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Final Comment

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

Attention: Miss Samantha Scott Synergistics Environmental Services Block B, Hurlingham Office Park 59 Woodlands Avenue Hurlingham Manor 2070

Scaw South Africa (Pty) Ltd owns and operates the Scaw Metals facility at Union Junction in Germiston, Gauteng. Scaw Metals produces a range of products from the recycling of scrap steel and iron ore. Scaw South Africa has proposed the development of an Electrical Co-generation Plant and an Ash Disposal Facility at Scaw Metals, Union Junction. The proposed Co-generation Plant will be located on Erfs 133 & 632 and the proposed Ash Disposal Facility will cut across Erfs 133, 632, & 634 at Scaw Metals. Estimates of the proposed area to be covered by the Co-generation Plant is approximately 3 ha and by the Ash Disposal Site is approximately 17 ha. Approximately half of the area for the Ash Disposal Site is located with the footprint of the existing plant. These estimates are the proposed footprint of each facility only. In addition, the location chosen for these sites are already heavily disturbed within the Scaw Metals industrial area and have been used for a variety of activities, such as rail sidings, material borrowing, & waste storage. The proposed facilities are considered together in the Scoping and EIA process, therefore we would like SAHRA to consider both projects together in this application.

Kitto, J. July 2013. Request For Exemption From An Archaeological Impact Study: Electrical Cogeneration Plant And Ash Disposal Facilty At Scaw Metals, Germiston, Gauteng Province.

The proposed development entails an electricity-generation facility and an ash-disposal site at Union Junction in Germiston.

The author states that the study areas have been used for numerous industrial activities such as rail sidings, scrap metal and materials storage, since 1942, and that this has resulted in the study area being significantly disturbed. This has been confirmed through historical research and a site visit.

The author states that no heritage resources are present within the two study areas proposed for development and that the receiving environment is not a sensitive archaeological or historical landscape, and that no negative impacts on heritage resources are foreseen, nor any mitigation required.

Case Decision

As there is apparently no evidence of any significant archaeological material in this area, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objection to the development (in terms of the archaeological component of the heritage resources) on condition that, if any new evidence of archaeological



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sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources is found during development, SAHRA and an archaeologist and/or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be alerted immediately.

No further heritage studies are required.

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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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/120037

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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