

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Mr. Peter Tarnoff Executive Secretary U.S. Department of State Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Tarnoff:

Enclosed please find an application from Transnuclear, Inc. for a license to export special nuclear material to South Africa.

Before taking action on this license application, we would appreciate your views, in accordance with established procedures and from the overall perspective of the Executive Branch, as to whether the issuance of the requested license would be inimical to the interests of the United States, including the common defense and security, and whether the proposed export meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978.

Sincerely,

Lee V. Gossick Executive Director for Operations

Enclosure: Appl. dtd 7/31/79 (XSNM01552)

cc w/ enclosure: Holsey G. Handyside, DOE Richard L. Williamson, ACDA/NP/NS Sheila Buckley, DOD Duane Sewell, DOE Kent N. Knowles, DOC Robin DeLaBarre, DOS

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July 31, 1979

Mr. N. Moore Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of International Programs 7735 Old Georgetown Road Bethesda, Maryland 20014

Re: Export License Applications - TN Ref: 79-220/01 (TNP-292) TN Ref: 79-221/01 (TNP-293)

Dear Mr. Moore:

Enclosed are two (2) Export License Applications for your handling on the following quantities:

73556.4 Kg U containing 1816.23 Kg U235, enriched to a maximum of 3.15 percent U235

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Please not that these quantities include the U.S.D.O.E. allowable tolerances on uranium and percent enrichment.

Thanking you in advance for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Vicki Matson Assistant Manager Washington Operations

Encl: Original E.U.S. Letter dated 6/20/79 Annex I 1270 AUG 1 5

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KOEBERG NUCLEAR POWER STATION UNIT NUMBER 2 END USE STATEMENT : TECHNICAL DATA

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Enrichment Contract Number E-(49-14)-UES/SA/101 with US-DOE (formerly US-ERDA) for Koeberg Unit 2.

In the frame of the above Contract, enriched uranium is to be delivered by US-DOE as UF<sub>6</sub> in accordance with the following schedule:

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Maximum Quantity	Maximum Assay	Maximum Content	Delivery Date
(kg U as UF <sub>6</sub> )	<sup>% U</sup> 235	in U <sub>235</sub> (kg U <sub>235</sub> )	
24 710	1,8	444,780	February 1982
24 240	2,4	581,760	April 1982
24 240	3,1	751,440	June 1982

The application for the export licence for the above material will be made to the United States Authorities by Transnuclear Inc., Skyline Centre, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041, USA.

We certify that the above material will be used in the Republic of South Africa, as first core of the Koeberg Unit 2 Nuclear Power Plant.

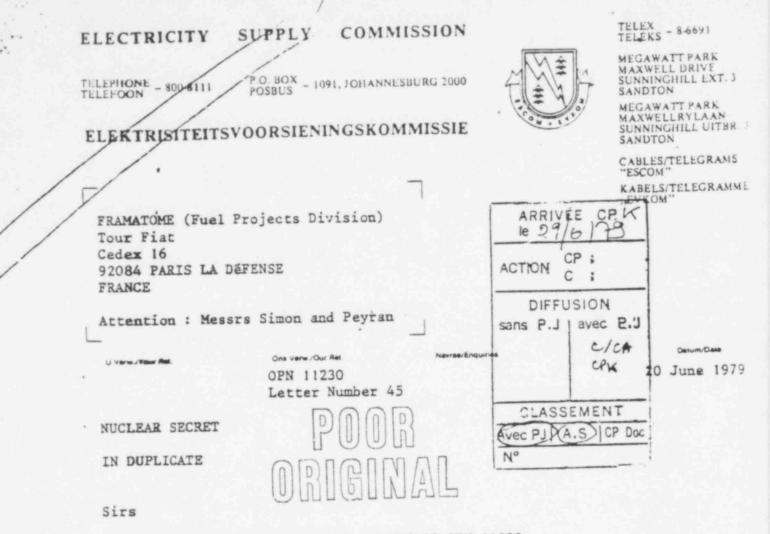
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Yours faithfully

Jan H. Smith GENERAL MANAGER 927 318

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KOEBERG NUCLEAR POWER STATION - CONTRACT OPN 1'230 APPLICATION FOR EXPORT PERMIT

The enriched uranium to be used by Framatome for the fabrication of fuel elements supplied under the foregoing contract is to be enriched in the facilities operated for the Department of Energy in the United States of America. You require to obtain export licences from the relevant authorities in the United States. The applications for the licences will be made on your behalf by Transnuclear Inc., Skyline Centre, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041, USA. The material is to be consigned to the Franco-Belgian Fuel Company, Romans 26100, France.

To enable you to apply for the export permits I attach as Annex I the relevant technical data for use in the preparation of the End Use Statements. I also attach as Annex II background information and statements to support the application for the permits. Please arrange for this information to be attached to the application for the guidance of the United States Authorities

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Please do not hesitate to let me know if further information is required for the preparation of, or to support, the application.

Yours faithfully

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Jan H. Smith GENER MANAGER KOEBERG NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNITS 1 & 2 END USE STATEMENT : TECHNICAL DATA

Enrichment Contract Numbers E-(49-14)-UES/SA/100 and UES/SA/101 with US-DOE (formerly US-ERDA) for Koeberg Units 1 and 2 respectively.

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KOEBERG NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 END USE STATEMENT : BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND STATEMENTS

The following information and statements are being supplied by the Electricity Supply Commission ("ESCOM") of the Republic of South Africa to explain and support the End Use Statements submitted by Transnuclear Inc. for the purpose of obtaining an export licence for quantities of enriched uranium hexafluoride required for the manufacture of fuel elements for Units 1 and 2 of the Koeberg Nuclear Power Station.

ESCOM is a South African public corporation which was established in 1923 in accordance with the Electricity Act No. 42 of 1922. The function of ESCOM is to provide a cheap and abundant supply of electricity in the Republic of South Africa. It supplies 90% of the electricity used in South Africa and exports electricity to the neighbouring territories of Bophuthatswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, South West Africa/Namibia, Swaziland, Transkei and Zimbabwe/Rhodesia. Whilst ESCOM provides an annual report to the South African Parliament on its technical and financial activities it is responsible for raising its own funds and receives no financial support from the government.

The Koeberg Nuclear Power Station is being constructed on the farm Duynefontein, approximately 28 km north of the city of Cape Town in the Cape Province of the Republic of South Africa. Unit 1 of the station is due to enter commercial operation at the end of 1982 and Unit 2 one year later. The construction of both units is currently on schedule and these dates are expected to be met. The units are based on three loop PWR Nuclear Steam Supply Systems provided by FRAMATOME under licence from Westinghouse. Each unit will have an output of 920 MW electric.

The power requirements of the Western Cape are presently met by a number of small fossil fueled power stations in the region, supplemented by supplies from the national grid system via transmission lines.

The present load growth in the region is such that local generation plus grid supplies would be inadequate to meet demands by the early years of the next decade. ESCOM is required to determine which energy resource can most economically provide the electric power requirements of a given geographical area.

Based on major system studies in the early 1970's the decision was taken to build the Koeberg Nuclear Power Station to meet the load demands of the early 1980's. A further consideration was the desirability of conserving scarce water resources in inland areas.

The decision to proceed with units 1 and 2 for Koeberg led to the conclusion in 1974 of contracts between the United States of America and ESCOM for the supply of enrichment services. ESCOM's commitment to the construction and bringing into operation of the project, including all the nuclear fuel services, is irrevocable and there are no plans to reconsider or delay the project. The fuel proposed to be exported would be subject at all times to the Agreement for Cooperation between the United States of America and the Union of South Africa, signed July 8, 1957, as amended, including the peaceful use assurances contained in Articles III.B., X.A., and XI(2), as well as the trilateral agreement between the United States, South Africa and the International Atomic Energy Agency, signed July 26, 1967. It also would be governed by the exchange of notes between the Governments of South Africa and the United States, dated May 22, 1974, regarding peaceful nuclear explosives. The fuel will be used for the manufacture of fuel elements for Units 1 and 2 of the Koeberg Nuclear Power Station.

ESCOM is prepared to arrange for the safe storage, permanent disposal or reprocessing of fuel after its use in the power station, in accordance with such arrangements as may be agreed with the governments of the United States of America and France and with the International Atomic Energy Agency. To assure the United States of America that ESCOM will use the enriched material in question only for peaceful purposes, ESCOM is willing to send the fuel once used back to the United States of America in accordance with President Carter's spent fuel offer of October, 1977.

The enrichment levels and maximum content of  $U_{235}$  data given in the End Use Statements differ slightly from those given in the current appendices to the enrichment agreements. This arises from a recent decision by ESCOM, based on an economic reoptimisation, to make minor changes to the proposed fuel cycle for the two units. A proposal to the Department of Energy for the amendment of the affected appendices is in preparation and will be submitted shortly.

It must be noted that ECCOM has a vital need for early approval of this application to ensure that the planned operating dates for the Koeberg Nuclear Power Station are adhered to.

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## U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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