



Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) and the KwaZulu-Natal Heritage Act (Act 4 of 2008)

Attention: Eskom Holdings SOC Limited
Limpopo Operating Unit
Land Development and Environment Section

Project Name: Richards Bay Combined Cycle Power Plant (CCPP) **Applicant:** Eskom Holdings SoC Ltd (Eskom) **Location:** The development is proposed on Portion 2 and Portion 4 of Erf 11376 which is situated within Phase 1D of the Richards Bay Industrial Development Zone (RIDZ) located approximately 6km south west of Richards Bay and 4km south west of Alton. The project site is situated in the City of uMhlathuze Local Municipality which falls within jurisdiction of the King Cetshwayo District Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal Province. **Proposed Activity:** The development of a Combined Cycle Power Plant (CCPP) with a generating capacity of up to 3000MW on a project site with an extent of 71ha. The development footprint will be up to 60ha in extent.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this development proposal as outlined above. The Archaeological Scoping Report by Jan van der Walt and the field-based Paleontological Report by Elize Butler have been considered. While the Paleontologist did not find any fossiliferous material on the development footprint, it is noted that both the paleontological study and the archaeological desktop study confirm that the area is generally sensitive in terms of heritage values. For this reason a field based Heritage Impact Assessment is required. While the field-based paleontological study did not record any surface finds, the possibility of sub-surface finds cannot be ruled out in the dune area and therefore a protocol for finds should be submitted as part of the Heritage Impact Assessment Report to be conducted during the EIA phase. The field-based survey that covers a comprehensive history of occupation of the area and living heritage aspects should be submitted as part of the HIA report as the general area has yielded such sites.

The HIA Study should cover:

- Identification of all heritage resources in the development area and its surroundings -50m
- Assessment of the impact of the development on such heritage
- Evaluation of the impact of the development on heritage resources relative to the sustainable social and economic benefits to be derived from the development
- Results of consultation with communities affected by the proposed development and other interested and affected parties regarding the impact of the development on heritage resources.
- Consideration of alternatives if heritage resources are affected by the development
- Mitigation plans for any adverse effects during and after completion of the project
- Table of all heritage resources identified. This should show Heritage resource type, description, location, significance and reasons for this rating.



Richards Bay Combined Cycle Power Plant (CCPP)

Our Ref: SAH17/11535

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Amafa will therefore provide further comment on the field-based full Heritage Impact Assessment Report once its submitted.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/406986>
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Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to Amafa immediately.
3. Amafa reserves the right to request additional information as required.



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