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COMMENT AND RESPONSE REPORT
FOR THE FINAL BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE
PROPOSED DEVIATION AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE
OASIS-TAAIPIT 132KV POWERLINE, EXTENDING FROM
THE EXISTING OASIS SUBSTATION TO THE TAAIPIT
SUBSTATION, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

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ESKOM OASIS-TAAIPIT 132KV POWERLINE DEVIATION AND REFURBISHMENT

BASIC ASESMENT (DEA REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1866)

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

(18 January to 16 February 2018)

Comments have been received from the following stakeholders:

No	Name	Organisation
Comments received on the Draft Basic Assessment Report		
1.	Ms. V Ramugondo	Department of Water and Sanitation
2.	Natasha Higgitt	South African Heritage Resources Authority

COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

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1.	25 January 2018 Email	Ms. V Ramugondo Department of Water and Sanitation	<p>As mentioned in the report, the Department takes note that the proposed activity at the above mentioned location will include deviation and refurbishment of the Oasis-Taipit powerline, extending from the existing Oasis Substation to the Taipit Substation. The Department has evaluated the said Basic Assessment Report and has no objection to the approval of the report. However, the following should be addressed by the applicant.</p> <p>a) It is apparent that the nature of activities the applicant is proposing to engage in has potential impacts on the environment and water resources, as the area of interest has various drainage lines. Please note that the Department rates all perennial and non-perennial streams together with all dry river beds and natural drainage, wetlands, pans and associated riparian areas extremely sensitive to development;</p> <p>b) Note that no activity may occur within the 100 m /1: 1 00 year flood</p>	<p>GIBB thanks you for your comments.</p> <p>Please note that the applicant is aware of the need for a Water Use License and that the Water Use Licence / General Authorisation will be applied for during the submission of the Final BAR.</p>

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			<p>line of a river/drainage lines (whichever is furthest) and 500 m of a pan/wetland without authorisation from this Department;</p> <p>c) You are advised to apply and obtain the water use authorisation prior to commencement of the proposed activities. An intent to apply for a water use authorisation should be sent to the Department;</p> <p>d) A pre-consultation meeting can be arranged with the Department to advice on the water uses that are triggered by the activity which may require authorisation and relevant reports (before submission of the complete application to Department);</p> <p>e) Please note that should you decide to continue with the proposed activity, a Risk Matrix has to be conducted by a Professional Scientist (registered with SACNASP as a professional member) and submitted to the Department in order to determine the impacts of the proposed activities on the watercourse in terms of Section 21 (c) and (i) of</p>	

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			<p>the National Water Act, 1998 (Act no.36 of 1998);</p> <p>f) Sections 19 & 20 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No.36 of 1998) should be adhered to;</p> <p>This reply does not grant any exemption from the requirements of any applicable Act, Ordinance, Regulation or By-law.</p> <p>This office reserves the right to revise initial comments and request additional information that may arise from correspondence and/or upon inspection.</p> <p>Please note that any use of water without authorization is illegal as it is in contravention of the National Water Act and is punishable by law.</p>	
2.	19 February 2018 Email	Natasha Higgitt South African Heritage Resources Authority	<p>The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that a Palaeontological Desktop Study be conducted as the proposed route is located within an area of moderate palaeontological sensitivity. Additionally, the HIA must be revised to include a map of the development with the identified</p>	<p>Thank you for your Comments.</p> <p>Please note that a Desktop Palaeontological Assessment has been conducted and has been uploaded onto SAHRIS. The Assessment is attached below in response to your comment.</p> <p>Please note that the Heritage Impact Assessment has been updated to include the maps showing the</p>

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			heritage resources and the track log of the areas surveyed. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.	locations of identified Heritage Features, as well as the tracking log of where all the Features were identified.