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COMMENT ON THE REVISED FINAL LOCATION OF THE ESKOM WESKUSFLEUR 400kV SUBSTATION NEAR KOEBERG, WESTERN CAPE

This statement letter is in reference to the proposed ESKOM Weskurfleur substation located near Koeberg in the Western Cape. Since the EIA specialist study was submitted, the location of the substation has been moved approximately 45m to the east of the original location. As a result, Lidwala have requested comment on the revised layout and specifically an opinion as to the ecological impacts of the revised substation location compared to the original position.

I have been on-site to the revised location at Koeberg and reviewed the revised layout and associated changes to the layout of the substation and have come to the following conclusions:

- The new substation position will not generate different ecological impact from the original position. This is because the substation will still be located within the previously transformed area that was used as a lay-down area for the construction of Koeberg. This is considered to be a low sensitivity area and does not have any fauna or flora species of conservation concern present in the affected area. As such, the original assessed impacts are considered still applicable to the revised substation location and no revision of the assessed impacts is deemed necessary.
- The original mitigation and avoidance measures are considered still applicable and there are no additional mitigation measures that should be implemented based on the new revised layout. There are however no mitigation measures that should not be implemented as the basic mitigation and avoidance measures indicated in the report are still valid.

Based on the above considerations, the original assessed impacts and their significance are considered still applicable and relevant to the revised layout. As such, the recommendations of the original specialist study are still supported and their original contention that the ecological impacts associated with the

development of the new substation are acceptable are upheld and there are no terrestrial ecological considerations that should prevent the construction of the substation from proceeding.

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