

PROPOSED DECOMMISSIONING OF THE OLD SLUDGE DRYING AREA AT THE GOUDKOPPIES WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Our Ref: 9/2/228/0001



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Department of Arts and Culture

Final Comment

In terms of Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Eskom - Megawatt Park
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Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd (Eskom) has submitted an application to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) to decommission the old sludge drying land at the Goudkoppies Water Treatment Plant, Rivasdale, Soweto, Gauteng. Eskom is in the process of acquiring the site where the old sludge drying beds are located for the construction of the new proposed 400/132kV Quattro substation (approved Quattro substation hereafter) that has already been authorised (DEA Ref No: 12/12/20/984) by the Department of Environmental Affairs in 09 March 2011. It is for these reasons that Eskom has considered the decommissioning of the site as required by the Waste Regulations

The proposed project entails an application by Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd to the Department of Environmental Affairs to decommission the old sludge drying land at the Goudkoppies Water Treatment Plant, Rivasdale, Soweto, Gauteng. Eskom is in the process of acquiring the site where the old sludge drying beds are located for the construction of the new proposed 400/132kV Quattro substation (approved Quattro substation hereafter) that has already been authorised (DEA Ref No: 12/12/20/984) by the Department of Environmental Affairs during March 2011.

Phase 1 Heritage Scoping Study: An Archaeological Investigation for the proposed new substation establishment at southwestern township (Soweto), within Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province, South Africa.

The heritage assessment conducted for the study area yielded no significant archaeological heritage resources.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed development on the condition that if any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, marine shell and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

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/166152>
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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 SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.



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