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Date: 11 July 2013

FOR ATTENTION: Troy Smuts (Justin.bradfield@pgwc.co.za)

**Dear Troy** 

## RE: PROPOSED ESKOM 132 kV OVERHEAD POWERLINE OUTENIQUA SUBSTATION TO THE EXISTING OUDTSHOORN SUBSTATION

Thank you for your correspondence dated 19 December 2012 on behalf of Heritage Western Cape.

We hereby respond to the comments raised, accordingly:

Heritage Western Cape agreed that alternative A is supported. Should alternate B be selected by the decision maker, HWC requires that a visual impact be submitted to HWC in order to mitigate impacts.

Noted. Should Alternative route B be selected through this EIA process, a visual impact assessment will be completed by an accredited, independent specialist and submitted to HWC for review and comment.

If any burials are found which have not been exhumed, they should be exhumed (similarly to those already found).

Noted. Please refer to the EMP (Appendix G, Section 6.13) for mitigation measures with regards to archaeological or paleontological findings during the construction phase of this project. Should any remains be found, work will be halted immediately, the area demarcated as a "no-go" area and HWC notified.

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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