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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Re: Construction of Eskom 132 kV Overhead Powerline from the existing Outeniqua Substation to the existing Oudtshoorn Substation, Eden District Municipality – Botanical Sensitivity

A botanical assessment was conducted for the above Eskom project in 2012. Subsequently, in 2014, a deviation from the original route was proposed. An addendum, where the potential negative impacts of the deviation route on the vegetation and flora was assessed, was added to the original botanical assessment report in January 2015. The latter additional assessment showed that there would be **no significant difference** in terms of negative impacts on the vegetation and flora between that of the originally proposed route and that of the deviation route.

The 'deviation route' is the finally selected route and it was this route that was followed during the 'walk-down' conducted in March 2016.

Yours sincerely,

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