

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

[] Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.

 Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.

(English text signed by the President.)
(Assented to 3 June 2003.)

ACT

To amend the Geoscience Act, 1993, so as to make further provision for the transfer of certain designated movable and immovable property from the Department of Minerals and Energy to the Council for Geoscience; to make further provision regarding the rights and obligations of the State in respect of the former Geological Survey Branch of the said Department; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows-

Amendment of section 26 of Act 100 of 1993

1. Section 26 of the Geoscience Act, 1993, is hereby amended –

(a) by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:

"(1) Movable and immovable property -

(a) belonging to the State; and

(b) which immediately prior to the commencement of this Act was being utilized by the Geological Survey Branch of the Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs; and

(c) which the Minister, with the concurrence of the Minister of State Expenditure [b] and, where applicable, the Minister of Public Works, may designate,

shall **[on the said date of commencement of this Act devolve]** be deemed to have devolved upon the Council, as from the date of commencement of this Act, without any compensation being payable in respect thereof by the Council."; and

(b) by the substitution for subsection (4) of the following subsection:

"(4) **[On As from** the date of commencement of this Act all rights and obligations of the State in respect of the aforesaid Geological Survey Branch shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, **[pass] be deemed to have passed** to the Council and any reference in any law or document to the said Geological Survey Branch shall be construed as a reference to the Council.".

Short title arid commencement

2. This Act is called the Geoscience Amendment Act, 2003, and is deemed to have come into operation on 1 November 1993.