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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

Richards Bay Coal Terminal (Pty) Ltd (RBCT) is one of the leading coal export terminals in the world. It was opened in 1976 with an original capacity of 12 million tons per annum, it has grown into an advanced 24-hour operation with a design capacity of 91 million tons per annum.

RBCT is positioned at one of the world's deep sea ports in Richards Bay. It is able to handle large ships and subsequent large volumes. As such, it has gained a reputation for operating efficiently and reliably. RBCT shares a strong cooperative relationship with South Africa's national utility, Transnet, which provides the railway services linking the coal mines to the port.

In order to provide stringent collision prevention support for the rail locomotives that move the coal, RBCT has identified a need to improve the radio-based navigation system through the installation of an additional radio repeater. A radio repeater is a combination of a radio receiver and a radio transmitter that receives a signal and retransmits it, so that two-way radio signals can cover longer distances. The repeater will be sited on a mast in order for it to have enough elevation to have line of sight with the RBCT central tower and the locomotives.

The environmental impact assessment (EIA) Regulations (Government Notice Regulation (GNR) 326 of 2017), promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA), identifies the project's activity as being subject to a basic assessment (BA) process due to the applicability of the EIA Listing Notice GN R.324 (07 April 2017). In order for the proposed project to proceed it will require an Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the KwaZulu Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA).

WSP Environmental (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed by RBCT to undertake the function of independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to facilitate the BA process in accordance with the EIA Regulations (Government Notice Regulation (GNR) 326 of 2017). The EIA Regulations require a stakeholder engagement process to be undertaken as part of the BA process. The stakeholder engagement process aims to ensure that potential stakeholders are identified and provided with an opportunity to review the details of the proposed project and to submit any issues and concerns.

1.2 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

This stakeholder engagement report (SER) describes the stakeholder engagement process that has been undertaken as part of the BA process for the proposed RBCT radio repeater mast. It forms an appendix to the BA report and will be considered by the competent Authority (Department of Economic Development, Tourism, and Environmental Affairs) in its decision on whether to grant the Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the proposed activity.

1.3 OBJECTIVE OF THE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

In order to ensure compliance with the applicable national legislation, WSP undertook the stakeholder consultation process in a diligent manner at the outset of the Basic Assessment (BA) Process. The NEMA requires that an inclusive, transparent process of stakeholder engagement.

The objectives of the stakeholder engagement process were as follows:

- To ensure an open and transparent BA and consultation process;

- To identify and inform stakeholders of the proposed project and associated environmental authorisation process;
- To provide an opportunity for stakeholders to raise all issues, concerns and questions and ensure that these are considered in the BA process;
- Ensure that stakeholders have an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution towards decision making by EDTEA, and
- Compile issues, concerns and questions raised by stakeholders and responses (from the EAP and the applicant) in the form of a comments and responses (C&R) table.

2 STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION

2.1 ADVERTISING

The EIA Regulations 2014 require that an advertisement be placed in a local newspaper only. English and isiZulu adverts were published in the Zululand Observer on 03 November 2017 (Figure 1). The adverts were published in the two languages mentioned above because the proposed project is within an area predominately dominated by English as well as isiZulu speakers, some of whom cannot read and understand English hence publishing the advert in isiZulu too. The advertisements formally announced the commencement of the EA application process and gave notice in terms of the EIA Regulations for the proposed project and requested that stakeholders register their interest with the EAP.

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BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION OF THE PROPOSED RICHARDS BAY COAL TERMINAL REPEATER MAST, RICHARDS BAY, KWAZULU-NATALI

STOP AND THINK

ISAZISO SESICELO SEMVUME YEZEVELO SOKUKHUYEKWA KWESIXOBO ESINOMSHENI WE-ZOKUKHUMANA NGASE HWEBENI LASE ERICHARDS BAY, KWAZULU-NATALI

Figure 1: Stakeholder notification adverts in the Zululand Observer

2.2 PUBLIC NOTICES

The EIA Regulations require site notices to be fixed at places conspicuous to the public at the boundary or on the fence of the site where the activity (to which the application relates) is to be undertaken, as well as at any alternative sites. Posters, conforming to the size specifications of the EIA Regulations (A2: 420 X 594 mm), were placed in English and isiZulu alongside the Harbour Arterial roadway at the site boundary, Richards Bay Library, the City of uMhlatuze Municipal Offices and at the main notice board at the RBCT utilised by the general staff and public to pass through to the entrance of RBCT. These posters (Figures 2 - 7) were placed on 8 November 2017.



Figure 2: Project posters at the City of uMhlatuze Civic centre



Figure 3: A close-up of the project poster in the City of uMhlatuze Civic Centre

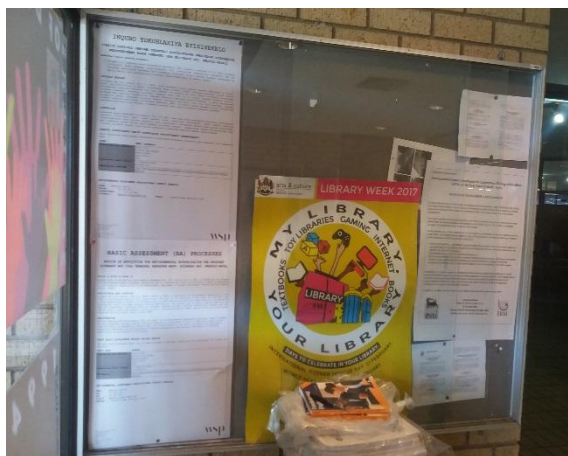


Figure 4: Project posters at the Richards Bay Library



Figure 5: Project posters at the RBCT notice board



Figure 6: A close-up of the project poster at the RBCT notice board



Figure 7: The project poster on the road adjacent to the proposed site

2.3 WRITTEN NOTICES

Section 41 of GN. R326 of the NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended in April 2017) states that written notices must be given to the following stakeholders (Table 1):

Table 1: Interested and Affected Parties

SPECIFIED STAKEHOLDER (SECTION 41 OF GN. R326)	EAP COMMENTS
<i>(i) the owner or person in control of that land if the applicant is not the owner or person in control of the land</i>	Transnet is the owner of the land on which the mast will be erected, as well as the surrounding land. Written notification was given to the Transnet by email (Figure 8).
<i>(ii) the occupiers of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken</i>	Transnet has leased the land to RBCT. RBCT as the project proponent who will occupy the land has also been notified (Figure 8).
<i>(iii) Owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken</i>	The nearest neighbouring area is occupied by Engen Oil, Intertek as well as Bidvest tanks. All land occupiers have been notified (Figure 8).
<i>(iv) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site or alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area</i>	The Municipal Councillor for Ward 2, Mr Christo Botha was notified by email (Figure 9).
<i>(v) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area</i>	The City of uMhlathuze Municipality's environmental department was notified by email (Figure 8).

<p>(vi) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity</p>	<p>The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) were notified via email (Figure 8).</p>
<p>(vii) any other party as required by the competent authority.</p>	<p>Ezemvelo KZN wildlife and BirdLife, Coast Watch and Amafa were identified by the Competent Authority and they were notified via email (Figure 8).</p>

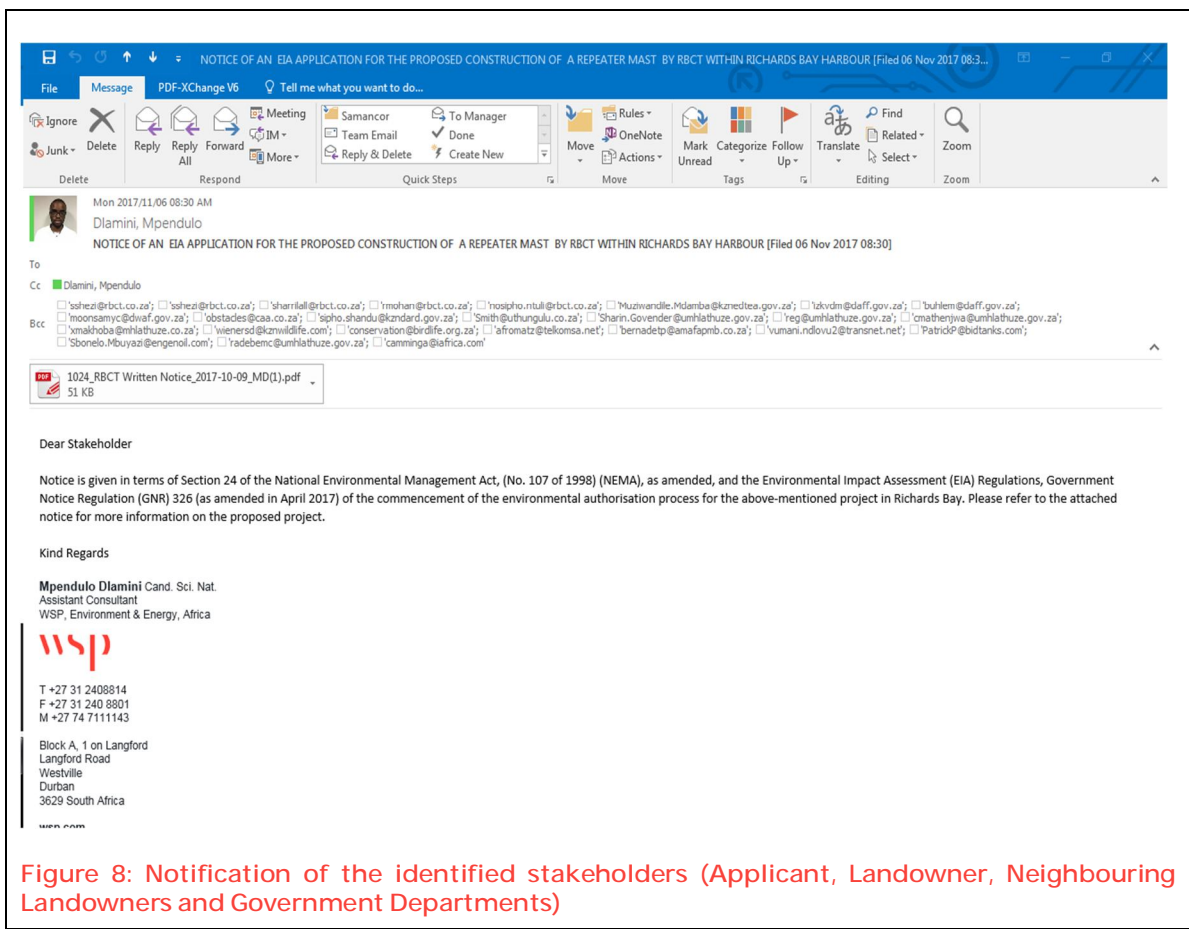


Figure 8: Notification of the identified stakeholders (Applicant, Landowner, Neighbouring Landowners and Government Departments)

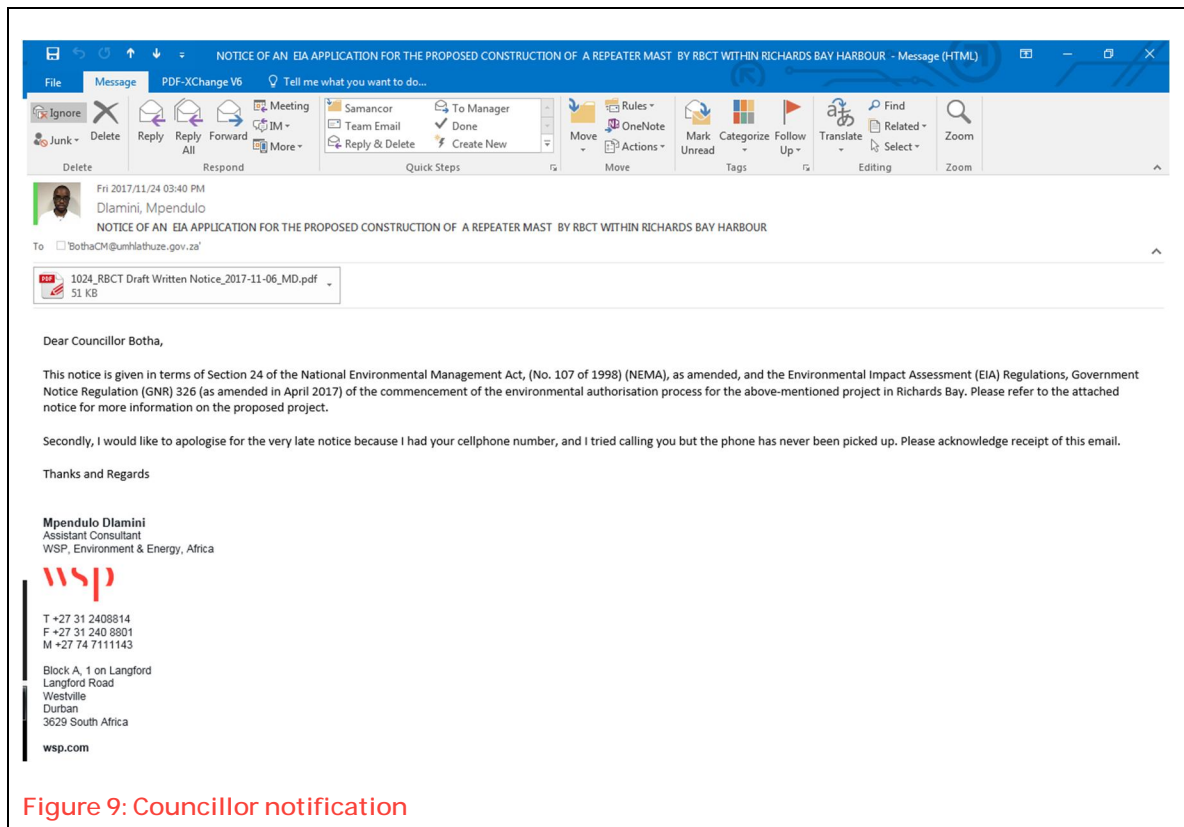


Figure 9: Councillor notification

2.4 STAKEHOLDER DATABASE

Stakeholders with an interest in the project were identified at the project outset, and continue to be identified throughout the application process. Specific attention was paid to local and district government departments. The stakeholder database is maintained throughout the BA process. The database (Table 2) contains the details of known stakeholders. It is noted that to date no persons registered any interest in the project as a result of the notification process (i.e. through distribution of written notices, and posters, and the publication of advertisements).

Table 2: Stakeholder Database

ORGANISATION	CONTACT PERSON
Richards Bay Coal Terminal	Mr Sihle Shezi
	Ms Tyneal Jhugroo
NGO's and Community Organizations	
Coastwatch	Ms Carolyn Schwegman
BirdLife South Africa	Dr Hanneline Smit-Robinson
Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife - IEM Coordinator	Mr Dominic Wieners
Amafa	Ms Bernadet Pawandiwa
Landowner	
Transnet	Mr Vumani Ndlovu
Adjacent Landowners	
Bidvest Tanks	Mr Patrick Pieters
Engen Oil	Mr Sbonelo Mbuyazi

Intertek	Mr Nkosinathi Mpontshane
Government Departments	
EDTEA North Region - uThungulu district office	Mr Muzi Mdamba
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Mr Buhle Mzulwini
Department of Water and Sanitation	Ms. Colleen Moonsamy
Local / District Municipality	
KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (uThungulu District)	Mr Siphoshe Shandu
Uthungulu District Municipality	Ms Londeka Ngcobo
uMhlathuze Municipality Environmental Officer	Ms Sharin Govender
City of Umhlatuze - Dept of Planning and Sustainable	Mr Tokoloho Masilo
Mhlathuze Municipality - Environmental Services - Water Department	Ms Xolile Makhoba
Ward Councillor (Ward 2)	Mr Chisto Botha
Richards Bay Library	Mr Malusi Radebe
Other Registered I&AP's	
Umhlatuze Ratepayers & Residents Association (URRA)	Mrs Sandy Camminga
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Obstacle Inspector

2.5 DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

All registered stakeholders will be notified of the availability of the Draft BAR for a 30 day comment period once available. Hard copies of the report will be provided to the relevant regulatory authorities for comment. Stakeholders will be able to obtain a copy of the report from WSP (electronically only). Electronic copies of the report will be made available at:

<http://www.wspgroup.com/en/WSP-Africa/What-we-do/Services/All-Services-A-Z/Technical-Reports/>

A hardcopy report will also be available for viewing at the Richards Bay Public Library.

2.6 DRAFT BAR COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT

Written comments received from the stakeholders will be captured on this section of the report, which will outline the comments received from the stakeholders and responses provided by the applicant and EAP for consideration by the lead authority, the Kwazulu-Natal EDTEA.

