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Dear Interested and Affected Party

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**INVITATION TO REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY (I&AP) AND COMMENT ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT COMPILED FOR THE SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTING (S&EIR) AND THE WATER LICENSE APPLICATION (WULA) PROCESSES CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN ON PORTION 23 OF FARM GROOTFONTEIN 165 IR, EKURHULENI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG**

The Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA) intends to establish a manufacturing plant on Portion 23 of the Farm Grootfontein 165-IR in Dunnottar north of Nigel, within the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality (EMM) in Gauteng for the development of a factory for manufacturing new rolling stock of train carriages. The entire farm portion is approximately 295 hectares (ha) in extent; however the development footprint will be that of approximately 104.197 ha being used for the construction of the proposed manufacturing plant. The proposed development is to be called Dunnottar Extension 7.

GIBB Engineering and Architecture (GIBB) on behalf of PRASA have appointed Strategic Environmental Focus (Pty) Ltd (SEF) as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to facilitate the Environmental Authorisation process- Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) and Water Use License Application (WULA) processes.

In terms of Government Notice No. 544 (Listing Notice No. 1, Activities 9,11, 13, 22, 24, 26, and 47), Government Notice No. 545 (Listing Notice No.2, Activities 3,5,11,15 and 17) and Government Notice No. 546 (Listing No.3, Activities 3, 4, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 19), the listed activities trigger both the Basic Assessment (BA) and the Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) processes, however, the S&EIR process will be followed in order to obtain Environmental Authorisation from the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for the proposed project.

In terms of Section 21 (b), (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), the proposed manufacturing plant also requires a Water Use License (WUL) which is granted by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DW&S).

A S&EIR process is being conducted to ensure that the environmental impacts that may be associated with the proposed project are taken into consideration. The Draft Scoping Report is available for public review and comment from **Wednesday, 08 October 2014 to Monday, 17 November 2014** at the following venue (see Table 1) and on the SEF website (see below for more information).

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**Table 1: Public venue where the Draft Scoping Report can be viewed**

Name of public venue	Name of Contact Person	Contact Number(s)	Viewing Times
Dunnottar Public Library 47 Rhodes Street, Dunnottar	Mr Vincent Moabelo	Tel: 011 999 9118/ 9116	08:00- 18:00 Mon- Thurs 08:00- 16:30 Fridays 08:00 – 13:00 Saturdays

Should you wish to participate in the S&EIR process by contributing issues of concerns/comments, please register as an I&AP by completing the enclosed Registration and Comments Sheet or you can visit SEF's website at <http://www.sefsa.co.za>. To register as an I&AP or comment on the project using SEF's website, click on "**Stakeholder Engagement**". Click on the "register" button and complete the compulsory fields to register as an I&AP. On completion of these fields, click on the "register button" and you will see "**REGISTRATION SUCCESSFUL**". Use your login details to login in and view the Draft Scoping Report for the proposed **PRASA Nigel Manufacturing Plant** and associated appendices. Should you have any problems in obtaining the information from the Internet, please feel free to contact SEF for assistance.

The comments are due **on or before Monday, 17 November 2014**.

Meanwhile, should you have any questions, or would like to obtain more information, please feel free to contact Kagiso Motlhasedi/ Mpho Manyabe at Tel: (012) 349 1307, Fax: (012) 349 1229 or E-mail: [kagiso@sefsa.co.za](mailto:kagiso@sefsa.co.za)/ [mpho@sefsa.co.za](mailto:mpho@sefsa.co.za).

Yours sincerely

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