

**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION PROCESS
FOR THE PROPOSED**

**DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRASA MANUFACTURING PLANT ON PORTION 23
OF FARM GROOTFONTEIN 165 IR, EKURHULENI METROPOLITAN
MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG**

**INVITATION TO REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY AND
COMMENT ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT**

**SEF Project Code: 506014
DEA Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/735**

Notice is given in terms of Section 54 of Government Notice (GN) No. R.543 in Government Gazette No. 33306 (18 June 2010) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998), as amended [NEMA], that 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 Licence 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).

The **Draft Scoping Report** for the abovementioned project is available for **public review and comment from Wednesday, 08 October 2014 to Monday, 17 November 2014** on SEF's website (www.sefsa.co.za) and at the Dunnottar Public Library 47 Rhodes Street. Contact Mr Vincent Moabelo, Tel: 011 999 9118/ 9116 for assistance.

Interested and/or affected parties (I&APs) who wish to participate by contributing comments, or who would like to obtain more information, should please contact Kagiso Motlhasedi / Mpho Manyabe at:

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