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Dear Chief Director

**NOTIFICATION FOR COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION AND FINAL ROUTE ALIGNMENT: OUTENIQUA-OUTDSHOORN 132kV OVERHEAD POWER LINE, EDEN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, WESTERN CAPE – DEA REFERENCE NUMBER: 14/12/16/3/3/1/613**

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the afore-mentioned project on 31 October 2013, as amended on 4 August 2015 (**DEA Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/1/613**), refers.

This letter serves to notify the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) of Eskom's intension to commence with site preparation for construction on 1 August 2017, as per condition 21 of the EA.

Eskom would further like to inform the DEA that a final line walkthrough was undertaken by a botanist and avifaunal specialist from 14-16 March 2017 as per conditions 24 and 35, and 34, respectively. Details of the specialist are as follow:

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Based on the findings and recommendations made by these specialists the line route has been updated and pole positions shifted to more favorable positions in order to avoid and minimize environmental impacts.

Find attached the final route alignment and the pole positions. The EMPr as approved in the Final BAR dated 11 July 2013 will be implemented without the need for amendments. The EMPr includes all recommendations and mitigation measures as per the FBAR and Specialist Reports. As such, compliance to condition 12 in the EA is achieved.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Wyngaardt'. The signature is fluid and cursive. Below the signature, there is a small, faint watermark that says 'Electronic Signature'.

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