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Sent: 08 December 2016 07:55 AM
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Subject: RE: Raptor Centre and Eskom realignment

Hi Paul – further to the note from the Winterskloof Conservancy (submitted by Judy Bell) - I would like to add the Umgenyane Conservancy to your 'comments / response ' process . There are three ' raptor release ' sites within our conservancy - all raptors coming from the Raptor Centre situated near the proposed Eskom site – the three sites mentioned in this note are : Camdeboo (Roy Mottram) ; Braeside (Doug Burden) ; as well as Hilton College . Please could you acknowledge the inclusion of this info in your process – thanks and kind regards, Doug.

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Dear Judy

Thank you for your comment. It will indeed be incorporated into the Comments and Response and will form part of the correspondence sent to DEA with the final EIAR.

I have forwarded your email to Eskom engineers for a response.

Furthermore, we are meeting with the team from the Africa Bird of Prey Sanctuary on 8 December with Eskom project planners and negotiators to better understand the proposed relocation and how this could be done without impacting upon the Sanctuary and its programmes.

Regards
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Hi there

The Winterskloof Conservancy has worked with and benefitted from the amazing work that the team at the Raptor Centre has done and continues to undertake to ensure that these apex predators are able to survive despite the hazards they face from development. It is thus with sadness that I read about this proposal realigning the Eskom power line and sub-station location, which will directly affect them and the future of their operations in Ashburton.

I noticed that the reason for the change was the cost of the proposed Wartburg sub-station due to the additional foundation work required. Has the system used by Eskom in the sand forest in northern KZN been considered for this? If not, please do so. It is known as a helical pier foundation and [Geo Screw Foundations](#) was the company working for Eskom on the foundations for the pylons, so it is known and understood technology. Warren Confyt can give you details – I have copied this note to him as well.

If the route still needs to be realigned, please would you ensure that the Raptor Centre is relocated at the expense of the project to enable them to do their essential work with their already limited funding. Many of their “patients” are rescued and rehabilitated as a result of strikes with power lines, so this would be good corporate responsibility in terms of Eskom’s corporate governance. Without these predators, a vital part of our ecosystems will be missing and we as society will soon realise the impacts of that loss when it is too late to remedy.

Please record this note formally in your documentation for submission to DEA.

Many thanks
Judy Bell



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