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Dear Sirs,

## PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT :ESKOM VRYHEID NETWORK STRENGTHENING

- 1) **OUR CLIENT JAN SCHOONWINKEL FAMILIETRUST: Site alternative A: Farm 253 (Kluitjieskraal)**
- 2) **OUR CLIENT AJ SCHOONWINKEL FAMILIETRUST: Site alternative B & C : Kluitjieskraal Farm 256 portion 5**
- 3) **OUR CLIENT AJ SCHOONWINKEL FAMILIETRUST: Site alternative D: Kluitjieskraal Farm 256 portion2**

We act herein on behalf of abovementioned clients , the registered owners as set out above, all represented by the trustee of the respective trusts, Mr. Arnoldus Johannes Schoonwinkel. With reference to your notice to client via e-mail dated 25 February 2016 and with specific reference to your draft scoping report, we wish to comment and bring to your attention the following:

### A) Site alternative A Page 23 and 24 Summary of specialist findings:

- 1) **Agricultural Potential:** The proposed site is in fact **an active high agricultural potential site** that is already transformed from pasture to grain and is used for the production of grain in a 6 year rotation period and is due to produce crops during the period 2016 to 2022
- 2) **Avifauna: Blue Cranes are observed regularly** on the site.

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**B) Site alternative B Page 24 and 25 Summary of specialist findings:**

We confirm your findings regarding Agricultural Potential, Flora , Heritage and Avifauna and wish to stress that this indeed makes the site highly unacceptable as an alternative site.

**C) Site alternative C Page 26 and 27 Summary of specialist findings:**

**Agricultural Potential:** The proposed site is in fact **an active high agricultural potential site** . Currently it is under lucern pasture and will in 2017 be transformed from pasture to grain and used for the production of grain in a 6 year rotation period and is due to produce crops during the period 2017 to 2023. It may be mentioned that our client has harvested some of his best and record crops from this land

**Avifauna: Blue Cranes are observed regularly** on the site.

**D) Site alternative D Page 27 and 28 Summary of specialist findings:**

We confirm your findings regarding Agricultural Potential, Flora , Heritage and Avifauna and wish to stress that this indeed makes the site highly unacceptable as an alternative site. We wish to further point out that Blue Crane is spotted regularly on site.

**GENERAL SUBMISSIONS:** We wish to point out that our client already has the existing Vryheid substation on one of his properties, which is onerous and an impediment to his existing farming activities and it would be most unfair towards him, should he be further subjected to another portion of his property being earmarked and used for the intended Eskom Vryheid Network Strengthening.

**FINAL SUBMISSION:**

It is clients submission that in fact alternative **site F is the most viable option** and should indeed be the portion to be considered favorably.

The year 2015 was the first year in forty years in which crops were planted on this site.

The existing 400 kv powerline and N2 Road are located in close proximity, making it easily accessible.

Taking the abovementioned into account, it is clients submission that the site alternatives A,B,C and D pertaining to his properties are indeed unacceptable.

Yours faithfully

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