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Foreword

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Annexes A, B and F form an integral part of this document. Annexes C, D and E are for information only.

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1 Scope

This standard is intended to give authoritative guidance on the methods to be used in providing an earthing system and in calculating and measuring the essential characteristics of earth electrodes.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this standard. All standards are subject to revision and, since any reference to a standard is deemed to be a reference to the latest edition of that standard, parties to agreements based on this standard are encouraged to take steps to ensure the use of the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Information on currently valid national and international standards can be obtained from the SABS Standards Division.

EN 13509, *Cathodic protection measurement techniques*. **Amdt 1**

EN 50162, *Protection against corrosion by stray current from direct current systems*. **Amdt 1**

SANS 1063, *Earth rods, couplers and connections*.

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions apply:

3.1

corrosion

chemical or electrolytic reaction between a material, usually a metal, and its environment, which produces a deterioration of the metal and its properties

3.2

earth electrode

one or more conductive parts embedded in the earth for the purpose of making effective electrical contact with the general mass of the earth and to act as a path for the discharge of either lightning current or fault currents

3.3

earth fault current

fault current that flows to earth