



**Northern Province**  
**FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS & TOURISM**  
**OFFICE OF THE MEC**

56-58 Paul Kruger S  
Private Bag X 9486  
PIETERSBURG  
0700

Tel: (015) 295-3334  
Fax: (015) 295-5361

Ref No: 16/1/4  
Enq: Mr J. Botha

ESKOM  
PO Box 1091  
Johannesburg  
2000

Fax: (011) 800 3917

For Attention: Mr J. Geeringh

**Re: INSTALLATION OF CAPACITOR BANK AT WITKOP  
SUBSTATION**

Further to your request for exemption from compliance to the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations: Regulations No 1182 and No 1183 of the Environmental Conservation Act (Act 73 of 1989, sections 21, 22 & 26, hereafter referred to as the Act) for the above-mentioned project, please be advised of the following:

In terms of Section 28A of the Act, this Department, hereby grants you exemption from compliance with Regulations 1182 and 1183 of the Environment Conservation Act for the installation of a capacitor bank, as described in item 1a in schedule 1 of the above regulations.

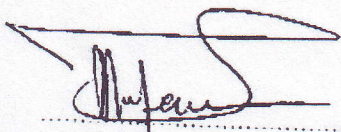
The Departments evaluation of your request for exemption has considered the following aspects:

- The information provided in your letters dated 28 February 2002.
- The information contained in the Environmental Management Plan for Substations.
- The fact that the upgrading is very limited in extend and takes place within the existing substation.
- During the site visit conducted by Mr Von Well of this office it was noted that the site is not in an environmentally sensitive area but in fact within the existing substation terrain.
- The fact that the EIA process is being conducted for a new Matimba - Witkop 132kV line as well as a new 132kV line from Witkop substation to the new mines in the area.



Please take note that although exemption has been granted in terms of the Act, all relevant legislation and requirements of other governmental departments (i.e. National, Provincial and Local) must still be complied with.

Yours sincerely



Mr T. Mufamadi  
MEC: Finance, Economic Affairs and Tourism

10/04/2002  
Date