERN CAPE.

The Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Committee of the Western Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority, Heritage Western Cape (HWC), at a meeting held on 06 March 2007, discussed the Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) of the proposed construction and operation of the Robber-Bitou 66kV powerline.

The following was noted:

- i) The construction involved a 9km, 66kV powerline from the existing Robberg Substation near the New Horizons Plettenberg Bay suburb to a new substation across the Bitou River off the R340. There are three possible routes suggested by ESKOM. Proposed route three will have a negative visual impact where it crosses the Bitou Estuary.
- ii) No archaeological or palaeontological sites or material were found.

From the APM Committee area of competency, the following decisions were made.

- i) There were no objections to the development with regard to archaeological and palaeontological resources.
- ii) In the event that human burials or archaeological resources are uncovered or exposed during earthworks or excavations, they must be reported immediately to the South African Heritage Resources Agency – for burials only (Att: Mrs M. Leslie or Mrs. C. Scheermeyer 021 462 4502) and Heritage Western Cape (Att: Ndukuyakhe Ndlovu 021 483 9685). An archaeologist will be required to remove the remains at the expense of the developer.

In consultation with the staff serving BELCOM, there is very little that can be done regarding visual impact of route 3, however ESKOM must ensure that the new powerline is less intrusive.

Yours faithfully

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