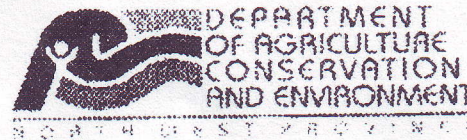


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RE: APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FOR ALTERATION AND EXTENSION OF ARARAT SUBSTATION.

With reference to your letter dated 13 March 2001 regarding the application for exemption from the requirements of the Environmental Conservation Act, for the alteration and extension of Ararat Substation. The Department is pleased to inform you that we are satisfied with the supplied information and your application has been exempted from the full EIA process.

The exemption is granted on the following conditions:

- Any complaint from the public during the refurbishment of this substation must be attended to as soon as possible to the satisfaction of all the parties concerned. A complaint register must be kept up to date and must be produced upon request.
- The contractor shall leave the construction site free from erosion, pollution and/or unwanted material. The affected areas must be rehabilitated to the satisfaction of the department and all unwanted materials, shall be disposed of in a manner that is satisfactory to the Department.
- Ensure that oil bunds are constructed around transformers.
- Construct fire breakers around the substation.
- Topsoil should be stockpiled in a bermed area to minimise soil erosion.
- All excavations should be closed and made safe to prevent danger to animals and humans who may accidentally wander into the property.

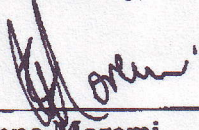
The key factors for this decision are:

- The site is within Eskom site activity.
- The Environmental Management Plan is to be submitted by the 20th of July 2001, addressing how the negative impacts are to be mitigated.
- Site inspection - 06 March 2001 by Lucia Chauke - DACE
John Geeringh - Eskom.

This exemption refers to the activity as specified and described above. Any other development associated with this project and listed under section 21 of the Environment Conservation Act in not covered by this exemption and must therefore comply with the requirements of the Act and Government Notice R1183. The exemption is granted in terms of Section 28 of the Environment Conservation Act, 1989. This exemption does not exempt the holder from compliance with any other applicable legislation.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,



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