

Power Plant Reactivated

South African partner Rapid Allweiler recently supported South African power company Eskom during reactivation of its Camden plant, which had been mothballed for many years. Two additional power plants will also be reactivated. The reconnection of these three power plants is necessary to meet increasing demand for power.

Rapid Allweiler provided Eskom with sixteen ALLWEILER pumps of the SMS280 series. The high-pressure pumps move heavy oil for the burners. "The support we received during

planning and the reliability and simplicity of maintenance were the main reasons we chose ALLWEILER pumps," according to Anton Beukes, Chief Designer of Eskom heavy oil power plants. "The flexible installation options were another major benefit because we wanted to install the pumps vertically," according to Mr. Beukes. Finally, the tremendous experience and technical knowledge of Rapid Allweiler and ALLWEILER AG were critical for Eskom's decision to use the SMS series.

Since the reactivated power plant was recommissioned with new ALLWEILER pumps, there have been significantly fewer power failures during peak load times.

Caroline Houghton, Managing Director of Rapid Allweiler South Africa: "We expect to continue our collaboration with Eskom and to also fully meet the requirements for new pumps in the remaining two power plants." ■