



SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

**Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment
for the proposed Manganese Export Facility and
Associated Infrastructure in the Coega Industrial
Development Zone, Port of Ngqura and Tankatara area**

DRAFT EIA REPORT

APPENDIX K

Communications from Authorities



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PER FACSIMILE / MAIL

Dear Mr Lochner

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF MANAGANESE TERMINAL EXPORT FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE COEGA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE (IDZ), PORT OF NGQURA AND TANKATARA AREA PORT ELIZABETH, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated August 2012 and received by the Department on 03 September 2012 refers.

The Department has evaluated the submitted FSR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated August 2012 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2010. The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of regulation 30(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2010.

You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2010.

Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This includes but is not limited to EC: Dept. Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Addo Elephant National Park, SANParks, CapeNature, WESSA, SAHRA, Coega Saltworks, Sunday's River Conservancy and any other stakeholders which deal with environmental matters within the Province. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final EIR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.

In addition, the following amendments and additional information are required for the EIR:

- a) Details of the future plans for the site and infrastructure after decommissioning in 20-30 years and the possibility of upgrading the proposed infrastructure to more advanced technologies.

- b) The total footprint of the proposed development should be indicated. Exact locations of the facility, and associated infrastructure should be mapped at an appropriate scale.
- c) Should a Water Use License be required, proof of application for a license needs to be submitted.
- d) Possible impacts and effects of the development on the vegetation ecology with regard to lowland-highland interface in the locality should be indicated.
- e) The impacts of the proposed facility on avifauna and bats must be assessed in the EIA phase.
- f) Possible impacts and effects of the development on the surrounding industrial area.
- g) The EIR should include information on the following:
 - Environmental costs vs. benefits of the facility activity; and
 - Economic viability of the facility to the surrounding area and how the local community will benefit.
- h) Information on services required on the site, e.g. sewage, refuse removal, water and electricity. Who will supply these services and has an agreement and confirmation of capacity been obtained?
- i) A construction and operational phase EMP to include mitigation and monitoring measures.
- j) Should blasting be required, appropriate mitigation measures should be provided.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of regulation 67 with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations, and regulations 56 and 57 with regard to the allowance of a comment period for interested and affected parties on all reports submitted to the competent authority for decision-making. The reports referred to are listed in regulation 56(3a-3h).

Please ensure that the Final EIR includes at least one A3 regional map of the area and the locality maps included in the final EIR illustrate the different proposed alignments and proposed infrastructure. The maps must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:

- Maps are relatable to one another;
- Cardinal points;
- Co-ordinates;
- Legible legends;
- Indicate alternatives;
- Latest land cover;
- Vegetation types of the study area; and
- A3 size locality map.

Further, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subject to the provisions of Chapter II, Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999, then this Department will not be able to make nor issue a decision in terms of your application for Environmental Authorisation pending a letter from the pertinent heritage authority categorically stating that the application fulfils the requirements of the relevant heritage resources authority as described in Chapter II, Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999.

You are requested to submit five (5) copies of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to the Department as per regulation 34(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations, 2010. Please submit at least one electronic copy (CD/DVD) of the complete final report with the hard copy documents.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



Mr Mark Gordon

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Department of Environmental Affairs

Letter signed by: Fatima Rawjee

Designation: Acting Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Date: 15/10/2012.

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Dear Sir/Madam

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE PROPOSED
MANGANESE TERMINAL IN THE COEGA IDZ AND ON REMAINDER OF FARM TANKATARA TRUST
643: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINAL SCOPING REPORT**

The above-mentioned document has reference.

The Department acknowledges receipt of the additional information document dated 09 October 2012 and received by the Department on 06 November 2012 with regard to the above-mentioned project.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir/Madam

REQUEST TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE RELEASE OF THE DRAFT EIA REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AS PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED MANGANESE TERMINAL IN THE COEGA IDZ AND ON REMAINDER OF FARM TANKATARA TRUST 643

The Department confirms having received your request to extend deadline dated 18 January 2013 for the above-mentioned project on 31 January 2013.

Yours sincerely

Mr Mark Gordon
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Department of Environmental Affairs
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Date: 13/02/13

18 January 2013

Attention: Ms Masina Litsoane

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Dear Mrs Litsoane,

REQUEST IN TERMS OF REGULATION 67 OF GN N. 543 OF JUNE 2010 TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE RELEASE OF THE DRAFT EIA REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AS PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED MANGANESE TERMINAL IN THE COEGA IDZ AND ON REMAINDER OF FARM TANKATARA TRUST 643:

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Waste Management Application Reference number (DEA): 12/9/11/L920/1

It is noted that on 3rd March 2013, six months will have lapsed since the Final scoping report for the above mentioned project was released (03 September 2012). The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the project has been delayed due to the necessity to revise the air quality study following some changes in technical inputs. The EIA report is however in the process of being drafted (all the draft specialist studies have been completed) and is aimed to be finalised prior to the end of March 2013.

In terms of Regulation 67 of GN N. 543 of June 2010, it is hereby formally requested that the 6 months lapsing deadline be extended beyond the 3rd March 2013 to allow for the finalisation and release of the draft EIA report.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



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