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ATTENTION: Manda Hinsch

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Dear Ms Hinsch

## HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINES IN HEKPOORT

First and foremost we would like to extend our gratitude towards you and all involved in organising the meeting that was held at Hekpoort to allow all affected parties the opportunity to discuss and provide input in the planned power supply upgrading project.

OOSTERMOED BELEGGINGS 201 (PTY) LTD (owners of Portion 476 of the Farm Hekpoort 504 JQ (previously portion 444 and portion 475) and Remaining Extent of Portion 323 (a Portion of Portion 2) of the farm Hekpoort 504) support the upgrading of the power supply as we believe this will in turn support development in and around our region. Oostermoed Beleggings is committed to development in Hekpoort as evident from the revamped Hekpoort Centre and the new centre that should be operational towards the end of June 2015. We have further commenced with studies for a retirement village, social housing, low cost housing and affordable housing. This is done with the blessing of Mogale City who is also serious about rural development. The Oostermoed group employs approximately 250 permanent and 300 contractors, all from the area. The envisaged development will further increase the number of permanent employees.

We would like to highlight the fact that Hekpoort as well as surrounding areas are very much reliant on tourism, being the main job creator in and around Hekpoort. The visual impact of high voltage power lines must be carefully managed to minimise the socioeconomic impact on current and future development in the region.

Directly next to the main roads, the R560 and R563, you find all the high value property most favourable to development with views directly onto our most valuable assets namely the Magalies mountain range and the Magalies River. High voltage power lines in these areas will negatively impact on the areas by being visually damaging with the most negative socioeconomic effect now and in future.



In Hekpoort the old railway line was built in an area where a lot of mining activities occurred, mainly building sand mining. Apart from the less favourable tourist attraction, the soil conditions and relative high water table will hamper any structural development in these particular areas around the old railway line. The visual and socioeconomic impact would be considerably smaller if one should utilise these areas to erect the power lines to attain the main objective of upgrading the power supply while minimising the negative effect on the area.

OOSTERMOED BELEGGINGS 201 (PTY) LTD is prepared to allow Eskom to erect a new substation, should this be feasible, on a vacant stand, free of charge, insofar the railway line intersect with any of our properties.

We request that you forward us any further information available to effected parties and in public domain regarding this project.

Yours Sincerely

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