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Your reference: 20/9/2/3/6/132

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Date: 11 July 2013

FOR ATTENTION: Cor van der Walt (landuse.elsenburg@elsenburg.co.za)

Dear Cor

RE: PROPOSED ESKOM OUTENIQUA-OUDTSHOORN 132 KV POWERLINE: DIVISION OUDTSHOORN

Thank you for your correspondence dated 29 November 2012 on behalf of the Department of Agriculture.

We hereby respond to the comments raised, accordingly:

The Western Cape Department of Agriculture has no objection to preferred Alternative 1.

Noted. Alternative Route 1 remains the preferred route.

Please ensure that all steps are taken to prevent erosion and limit impact on cultivated land.

Noted. Please refer to the EMP (Appendix G) Section 6.2 and 6.16 for mitigation measures with regards to erosion and impact on cultivated land (e.g. access to farm land) respectively.

Note: The FBAR and EMP are now available for comment from 11 July 2013 to 2 August 2013. Kindly forward any comments (with relevant reference number) directly to DEA as per contact details below:

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