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Ref: ECm1/C/LN2/M/16-2018

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APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, ACT 107 OF 1998 TO UNDERTAKE LISTED ACTIVITIES AS SCHEDULED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 AS AMENDED: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A BULK PETROCHEMICAL STORAGE FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE IN ZONE 7 OF THE COEGA IDZ WITHIN THE NELSON MANDELA BAY MUNICIPALITY

1. The application form submitted by Prism Environmental Management Services (Prism) on behalf of Bay Terminals Group dated 20 March 2018 that proposes to undertake Listed Activities as scheduled in 2014 EIA Regulations as amended for the above project, is hereby acknowledged. In this regard it must be noted that the complete application (inclusive of information that was initially outstanding) was received on 26 March 2018 but it was only officially accepted and registered as an application on 24 April 2018 as per the request from Mr Botha from Prism dated 28 March 2018 and the e-mail from Ms Niehof dated 16 April 2018 confirming that the application is to be registered on 24 April 2018. In addition this letter serves as acknowledgement of receipt of the Draft Scoping Report that was submitted on 25 April 2018.
2. The reference number assigned to your application is **ECm1/C/LN2/M/16-2018**. The Environmental Case Officer assigned to your application is Mr Andries Struwig and is reachable as per the contact details outlined in the header to this letter.
3. In consideration of the Application, your attention is drawn to the following preliminary requirements:
 - 4.1. Please quote the reference number provided in the event of any correspondence/queries in this regard, with correspondence being addressed to the appointed case officer.
 - 4.2. The processing of this application is based on the information reflected in the Application Form being maintained as a true and accurate reflection of the proposed development and the listed activities applied for. In the event that corrections to these are required, such amendments must formally be communicated by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner and acknowledged by this Department prior to the competent authority being in a position to consider final submissions.

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- 4.3. With regard to the activities listed in the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended that are being applied for, please note that the various activities and any associated aspect thereof must be detailed with coordinate references provided in each respect, in any Draft and / or Final reports submitted to the Department.
- 4.4. In addition to the minimum requirements outlined in the regulations, the following is to be adequately addressed in any Draft and Final Reports:
 - 4.4.1. Outline and define the impact assessment methodology and significance assessment matrix table adopted in the comparative assessment of identified impacts;
 - 4.4.2. Any amendments within the Final Reports and associated Appendices that may differ to those addressed in the Draft Reports and associated Appendices must be clearly highlighted in the context of the Final Report;
 - 4.4.3. Reference to the public participation process and engagement with Interested and Affected Parties must be substantiated with relevant written and dated correspondence being provided;
 - 4.4.4. The EAP should confirm the preferred format of Draft Reports to be submitted to the respective juristic Organs of State for the minimum prescribed comment period, should the EAP's intent not be to provide them with a hard bound copy;
 - 4.4.5. Cognisance of Regulation 42, whereby a register of interested and affected parties is to be opened and maintained. This register must specifically include the full contact details of those Organs of State and State Departments identified as having jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity or any associated aspect thereof and therefore have from the outset been notified of the said application. A copy of the I&AP register must be included within the Draft and Final reports submitted to the Department.
5. **The EAP is advised to remain aware of the 44 day timeframe for submission of the Final Scoping Report as contained within the 2014 Regulations as amended, which period will lapse on 11 June 2018, with specific reference to Regulation 21(1) which provides for a commenting period of 30 days for both I&AP's and the competent authority / any other juristic organs of state.** All requirements as contained in Appendix 2 of the 2014 EIA Regulations as amended must be addressed in the Final Scoping Report. In this regard it is expected that the Final Scoping Report will include a table that indicates how and where the requirements are contained / addressed in the Final Scoping Report.
6. A bound copy as well as an electronic copy of all Draft and Final reports are to be submitted to the competent authority (i.e. DEDEAT: Cacadu Region). In this regard it is noted that the Draft Scoping Report submitted with the application form did not include an electronic copy of said report. Please provide this office with an electronic copy of said report at your earliest convenience.
7. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner is required to notify and inform the applicant in writing that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the competent authority.



ANDRIÉS STRUWIG

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: EIM

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DATE: 26 April 2018