

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Environmental Impact Assessment for the Weskusfleur Substation, Western Cape Province

DEA Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/508

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Omgewingsimpakstudie vir die Weskusfleur Substasie, Wes-Kaap Provinsie

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SECONDARY ACTION

Now train drivers threaten to strike

Jason Felix

COMMUTERS could face even more severe disruptions as train drivers have threatened a secondary strike in support of bus drivers on strike for higher wages after negotiations deadlocked yesterday.

Workers have dropped their demand to 13 percent and the bosses have increased their offer to 8 percent on a minimum wage of R3 900. The CCMA recommends 9 percent.

SA Transport and Allied Workers Union national spokesman Vincent Masoga said because they had failed to reach agreement with two employer bodies, the SA Bus Employers' Association and the Commuter Bus Employer Association, they would rally train and truck drivers to stage a secondary strike.

Masoga said Satawu would apply for permission for a secondary strike from the weekend. "It will be a secondary strike and we want the support of other workers in the industry to show employers that we are serious about our demands. We are striving to intensify our strike with more workers," Masoga said.

There are 1 035 train drivers and just more than 2 000 truck drivers. On what was the sixth day of the national strike more than 500 bus drivers picketed at the Bellville Bus Terminal yesterday while police kept a close eye.

Satawu and the Transport and Omnibus Workers' Union dropped their 18 percent wage demand to 13 percent while the employers upped their 6.5 percent offer to 8 percent, at a meeting at CCMA offices in Johannesburg. Spokesman for the employer associations Barry Gie said they would not change position on the increase.

Today strikers again take to the streets and are expected to march from Athlone to the offices of the SA Road Passenger Bargaining Council in Rondebosch. A feedback meeting will also be held in Gugulethu.

Stranded commuters can still make use of extra Metro-rail trains and MyCiTi buses will continue to operate.

Pickets have been held in the city for the past few days. The strike has affected some long-distance bus services and the UCT transport service Jammie Shuttle now operates only one shuttle per route. The Translux Bus Service remains suspended.

The strike began on Friday after unions and employers could not reach a settlement on pay hikes.

After wage negotiations started in January and reached a deadlock last week, the CCMA proposed a 9 percent wage increase. The strike is expected to continue tomorrow. It has affected more than 200 000 passengers in the city.

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New battle between Ehrenreich, De Lille

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Metro Writer

A NEW war of words has erupted between mayor Patricia de Lille and ANC leader in the council and Cosatu Western Cape leader Tony Ehrenreich.

Yesterday the two politicians tackled issues facing the city such as the court action between the city and Golden Arrow over failed MyCiTi negotiations, and the opposition to proposed toll roads in the province.

"Politics is not for sissies," De Lille told Ehrenreich yesterday. "One of the greatest problems we face in society is when people forget what they are fighting for. For instance,

the provincial secretary of Cosatu says that he opposes the proposed Sanral N2 Toll Roads. But within this chamber he led a unanimous ANC vote against the city's court action opposing the toll road project... Sometimes the problem with wearing two hats is that neither of them fit."

Ehrenreich said: "The challenge is what is the vision we see for the city and how do we respond to the social challenges. The problem we have in council is that she (De Lille) spends more time attacking the leader of the opposition than focusing on the issues. There must be broad opposition to the toll roads, more than just a court case."

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SABC executives paid full benefits while on suspension

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SUSPENDED SABC head of news Phil Molefe was paid full benefits amounting to R2.2 million while staying at home since early last year, while suspended chief financial officer Gugu Duda bagged R1.5m.

The two were suspended last year by the public broadcaster at separate times for different reasons.

Molefe was placed on special leave in April while Duda was suspended in September.

Molefe was placed on special leave with immediate effect, but the SABC declined to give reasons for his suspension, saying discussions between Molefe and chief executive Lulama Mokhobo were pending.

Independent Newspapers reported last year that Molefe was placed on special leave

after he apparently defied senior executives' orders to stop giving airtime to former ANC Youth League president Julius Malema.

Molefe allegedly refused to obey the order given to him by Mokhobo and acting chief operating officer Hlaudi Motsoeneng. It is understood that the root of the conflict was Molefe's decision to give full coverage to rallies which were

addressed by Malema.

Before his suspension, Motsoeneng allegedly went to Molefe's office and demanded that he hand over his editorial diary.

Molefe allegedly refused, saying it was against the public broadcaster's editorial policy.

In a written parliamentary reply yesterday, Communications Minister Dina Pule confirmed that Duda and Molefe

were paid R1 563 275 and R2 278 607 respectively, while their disciplinary cases were being finalised.

DA MP Marian Shinn had asked Pule what type of leave Molefe and Duda were on and what the conditions of their leave were. For Molefe "full benefits are due until the disciplinary process is complete", Pule said.

The same applied to Duda.

Duda was suspended in connection with allegations of irregularity in relation to procurement of certain services.

"Mr Molefe was placed on special leave due to issues that pertain to human resource policy matters and it is therefore strictly an operational matter," SABC spokesman Kaizer Kganyago said at the time.

Kganyago could not be reached for comment.

THE INITIAL FIVE APPLICANTS



- 1 Christopher February**
Coloured man. 16 years' service. Applied for post of senior state accountant, was recommended, but it was argued this recommendation was not in line with the department's affirmative action plan. A black woman, the second best candidate, was recommended.
- 2 Linda-Jean Fortuin**
Coloured woman. 26 years' service. Applied for three posts, but because of affirmative action, did not get any. Later appointed to one of the posts, that of area co-ordinator of Pollsmoor Prison.
- 3 Andre Jonkers**
Coloured man. 17 years' service. Acted twice as manager in the training division, a post advertised and which he applied for. But a black woman was appointed. She, however, accepted another post and Jonkers was again asked to act in the post.
- 4 Geo-Nita Baartman**
Coloured woman. 13 years' service. Applied for post of assistant director along with four black women. Baartman, the best candidate, was recommended for the position. But it was decided the second best candidate be appointed. This candidate was appointed to another position, so the third best candidate was recommended. This was not implemented.
- 5 Pieter Davids**
White man. 26 years' service. Applied for the position of assistant director: human resources administration. Davids, the best candidate, recommended for the post and the area regional commissioner recommended the affirmative action plan be waived. The national commissioner rejected the recommendation on the grounds of the department's affirmative action plan. Post later filled by a black candidate.

Source: Trade union Solidarity

Employment policy 'like apartheid', says deputy commissioner

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a selection panel of up to six department members would shortlist candidates.

The panel was meant to take into consideration different race groups and gender.

However, Engelbrecht said: "You'll find specific area commissioners who just shortlist black candidates. The majority of them only shortlist

black candidates."

Engelbrecht said at one stage he had been stationed in Gauteng and applied to be transferred to the Western Cape.

But the national commissioner said there were too many coloured people in the province.

Engelbrecht went to court and through a settlement reached on December 1, 2009,

he was allowed the transfer. He had later requested a meeting between himself, other colleagues, and his then regional commissioner, James Smalberger, and the department's national commissioner, Tom Moyane, to discuss employment equity.

At the meeting, on February 18, 2011, Engelbrecht said that after listening to his and other

colleagues' concerns, Moyane had appeared caring and said the department's implementation of employment equity "was wrong".

However, Engelbrecht said after Moyane returned to Pretoria he changed his tune, saying his understanding of the matter was different.

Engelbrecht and some colleagues later approached cor-

rectional services portfolio committee chairman Vincent Smith and provincial ANC leader Marius Fransman.

"We went to many politicians. We tried to find a solution. The idea we got (from them) was: This is a coloured issue. We don't want to get involved."

"We said to them, it's not a coloured issue. It's a justice

issue," Engelbrecht said.

During cross-examination, Engelbrecht said he had applied for the position of deputy director-general and the outcome of that hinged on a Labour Court case. "I lodged a case based on racial discrimination. It reminds me of apartheid," he said.

The case continues today.

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Motlanthe denies SA is considering new troop deployment to the CAR

Babaloo Ndenze and Sapa

DEPUTY President Kgalema Motlanthe has dismissed reports that the government was considering a new mission to the Central African Republic (CAR).

Speaking publicly on the CAR issue for the first time yesterday, Motlanthe said since the overthrow of Francois Bo-

zize's government last month and the killing of 13 SANDF troops, the Economic Community of Central African States (Eccas) convened two extraordinary summits of heads of state and government to discuss the situation.

"South Africa's position in relation to the situation prevailing in the CAR is consistent with the approach of the AU,

and South Africa underscores that in order to achieve lasting peace, prosperity and normality, the CAR will need Africa's co-operation as well as contribution from the international community," said Motlanthe.

During supplementary question time DA parliamentary leader Lindiwe Mazibuko said on Tuesday it had been the perfect opportunity for the

Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Nosiviwe Mapisa-Ngakula, to provide South Africans with clarity and come clean about what really happened in the CAR.

"The time has come once and for all to take Parliament into its confidence and end the continuing speculation on what the next steps are regarding the CAR. What is this sup-

port going to take the form of?" asked Mazibuko.

She asked Motlanthe "with absolute clarity" to confirm or deny reports that the government was planning to redeploy troops to the CAR. SA was tired of the coups that have crippled the CAR, Motlanthe said.

"This country that we are discussing now has no experience of a government being

changed through democratic elections," said Motlanthe.

He was asked who South Africa recognised as the legitimate government of the CAR.

Motlanthe said South Africa supported a process undertaken by the CAR National Transitional Council, which would be tasked with ensuring democratic elections were held in that country.

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Venue: The Company's Garden, Cape Town City Centre

Closing date for completed applications: 17th May 2013

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SIU rapped over targets

THE Special Investigating Unit came under fire from MPs yesterday for slashing its targets in terms of taking on corruption cases and recovering stolen state funds.

According to its strategic plan, the unit, which proceeds on the basis of proclamation by the president, aims to deal with cases involving R100 million in potential cash recoveries of misspent state funds and to reclaim an actual R32m in the 2013/2014 financial year.

Speaking during a briefing by the SIU to Parliament's portfolio committee on justice, African Christian Democratic Party MP Steve Swart noted that this was a fraction of the estimated amount of state funds lost annually to graft.

That figure was estimated to be between R25 billion and R30bn by former SIU head Willie Hofmeyr in 2011.

"The target, in terms of that figure, is almost a drop in the proverbial bucket... my concern is, are you making any impact in the fight against corruption when one looks at the figures and the targets?" Swart said. - Sapa

DA 'no liberation movement'

HAVING a few members who participated in the Struggle did not make the DA a liberation movement, said ANC Dullah Omar region chairman Xolani Sotashe.

In his party's response to DA leader Helen Zille's weekly column in which she said the ANC was not the only or most important opposition force against apartheid, Sotashe said the ANC had never denied the role of other liberation movements, but that the DA was not one them.

"The DA is a post-liberation offshoot that now wants to lay claim to the blood and sweat of the true liberators... Anyone who attempts to (claim DA Struggle status) is stretching history to the realms of the absurd," he said.

Zille, in her SA Today newsletter on Sunday wrote that the ANC did not always provide the only, or even the most important, opposition to segregation and apartheid.

The column followed the release of a poster of Nelson Mandela and Helen Suzman embracing, and was captioned: "We played our part in opposing apartheid." - Staff writer

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THREE 'LOST' ANIMALS HAD A CHANCE TO SURVIVE – BUT DID THEY?

Rhinos that wander into Mozambique and get shot are not counted in official death toll

RHINO POACHING
The last instalment of a three-part series

Shaun Smillie

THEY were prints the trackers didn't want to see. Etched in the sand were large rosette-shaped tracks, the spoor of the most valuable contraband this side of the border.

Three rhinos had crossed the border from Kruger National Park into Mozambique, slipping through a section that is unfenced, and they now faced danger.

Soon they would be noticed, for in this part of Mozambique there are eyes everywhere. There is money to be made passing information on to a man with a gun and a yearning for rhino horn.

Rhinos often cross from Kruger into Mozambique – there is more water here in the dry season.

But few return.

Their bones, picked clean by predators, lie white in the veld.

Along the border that faces Kruger National Park are an unknown tally of rhinos shot over the past few years. Their deaths go uncounted, they don't appear on the roll of rhino-poaching fatalities issued monthly by the Department of Environmental

Affairs. But the three rhinos now in Mozambique had a chance of making it out alive.

They had wandered into a private reserve protected by anti-poaching patrols. The trackers quickly organised an OP – military slang for "observation post".

The rhinos were located and a team of three men followed from a distance. They were armed with hunting rifles, enough deterrent for any poacher.

The day passed and the OP continued to follow the three animals as they moved through the bush.

But nightfall was coming and with it a dilemma.

Unable to follow in the darkness, they would have to stand down, and find them in the morning.

In the last light of the day the rhinos came to a waterhole.

The men watched anxiously as the rhinos drank. Waterholes are where poachers look for spoor as rhinos have to drink every day.

As the rhinos finished drinking, the leader of the OP intentionally disturbed them.

"I wanted them to move away, so no one would pick up their track in the night," says the officer, who didn't want to



be identified.

He watched as the rhinos trotted off into thicker bush.

The moonless night would have to keep the rhinos safe until morning.

The first rhino poaching incident happened in this reserve five years ago. A vet was brought in to save the animal and it survived.

A year later the same animal was dead, killed in a spray of AK-47 automatic rifle fire.

In those early days of poaching, AK-47s were the preferred weapon. They were easy to find and dropped rhinos by sheer number of bullets.

In other places along the border, carcasses were found where the muzzle blast from an AK-47 had scorched the skin of the rhino.

The poachers are believed to have sneaked up on a sleeping rhino and fired at point-blank range.

Since that first kill, at least 20 rhinos have been killed in the reserve.

Their bodies lie where they fell; skulls still carry the strike marks of axes that removed horns years ago. Dried pieces of rhino hide, even too tough for hyenas, lie scattered among the bones.

Poaching evolved, and the hunting rifle became the primary weapon. A single shot was harder to detect.

At first light, the anti-poaching unit were back at the waterhole. The rhinos had moved.

They quickly picked up the rosette-shaped spoor and soon realised they had a problem. The spoor led to the boundary fence, which the rhinos followed for a while. "That is a

red flag to anyone in the area that there are rhinos here," says the officer.

The unit had to make up time – they estimated that the rhinos had an hour's start. They chased the spoor.

As the sun climbed, so would the chances that the poachers would be tipped off about the rhinos.

For the moment it seemed word hadn't got out.

There were no signs of human prints shadowing the rhinos.

The team closed in, they found rhino dung still warm to the touch. They were nearly there.

Then they stopped. The rhinos had crossed into a neighbouring property – they could go no further.

One of the men got into the vehicle and rushed to alert the neighbouring property.

It would be a futile exercise. For when he returned to the spot where the rhinos had crossed, he was told it was too late. They had heard three shots soon after he had left.

The poachers had beaten them. "It is very, very frustrating," says the officer.

But there is an inkling of hope – the carcasses have not been reported found.

Vultures have not been spotted wheeling over a possible kill sight. They might not have joined Kruger's legions of disappeared. Just maybe they made it back.

“The rosette-shaped spoor is a red flag to any poachers who are in the area that there are rhinos here”

Kruger poachers' weapon of choice is silenced hunting rifle

Shaun Smillie

THE preferred weapon of choice for poachers in the Kruger National Park has become the large-calibre hunting rifle, typically used to bring down big game like buffalo, elephant and rhino.

But the mystery is: where do these guns come from, and who has the know-how and equipment to fit the silencers that law enforcement authorities are increasingly finding on these weapons?

Some anti-poaching personnel suspect that the guns may have been smuggled into Mozambique.

But organisations like the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) say that there is no evidence of this.

Then again, no one, it appears, has been looking.

Usually the focus is on the movement of illegal military weapons.

Poachers have been arrested with an assortment of weapons; some of them older models, others practically new.

A poacher was recently arrested with a new .375 calibre rifle that would cost R16 000 to R18 000. It is not known if this weapon was stolen.

A police source said these weapons often did not come up as stolen in South Africa. They also differed from the guns poachers used to hunt elephants three decades ago.

These, said one policeman, were old, often with stocks that had been eaten by termites. They might have come from an

arms cache. One source for these weapons could be Mozambique.

"From my understanding, control over hunting rifles in Mozambique is virtually non-existent," said Ben Coetzee, a senior researcher with the ISS arms management programme. "Firearms get lost and aren't reported stolen all the time, making it very easy for the dedicated poacher to identify a hunter and to steal the weapon once it is unguarded."

He said it could also be easy to smuggle these hunting guns into the country. They could be brought in in small numbers by ship or small plane.

There is so much money to be made that the will, researchers believe, is there.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS
Proposed Oil And Gas Exploration Activities
In The Northwest Pletmos Area, Off The South Coast Of The Western Cape Of South Africa

ERM

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA) and Regulations thereto of the intent to carry out oil and gas exploration activities as described below.

OK Energy Limited has submitted an application to the Petroleum Agency of South Africa (PASA) for an Exploration Right in terms of Section 79 of the MPRDA to explore for oil and gas in the Northwest Pletmos Exploration Area off the Western Cape Coast of South Africa. The Northwest Pletmos Exploration Area is located directly offshore of Mossel Bay and comprises exploration license blocks Blocks 3422A, 3422B, 3422D. The area is 6,899 square kilometres and extends from the coast to a maximum water depth of approximately 200 metres.

The minimum proposed work programme would commence with the acquisition of 500 linekilometres of two-dimensional (2D) seismic survey data. This survey would likely occur between December 2013 and May 2014. The seismic survey data would be analysed to determine the geological structures and potential for oil and gas. Depending on the results of the analysis, the following activities may then be undertaken:

- Multi-beam bathymetric survey to determine seabed topography and detect natural hydrocarbon seepsages.
- Airborne or marine vessel deployed gravimetric survey to define existing geological structural trends, identify additional features, and determine depth to basement sources.
- Seabed sampling and geochemical analysis programme to determine presence of naturally occurring hydrocarbons.
- Three dimensional (3D) seismic survey to cover a proposed area of 1000 square kilometres.

These activities may be carried out in sequence or parallel and the schedule for these activities has not yet been determined.

Invitation to Comment

OK Energy is required to submit an Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) to cover the proposed activities to PASA for consideration and for approval by the Minister of Mineral Resources. OK Energy has appointed Environmental Resources Management (ERM) to prepare the EMPr. The process of preparing the EMPr involves the evaluation of the environmental and social setting, identification of potential impacts, and development of mitigations or action to avoid or reduce impacts.

Affected parties are hereby invited to comment on the proposed activities. A Background Information Document (BID) providing further information is available online at <http://www.erm.com/ok-energy-EMPr> or on request. Affected parties are requested to register to receive future information. To register please contact Toughceda Aspeling by electronic mail at toughceda.aspeling@erm.com or by mail at:

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Residents question safety around reserve wall

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With a massive, multi-billion rand development set to take place on their doorstep, Duynfontein residents bordering the Koeberg private nature reserve are concerned about their safety.

The home of Zoë Dawood, a resident of Edward Crescent in Duynfontein, was broken into during March, but hers was among seven homes that had been hit since last year.

Ms Dawood felt that Eskom needed to step up its security because it was too easy for people to access the reserve and break into their homes. Many of the homes in Edward Crescent have boundary walls that border the reserve and when residents left for work, Ms Dawood said, they risked a break-in.

"We could probably hop over the wall now and into the reserve. No one is going to stop us," said Ms Dawood.

She said she had warned Eskom officials about their poor security after her neighbour, Ria van Zyl, was robbed in July. She also notified them when she



■ Zoë Dawood noticed some rubbish near an Eskom building in the reserve.

noticed rubbish near a building on the reserve, which meant people had been camping on their premises.

In an email sent to Tabletalk, Ms Van Zyl detailed how she and her family were attacked and tied up while thieves looted their home.

"The attackers dug an enormous hole underneath our electrified fence that must have taken them at least a week, without Koeberg noticing. It was obscured from our vision because it was done behind shrubs, but (it was)

quite visible on the road Koeberg's security is supposed to be patrolling," said Ms Van Zyl.

Soon after the incident, neighbours banded together and promised to improve security, said Ms Dawood, but more homes were broken into in the following months.

Ms Dawood said she would never forget the image of a man standing by the sliding door leading to her bedroom. On Saturday March 9 she went to the V&A Waterfront with some friends to watch a movie. She had installed an alarm system because of the spate of break-ins and made sure she had activated it when she walked in at 1am.

The motion sensor picked up some movement outside and the alarm went off. The alarm company called and she told them to wait so she could check.

A week earlier, her alarm had gone off a number of times around midday while she was at work, but when the police and armed response arrived they found nothing, so Ms Dawood assumed it was faulty.

She looked outside and saw there was no one around, then returned to her phone to tell the company there was nothing wrong. Ms Dawood then disabled the alarm and went to her room. She opened the sliding door to let her dogs out for a bit before bed, but found it strange that they were hesitant and did not want to go outside.

She closed the sliding door, locked it and went to reactivate the alarm when the dogs started barking. Ms Dawood turned around and saw a man holding a crowbar. He smashed the glass on the sliding door, which startled Ms Dawood.

She grabbed her dogs and ran to a tenant staying in a granny flat on her property. She woke her tenant up and pushed the panic button. Security guards and police arrived in minutes but the thief had got away with her handbag which contained her ID, driving licence, cellphone, purse and keys.

"I found my handbag near Koeberg's disaster management centre in the nature reserve. They took the money, sunglasses and cellphone. I told Koeberg officials that there were men camping on the reserve. The cops can't patrol there because it's on Eskom's land. The 10 homes on this side are not protected from the back,"



■ Duynfontein resident Zoë Dawood suffered a break-in at her home last month. She is among many neighbours concerned about their safety because their homes border the Koeberg Nature Reserve.



■ The Koeberg Nature Reserve borders on properties in Edward Crescent. One neighbour had a hole dug under her wall which thieves used to access her property.

said Ms Dawood, who said she cannot sleep in her bedroom anymore.

She said Eskom set up patrols for a month, which eventually fell away. Ms Dawood said they had been meeting with Eskom officials but were still uncertain about their safety.

Tabletalk spoke to an Eskom spokesperson, who did not want to be named, about the security issues. According to the official, Eskom was responsive and sympathetic to the concerns of residents. He confirmed that they had held meetings with residents but could not completely cut off public access because it was a large area to patrol. Furthermore, the fence, which could be scaled, was there primarily to keep the animals in.

"The fence has been there since Koeberg was built in 1984. There is a big piece of undeveloped area where animals were reintroduced.

"We have even allowed cyclists, hikers and people onto it for recreational purposes. We do

have security in that area but there's a 20km fence around the reserve, except in areas like the beach. You can't fence in the sea," the spokesperson said. He said they had planned to have follow-up meetings with residents to discuss potential solutions.

Ward councillor for the area Marissa Jansen van Vuuren said while the area had attracted people from different areas, the neighbourhood watch was aware of the issue.

She said she heard about the Edward Crescent break-ins at a neighbourhood watch meeting at Jan van Riebeeck Primary School. She felt, though, that it was a challenge for Eskom and the police to ensure residents' safety, but she encouraged residents to engage with and assist the neighbourhood watch in its operations.

● Tabletalk contacted the Melkbosstrand police station on several occasions, for more than two weeks, to respond to questions regarding break-ins and robberies in Edward Crescent, but so far had received no response.

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Environmental Impact Assessment for the Weskusfleurf Substation, Western Cape Province

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No impact study needed for mast, say authorities

FAATIMAH HENDRICKS

While Bothasig residents have expressed their concern about the health effects of the new cellphone mast being built in Steenhoven Street and the lack of community consultation, the national Department of Health (DOH) maintained that there is nothing to worry about.

According to one of the sub-contractors involved in the project, cellular network provider Cell C doesn't have to consult with government departments or residents about the erection of a mast.

Within recent weeks Cell C installed a mast to improve the coverage for its customers. A section of the open land next to the Bothasig Karate Club and directly in front of the weightlifting gym was cordoned off with steel gates and the ground was levelled with stone. After the area was secured, the mast, which does not exceed 15m in height, was erected. While the karate club and the weightlifting gym are on municipal land, the section where the mast was constructed was owned by Eskom but was sold to the Zeekoegat Trust.

According to town planner Warren Petterson of Warren Petterson Planning (WPP), who was responsible for the application, it wasn't necessary to inform the community or even government departments about the plans to build the mast because the land is privately owned. Another reason is the mast is under 15m in height and was not found to be an environmental hazard by the provincial Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.

"As a courtesy we wrote to them (provincial environmental department)," said Mr Petterson. "They said it's not an illicit activity, so we are not going to make you do a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)."

The department's spokesperson, Aziel Gangerdine, said because the Bothasig mast is lower than 15m, no environmental authorisation was required since no listed activities were triggered. He said since there is no confirmed scientific evidence that points

to any health hazard of such masts, local and other authorities do not need to set any restrictions to the height of the mast, the distance to it and the duration of exposure.

Ward councillor James Vos said because the land upon which the mast was built is privately owned, he didn't need to be consulted about it. He said if the land had belonged to the City, an application would have had to go through sub-council first and there would have been a "rigorous" public participation process.

"I have very little say in what happens on Eskom land," said Mr Vos. "My research has proven that, because the antenna is lower than 15m, it's deemed not to have a negative impact on health and the environment."

He questioned why the public was not consulted. "The response I received was because the antenna is lower than 15m, and the legislation states that you don't need to consult the public."

However, Mr Vos said building plans were sent to the City and subsequently approved. He said he wrote to the municipality and asked that they provide him with the accurate information relating to the mast. They confirmed that the building plans were submitted correctly and approval was granted.

"It is important to note that building plans for any structures, whether it is for a car port or for a cellphone base station, must be approved by the building management department," said Mr Vos.

Resident Tami Strong, who lives next to the new mast, said she is concerned about the health implications. She said neither she nor her neighbours were consulted about Cell C's plans. "I have a four-month-old baby. Shouldn't they do a health survey before they put these things up?" she asked.

Another resident, Janis Clacher said she is also concerned about the impact the mast would have on the health of nearby residents. "Nobody approached us and just suddenly they started and nobody knew what it was," said Ms Clacher. "I am concerned

about the health hazards because I have read on the internet that it can be detrimental to your health."

However, the deputy director for Radiation Control at DOH, Leon du Toit, said in 2005 the World Health Organisation's (WHO) international electromagnetic fields (EMF) project hosted a workshop that looked into the health impact of the emissions from cellular base stations and wireless networks. He said it was found that there is "no convincing scientific evidence that the weak radiofrequency (RF) signals from base stations and wireless networks cause adverse health effects".

According to Mr Du Toit, DOH endorses the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) guidelines published in 1998 which were also endorsed by WHO.

"The ICNIRP states categorically that exposure to any EMF at a level below that of the applicable ICNIRP exposure guideline will protect people against the known adverse health effects of EMF," said Mr Du Toit.

He said surveys were conducted in South Africa to determine the effects of base station emissions on the public. It was found that the emissions are only a fraction of the ICNIRP guidelines.

"At present there is no confirmed scientific evidence that points to any health hazard associated with the very low levels of exposure that the general public would typically experience in the vicinity of a cellular base station," said Mr Du Toit. "He said the Health Department was satisfied that the public's health is not being compromised by exposure to the microwave emissions of cellular base stations.

"This also means that local and other authorities, in considering the environmental impact of any particular base station, do not need to and should not attempt, from a public health point of view, to set any restrictions with respect to parameters such as height of the mast, distance to the mast, and duration of exposure."

Mr Du Toit said the department assumes that the cellular companies



■ The Cell C mast in Steenhoven Street.

will prevent the public from gaining access to the antennas on the mast structure through its "normal engineering and security measures which are routinely implemented".

He said the only time someone would be seriously affected by the emissions is if they climb up the mast and position themselves within two metres of the active antenna. "Performing such an action would in all probability not constitute responsible behaviour because these base stations, as a rule, are cordoned off."

Over several days last week Wide African Civil Projects were installing all the infrastructure. The company's Heinrich Volkwyn said once they complete the structure, a different group of people would install the electrical work in making the antenna active. He could not give a date by which the entire project would be complete, as it is dependent on the weather.

Mr Volkwyn said that, while a few residents were unhappy with the mast going up so suddenly, many seemed to be pleased that Cell C is finally doing something to improve its network coverage. "They stop to find out which network it is and they seem happy," he said.

My Volkwyn said they were supposed to have completed the structure by Thursday April 18, but heavy rains earlier in the week set them back by two days. Besides residents being concerned about their health, building the mast was a dangerous job, as he has to climb up to install the antenna.

"The job is dangerous because Cape Town has a lot of heavy winds," said My Volkwyn.

He said there were regular check-ups by safety officers, as Cell C is strict about who is doing the work for them. "They check everything, and even if a spanner is not right they can stop everything."

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Hisense invests in Atlantis Secondary

PETRU SAAL

The electronics company, Hisense, gave back to the community by means of providing computer monitors to Atlantis Senior Secondary School.



Hisense Atlantis deputy general manager, Ebrahim Khan, hands over the computer monitor to principal Charles Marthinusen.

PHOTO: PETRU SAAL

Principal Charles Marthinusen said the sponsors took him by surprise when they contacted him. They first interviewed the school management.

The company recently moved into the building previously occupied by Tedalex.

Deputy general manager of Hisense Atlantis, Ebrahim Khan, said that "responsibility and integrity are the fundamental principles that make up the company. We want to build a sustainable relationship. Short-term solutions won't help us with feasible projects".

Khan said the monitors are a form of investing in the education of the pupils as some of them may become potential employees of Hisense. "We believe in this area, the location and the people of Atlantis. We want to create the right opportunities for people who can gainfully capitalise on what is on offer. Khan concluded that the international company is making a commitment to the school and this is only the beginning of the relationship."

Atlantis Secondary is also part of the Adopt a School and Industrial Cooperation project where the school will be renovated and upgraded soon. Only 18 schools were chosen in the country. The project starts later this year.

Saxon Sea-meisie geniet die oop waters

PETRU SAAL

Sy het 'n welkome blaaskans gekry toe sy in Februarie haar huis kom besoek het na 'n baie lang tydperk in Antartika en Engeland.

Shuneen van Niekerk (21) het nooit gedink sy sou eendag in die maritieme-bedryf werk nie. "Ek wou nog altyd 'n regsberoep gevolg het, maar nou het die lewe my op 'n ander pad gesit," vertel die lewenslustige jong vrou.

Shuneen het as vyfjarige Atlantis toe getrek saam met haar pa en haar skoolloopbaan by Grosvenor Primêr en toe Saxonsea Hoërskool voltooi voordat sy 'n beurs van Transnet ontvang het en van gr. 10 in Simonstad skoolgegaan het. Dié skool spesialiseer in die maritieme-bedryf.

Nadat sy gematrikuleer het, het sy haar maritieme-kursus by Granger Bay begin en daarna praktiese opleiding ontvang. Nou is sy ses maande van die jaar op see.

Die ope waters het die jongeling aanvanklik skrikkerig gehad, maar sy het goed daarby aangepas.

Voor Paasfees het sy Sri Lanka toe gevlieg om weer op skepe in die gebied te gaan werk. "Ek het destyds vir my ma gesê dat ek altyd wou vlieg en nou gebeur dit dat ek sommer drie keer op 'n dag vlieg." Sy vertrek soms vanuit Kaapstad na Johannesburg en vlieg tot in Indië om daarna weer na Sri Lanka te vlieg.

Die hoogtepunt van haar loopbaan was toe sy in Desember die voorreg gehad het om prins Charles in Engeland te ontmoet. "Ons het vir hom gesing nadat hy 'n kort toespraak vir ons gelewer het."

Ten spyte van die ervaringe wat sy op die see opdoen, is die verlange huis toe soms baie groot. "Ek mis die huis baie want ek mis uit op so baie gebeure, maar as ek by die huis is, verlang ek weer na my roetine op die skip."

Wat die verlange na haar familie en vriende in Atlantis erg maak is dat daar nie altyd 'n sein is om huis toe te bel nie. Soms praat sy vir weke nie met haar familie nie. Shuneen sê die feit dat sy nou eers weer in Augustus huis toe kom, is soos 'n marteling.

Shuneen se verblyf op die skip is iets waarvoor sy nie uitgepraat kan raak nie. "Op die skip moet jy baie gedissiplineer wees. Ons moet baie tydbewus wees en te alle tye netjies lyk."

Vir haar is dit nogal fassinerend dat geen dag ooit dieselfde op 'n skip is nie. Daar is altyd iets anders om te doen. Die werkklading is verskriklik hoog, sê sy.

Op die oomblik is sy nog baie gelukkig om in die maritieme-bedryf te wees. "Ek is 'n kwekeling en dit sal 12 maande neem voordat ek klaar is met my prakties op die skip." Intussen hou die werk op die skip en take wat sy doen vir haar kursus haar baie besig.



Shuneen is hier in die ysige koue van Antarktika afgeneem.

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WESKUSLEUR APR 15/03 APRIL 2013

Drankverkope se tye ingekort

WILLIE MARTIN

Die Stad Kaapstad het 'n eenheid op die been gebring wat gaan sorg dat drankplekke aan die nuwe wetgewing rakende alkoholverkope gehoor sal gee.

Die belangrikste wysiging is verkorte ure en geen drankverkope op 'n Sondag oor die toonbank deur handelaars nie. Die nuwe wetgewing is sedert die begin van die maand geldig en die eenheid het reeds by plekke in die Skiereiland toegeslaan. Die stad sê die wetgewing is ingestel om alle rolspelers te betrek en ook die sosiale en maatskaplike invloed in ag te neem.

Na-ure handel in alkoholverkope by gelisensieerde plekke (gasvryheidsbedryf) is nou net tot 02:00 in plaas van 04:00. Besighede wat gelisensieer en in gebiede geleë is wat spesifiek hersoneer is as 'n besigheidsgebied, kan aansoek doen om vrystelling. Indien hul aansoek suksesvol is, kan hulle egter tot 04:00 handel dryf.

Handelaars wat oor die toonbank verkoop, sal nie meer op Sondag kan besigheid doen nie. Daarby mag hulle ook net van Maandae tot Saterdag tussen die 09:00 en 18:00 oop wees. Oor-die-toonbank handelaars kwalifiseer nie om aansoek te doen vir vrystelling nie.

Dranklisensiehouers (veral oor-die-toonbank verkope) is veral bekommerd dat onwettige sjebeens nou bevoordeel word deur die wetgewing. Hulle meen die sjebeens sal drank verkoop lank ná middernag en ook op Sondag.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Environmental Impact Assessment for the Weskusfleur Substation, Western Cape Province

DEA Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/508
NEAS Reference: DEA/EIA/0001780/2013

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations published in Government Notice R543 of 2 August 2010 in terms of Section 24 (5) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998); that Eskom Holdings SOC Limited proposes the construction of a new 400/132kV substation (named Weskusfleur Substation) in the vicinity of the existing Koeberg substation in the Western Grid, Western Cape Province.

The proposed project involves a number of Listed Activities in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations of 2010 that require authorization. The Listed Activity numbers associated with the proposed construction of the new substation are reflected in the table below. Should you wish to obtain a complete copy of these listed activities, please contact the Public Participation Consultants, details provided below.

NEMA	No. R. 544	9	10	11	13	18	23	27
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OMGEWINGSIMPAKSTUDIEPROSES

Omgewingsimpakstudie vir die Weskusfleur Substasie, Wes-Kaap Provinsie

DEA Verwysingsnommer: 14/12/16/3/3/2/508
NEAS Verwysingsnommer: DEA/EIA/0001780/2013

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge die Omgewingsimpakstudie regulasies (OIS-regulasies) wat gepubliseer is in Staatskennisgewing R543 van 2 Augustus 2010 kragtens Artikel 24 (5) van die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur (Wet 107 van 1998); dat Eskom Holdings SOC Beperk die konstruksie van 'n nuwe 400/132kV substasie (genoem Weskusfleur Substasie) voorstel in die naby geleë omgewing van die bestaande Koeberg substasie in die Westelike-Netwerk in die Wes-Kaap Provinsie.

Die voorgestelde projek behels 'n aantal Gelyste Aktiwiteite ingevolge die NEMA OIS-regulasies van 2010 wat magtiging verlang. Die Gelyste aktiwiteitsnommers wat met die voorgestelde konstruksie van die nuwe substasie gepaardgaan word in die tabel hieronder weergegee. Indien u 'n volledige afskrif van hierdie gelyste aktiwiteite verlang, kontak asseblief die Openbare Deelnamekonsultante.

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KENNISGEWING VAN 'N OMGEWINGSIMPAKSTUDIE- EN OPENBARE DEELNAMEPROSES

Lidwala Raadgewende Ingenieurs (SA) (Edms.) Bpk. is as die onafhanklike Omgewingsevaluerings-praktisyn aangestel om die nodige OIS-proses, asook die gepaardgaande openbare deelnameproses te onderneem.

'n Agtergrondinligtingsdokument (AID) is opgestel om inligting te verskaf oor die voorgestelde projek en die OIS-proses wat onderneem word. U word vriendelik versoek om te registreer as 'n Belangstellende en/of Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP). Persone wat graag as Belanghebbende en/of Geaffekteerde Party wil registreer, 'n afskrif van die AID wil ontvang of kommentaar wil indien oor die voorgestelde projek, moet dit doen deur die kontakbesonderhede hieronder te gebruik: