

KRIEL POWER STATION LIME PLANT UPGRADE, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT

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The Kriel Power Station Lime Plant Upgrade's Basic Assessment process was announced on Thursday, 01 November 2018. All written comments received since the announcement of the Basic Assessment process have been included in this Comments and Responses Report (C&RR). The availability of the Basic Assessment Report for review and comment was announced on Friday, 18 January 2019, and the 30-day review and comment period was from **Friday, 18 January 2019** to **Monday, 18 February 2019**. The C&RR has been updated with written comments received during this 30-day public review and comment period.

NOTE:

In terms Regulation 44(1) of the EIA Regulations of December 2014 (as amended on 07 April 2017), please note that the comments raised and responses provided at the various Focus Group Meetings held during the announcement phase of the Basic Assessment process have not been captured in this C&RR. The notes of the meetings are attached as **Appendix C7**.

List of Abbreviations/Acronyms

APM	Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites	BAR	Basic Assessment Report
DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs	ECO	Environmental Control Officer
EMPr	Environmental Management Programme	HIA	Heritage Impact Assessment
SAHRA	South African Heritage Resources Agency		

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NO.	COMMENT	RAISED BY	RESPONSE
1.	After evaluation of the report the directorate has noted that the proposed development does not fall within any Ecological Support Areas nor have any Species of Conservation Concern.	Mr Stanley Tshitwamulomoni Acting Director: Biodiversity Conservation DEA	The acknowledgement that the proposed development site does not fall within any Ecological Support Areas or have any Species of Conservation Concern has been noted
2.	The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes the assessment made in the BAR regarding the palaeontological significance of the development area however, due to the potential impacts on fossiliferous rocks a palaeontologist should review the assessment made in the BAR. Therefore, a Letter of exemption with a Fossil Chance Finds procedure and geological map must be written by a suitably qualified palaeontologist and submitted to SAHRA for comments. Prior to the submission of the BAR report to the competent authority. The Fossil Chance Finds procedure must form part of the EMPr for implementation by the ECO. The appointed palaeontologist must draft a fossil awareness programme for the construction team induction, as well as train the ECO in the identification of fossils that may occur within the region. The BAR does not provide an assessment of other types of heritage resources and the potential impacts that may occur to them, therefore SAHRA also requires an exemption letter exempting this application from undertaking a HIA must be submitted prior to the BAR submission to the competent authority. The letter must be drafted by a suitably qualified archaeologist, who will assess whether the buildings visible via satellite images and other heritage resources may be impacted by the development.	Nokukhanya Khumalo Heritage Officer SAHRA Letter:12 February 2019	A suitably qualified palaeontologist and heritage specialist were appointed by the EAP team to undertake the various tasks as prescribed by SAHRA in the comments section. Proof of the heritage impact assessment exemption letter is included within the final basic assessment report as Appendix F1 , whereas the palaeontological desktop study is included as Appendix F2 .
3.	The Department of Environmental Affairs represented by Mr. JJ Mpelane as the Case Officer (DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1968) indicated that the Department had no comments on the proposed development during a	JJ Mpelane Case Officer DEA	The acknowledgement that the Department does not have any comments on the proposed development.

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	telephonic conversation held on 26 February 2019. Proof of request for comments from the Department is attached as Appendix C4 in this Report.	E-mail: 26 February 2019	