

Proposed Upgrade of the Transnet Railway Line between Hotazel and the Port of Ngqura

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Subject/Ref The proposed upgrade of Transnet Railway Line from Hobazel to the Ports of Ngqura and Port Elizabeth

Venue Elize Coetzee Hall, Cradock High School

Date of Meeting 27 August 2008

Present Local communities and government officials

Distribution To all present at the meeting



1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Muller Coetzee of ERM facilitated the meeting. He introduced himself as well as the other consultants accompanying him: Werner Petrick, Project Manager of HMCIV; Sani Zaayman, Railway Engineer of R & H Railway Consultant; Daniel Rogatschnig and Janet Mkhabela, Environmental Consultants from ERM.

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2. PRESENTATION

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3. QUESTIONS AND OPEN DISCUSSION

3.1 Project scope

Mr Mzonhle apologised for arriving late and requested clarity concerning the project scope. Daniel Rogatschnig of ERM explained the scope and assured all present that the presentation would be attached to the meeting record which would be sent to all those who attended the meeting.

3.2 Project cost

Mr Mzonhle wanted to know the estimated cost of the project. Sani Zaayman explained that the overall project cost is approximately three billion rand and that the cost of constructing one loop is between 10 and 40 million rand.

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3.3 Employment opportunities

Ayanda Mqashe wanted to know if people who actually attended the public meeting could be guaranteed to get employment on the project. Muller Coetzee stated that attending a meeting does not automatically guarantee a person employment, however at previous meetings it has been suggested that ERM can forward contact details of the people who attended meetings to the recruitment agency for their consideration. This does not serve as a guarantee that a person will get employment.

3.4 Training

Phumlani Thomas wanted to know if Transnet is going to provide training to unskilled workers before construction commences. Muller Coetzee stated that this suggestion has been made at previous meetings and would be forwarded to Transnet for their consideration.

3.5 Loss of biodiversity

Mr Mzondile wanted to know what Transnet planned to mitigate the possible loss of indigenous and endangered plants during construction. Muller Coetzee responded that ecological studies were going to be undertaken and a search and rescue program may be used to protect these plants.

3.6 Use of local specialist

Mr Mzondile suggested that the project team should make use of local specialists who have local knowledge of the surrounding areas instead of those based in Pretoria. Daniel Rogatschnig noted the comment for consideration.

3.7 Follow up meeting

Mr Sheldon wanted to know if ERM was planning to have follow-up meetings to present the results of the specialists' studies. Daniel Rogatschnig stated that there were no follow up meetings planned, however all those who have attended meetings can be sent all the relevant documents.

4 WAY FORWARD

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5 CLOSURE

The meeting was closed and Muller Coetzee thanked all present for their active participation and valuable input.

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Table 1 List of Attendants


Name	Organisation	Position
Mzondile	Chris Hani D Municipality	Environmental Control Officer
Ayanda Mqashe		
Phumlani Thomas		
Sheldon	Chris Hani D Municipality	Community Development Officer

PUBLIC MEETING HELD IN MIDDELBURG ON 28 AUGUST 2008

Meeting minutes	
Subject/Ref	The proposed upgrade of Transnet Railway Line from Hobazel to the Ports of Ngqura and Port Elizabeth
Venue	Town Hall, Market Street, Middelburg
Date of Meeting	28 August 2008
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3.1 Scarce water resources

Zonke Noncedo Speaker of Parliament raised a concern about the scarcity of water resources in the areas of Rosmead and Middelburg. She wanted to know how Transnet is going to deal with this challenge during construction. Saai Zaayman assured the Speaker that if the weather conditions permit (it rains) the project will not require too much water. In case where water cannot be easily accessed, Transnet will negotiate with the neighbouring farmers or use water trucks.

3.2 Sanitation facilities

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Zonke Noncedo explained that government has been trying to eradicate the bucket system in the Eastern Cape and the creation of labour camps may restart this problem. She wanted to know Transnet's plans for the provision of sanitation facilities in the campsites. Werner Petrick explained that the legislation has set out strict construction camp regulations and these include provisions for sanitation services.

3.3 *Recruitments*

Zonke Noncedo wanted to know who would be recruiting workers for Transnet. She suggested that Transnet might use the municipalities to drive the recruitments. Werner Petrick explained that all recruitments would be done by a recruitment agency and tenders would be done by Transnet.

3.4 *Social hills*

Christian Jooste wanted to know how Transnet plans to mitigate possible increase in social ills related to labour camps (such as increase in HIV infections). Daniel Rogatschnig responded that a social baseline was underway and that the team has a social specialist who would design mitigation measures for the social impacts in the Environmental Impact Assessment. Muller Coetzee stated that all Environmental Impact Assessment have an Environmental Management Plan which outlines the likely impacts and mitigation measures.

3.5 *Impact of manganese dust*

Xolile wanted to know the impact of manganese dust on people living adjacent to the railway line. Werner Petrick explained that manganese is classified as a hazardous chemical; however, in this instance it would not be hazardous to anyone during transportation. He continued to explain that manganese is hazardous to humans during its handling (for example mining and loading it). A dust study has been commissioned to make sure that the manganese is not going to be hazardous to human health.

3.6 *Impact on the electricity supply*

Mzwandile wanted to know the impact of increased rail traffic on the electricity supply. Saai Zaayman explained that there would not be any negative impact on the electricity supply; this was proven during an electrification study. Hotazel and the section of the line between De Aar and Kimberley are the only areas that are going to need any electrification.

3.7 *Maintenance of service roads*

Mr Derrick Handley wanted to know who is responsible for the maintenance of access roads. Saai Zaayman responded that Transnet is only responsible for the maintenance of its service roads; all other roads are the responsibility of provincial authorities.

3.8 *Impact of vibrations*

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Estah Waka wanted to know the potential impact of vibrations to houses adjacent to the railway line. Werner Petrick explained that a vibrations study is being undertaken to measure vibrations and determine the possible impacts.

3.9 *Endangered wildlife*

Bradley Gibbons from the Endangered Wildlife Conservation was concerned about the impact of increased train traffic on birds (breeding next to the line) and tortoises (crossing the line). Daniel Rogatschnig explained that numerous specialists have been engaged to undertake these studies including a zoologist, ecologist and many others. Werner Petrick suggested that Daniel Rogatschnig should keep in touch with Mr Gibbons. Both parties agreed to this resolution.

3.10 *Transnet former employees*

Christian Jooste wanted to know if any provisions are going to be made for former Transnet employees to work on this project. Werner Petrick responded that he could not speak on behalf of Transnet but he would forward the suggestion to Transnet for its consideration.

3.11 *Construction schedule*

Derrick Handley wanted to know how long construction of each loop would take. Saai Zaayman stated that construction time would differ based on the project area, it is predicted that construction of each loop will take between three to five months.

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Subject/Ref The proposed upgrade of Transnet Railway Line from Hotazel to the Ports of Ngqura and Port Elizabeth Multipurpose Centre, Malai Camp Road, De Aar

Venue

Date of Meeting 29 August 2008

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3.1 Poor maintenance of service roads

Hennie Greef raised his concerns regarding the poor state of public roads along side the railway line especially now with the proposed increased traffic. Mr Greef wanted to know who is responsible for the maintenance of these roads. Werner Petrick responded that he was not sure who is responsible for the road maintenance but the question would be referred to Transnet for their consideration.

3.2 Local sub-contractors

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Mr K Heyns wanted to know if Transnet would provide the opportunity for small sub-contractors to work on the project. He commented that sub-contractors never benefit from these projects since 80% of the profits are taken by the primary contractor who leaves De Aar once construction is complete and never gives back to the area. Muller Coetzee responded that an open tender system would be used to appoint a contractor for the project. He assured Mr Heyns that his concerns were noted and would be forwarded to Transnet for their consideration.

3.3 Location of power lines

Mr Francois wanted to know the proposed location of the power lines. Saai Zaayman explained that no power lines are going to be constructed, as there is adequate power supply for the trains on the existing railway line. A small sub-station is going to be constructed in Emil.

3.4 Project schedule

Mr C Jafra wanted to know the project schedule. Saai Zaayman explained that construction time would differ based on the project area, for now though it is predicted that the construction will take between three to five months for each loop to be completed.

3.5 Permanent jobs

K Heyns wanted to know if any permanent jobs are going to be created by the project. Saai Zaayman explained that only a few permanent jobs would be created by the project, in Port Elizabeth and in the mining sector in Postmasburg.

Mr Heyns also wanted to know if there are going to be more jobs in De Aar because of the increased rail traffic. Saai Zaayman that there would not be any jobs created in the area as the trains would simply be passing through the town.

3.5 New Smelter in De Aar

Mr Francois stated that there was a new smelter to be built in De Aar and he wanted to know how that smelter fits in with the Transnet project. Werner Petrick stated that HM/GJV and Transnet were not aware of this project and they will do a follow up.

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Subject/Ref The proposed Upgrade of Transnet Railway Line from
Hotazel to the Poms of Ngqura and Port Elizabeth
Venue Greenpoint High School, Redwood Street, Kimberley

Date of Meeting 10 September 2008

Present Community members and government officials

Distribution To all present at the meeting



PUBLIC MEETING HELD IN GREENPOINT ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2008

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Muller Coetzee of ERM facilitated the meeting. Muller Coetzee introduced himself as well as the other consultants accompanying him, Werner Petrick, Project Manager of HMGJV; Saai Zaayman, Railway Engineer of R & H Railway Consultant; Daniel Rogatschnig and Daphne Hartney, Environmental Consultants from ERM.

Muller Coetzee encouraged the stakeholders to be interactive and listen with an open mind. He asked whether everyone understood Afrikaans. All those present said they understood and so the meeting was conducted in Afrikaans. He encouraged people to ask for clarity when they do not understand and to ask questions about the project being presented.

2. PRESENTATION

Werner Petrick of HMGJV gave the presentation on behalf of Transnet. The presentation is attached in annex A of these minutes.

3 QUESTIONS AND OPEN DISCUSSION

3.1 Job Creation Opportunities and Community Benefit

Mr van der Linde wanted to know what benefits the community would derive from the Transnet Project. Werner noted that there would be short-term jobs available and that job opportunities would be limited. He added that it would not be a large construction project. He added that he was not certain of the long-term benefits if the Project and that he would find out from Transnet who has their own policies about such matters. He committed to giving feedback through the minutes of the meeting.

Saai Zaayman provided some detail on the types of contracts that will be required for the Project, namely:

- Foundation
- Building the rail line

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- Electrification of the line
- Electrical signalling

Other jobs that will be required are:

- Removing trees
- Making the area and rail safe

A community member wanted to know how long people would have to wait before knowing about jobs.

Saai Zaayman indicated that it would take approximately three to six months to construct a loop. More jobs will become available again in a few years time for operation and for maintenance.

Mr van der Linde said that local people should have a say in who gets employment on the project.

Werner Petrick's response was that the joint venture is managing the Project and acquiring contracts. The joint venture will contract workers and companies and put out the tenders. He added that clauses will be included in company contracts to ensure that they employ local people. An employment agency will also be hired to facilitate this for the joint venture.

Mr van der Linde was sceptical saying that companies have in the past come to the area promising that 90% of locals will be employed. However, only 5% were employed.

3.2 Impact on Ronaldsvlei

Birds

Mr van der Linde wanted to know how the birds at Ronaldsvlei would be affected.

Saai Zaayman indicated that he knows Ronaldsvlei as a settlement and he did not know that there is a vlei. He noted that the vlei is close to the train line. He stated that there would be no chemical impact, only dust impacts. There is not much work to be done there.

Dust

Lesedi from the Department of Agriculture wanted to know about the impacts of dust settlement on Ronaldsvlei.

Werner Petrick's response was that where there is dust settlement the roads will be kept wet. He added that this would not be a problem during the operational phase of the Project. He indicated that further impacts would be identified by the dust specialist. He added that dust from the manganese would not be a problem during the transport thereof.

3.3 Safety at Crossings

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Mr van der Linde inquired about the safety measures that will be applied at the railway crossings. For example, safety signage should be put up at the crossings.

Saai Zaayman said that Transnet has a safety programme in place which will be adhered to during the Project. In addition, the necessary warning signs will go up when the time comes. Werner added that as consultants for Transnet they were not at liberty to make promises on behalf of Transnet, but that they will take people's concerns to them.

A concerned resident said that there used to be a fence between the railway line and their houses but it was stolen. It is not safe without a fence and she requested that Transnet put up a new fence.

A resident said that if the last fence was stolen it is likely that the next one would be too. She added that walkways at crossings might help.

3.4 Accommodation for Workers

Mr van der Linde wanted to know how far workers would have to travel / walk to get to the work site.

Saai Zaayman indicated that a camp would be erected so that workers do not have to travel far to get to the work site. There will also be transport available for workers since the sites of work will change.

3.5 Authorisation and Implementation

Authorisation

Someone wanted to know whether all authorisations from the authorities and government departments had been obtained.

Miller responded that the authorities have approved the process which is now being rolled out. The authorities will have to approve the scoping report, hereafter the Environmental Impact Report. The process is still in the early phase.

Project Constraints

The same resident wanted to know what constraints the project faces, if any.

Werner Petrick's response was that the main constraint is time. The quicker the project can start the better. The roll out of the EIA will identify further constraints.

Project Start-up

Handrik wanted to know how the community would be informed of the project start-up.

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He was told that the Project is approximately halfway through. Approval still needs to be obtained for the EIA. People will be informed of the final decision. Shortly after approval and if there are no appeals, construction can begin - hopefully in July or August 2009.

3.6 Road Upgrades

Lesedi wanted to know who will upgrade the roads - Transnet or the Department of Roads.

The response was that there will be access roads to the site. There are currently roads that go to the crossing. Construction of the roads will go out on tender.

3.7 Benefits for Local Business

Jerry Williams, a former councillor, alerted people to the fact that the State will benefit tremendously from the project. He wanted to know if the community will benefit in the long term, for example through the donation of a hospital, or whether there will only be short term work.

He added that big companies will be involved and getting all the benefits. He would like to see local business benefiting as well or being created, rather than people just being workers again. He encouraged people to take create businesses so that they can provide Transnet with services and benefit in the long term.

He challenged people to take initiative. He suggested that instead of Transnet contracting large firms to transport all the manganese, small entrepreneurs be contracted for that purpose.

The stakeholder engagement team agreed that it is up to local communities to take the initiative in establishing local businesses and not wait for Transnet to create all the benefits.

4 ISSUES FOR CLARIFICATIONS

4.1 Reopening Beaconsfield Station

Pieter wanted to know if there was a chance that Beaconsfield Station would be upgraded and reopened.

The stakeholder engagement team could not give him an answer since it was not part of the current project.

4.2 Responsibility for Employment

Mr van der Linde wanted to know who would be responsible for employing people.

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Muller Coetzee indicated that Transnet and its contractors would be responsible.

5 OTHER MATTERS

Councillor Pieterse stated that people have a problem with Transnet because of the process they follow in awarding tenders. Tenders are advertised nationally and they are sometimes awarded to people who are not from the area or even from Kimberley. These contractors have a history of contracting staff who are not from the area. He thanked the stakeholder engagement team for coming out to explain the project to them but he has no expectation that Transnet will employ local people in the Greenpoint area and surrounds.

Councillor Pieterse noted that Greenpoint is poverty-stricken and people do not have enough access to livelihood opportunities. He asked that BRM sponsor one or two children to study further and put something back into the community.

6 CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 19h00 and Muller Coetzee thanked all for their active participation in the meeting and for their valuable input.

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No additional electricity will be needed to run the trains, as the existing substations are enough supply. A small sub station will be constructed in Emil for the refurbished part of the line.

Cornel de Villiers indicated that he is going to build a factory in Modderriver which is sensitive to sudden power cuts in the electricity. He wanted to know how Transnet's use of electricity would affect the factory.

Ettienc Schoeman asked how certain Transnet is that they will secure the required electricity supply for electrification of the rail. He added that if this was not secured, goods will eventually end up on the roads and they are too heavy for the roads.

The comment has been noted and will be forwarded to Transnet for their consideration.

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Subject/Ref
 The proposed Upgrade of Transnet Railway Line from Hotazel to the Ports of Ngqura and Port Elizabeth

Venue
 Du Toitspan Primary School, Cnr Central and Hierczules Street, Beaconsfield - Kimberley

Date of Meeting
 11 September 2008

Present
 Community members and government officials

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2. PRESENTATION

Werner Petrick of HMGJV gave a slide presentation on behalf of Transnet of the proposed upgrade of the rail between the Ports of Ngqura and Port Elizabeth and Hotazel as well as the refurbishment of the rail line between De Aar and Kimberley. The presentation is attached in annex A of these minutes.

3 QUESTIONS AND OPEN DISCUSSION

3.1 Traffic on the Loops

Cornel de Villiers wanted to know how much traffic will pass on each loop. Clarification was also sought on the length of and the frequency of trains.

3.2 Electricity requirements

Cornel de Villiers inquired as to whether Transnet will be able to get enough electricity to power the trains since the country is already in short supply of electricity.

No additional electricity will be needed to run the trains, as the existing substations are enough supply. A small sub station will be constructed in Emil for the refurbished part of the line.

3.3 Project Benefits

Residual Benefits for Industry

Cornel de Villiers commented that the Project will be beneficial to the Northern Cape industry. There are many grain farmers and if there were improved rail transport in the area, it will benefit their business.

Job Opportunities

A resident enquired about job opportunities.

The response was that Transnet will aim to appoint an employment agency to employ local people. As a result of several meetings raising the lack of local employment in development projects as a concern, it will be recommended to Transnet that there should be preferential employment for local people as well as skills development.

It was suggested that this project link up with the Northern Cape government's Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP). Their aim is to train people to work on infrastructure development projects and help them create jobs.

The suggestion has been noted and will be forwarded to Transnet.

3.4 Transnet Efficiency

If Transnet does not perform efficiently, for example if it does not stick to its train schedule, users of the rail service are likely to revert to road trucks to transport their goods. However, it was noted that this would further aggravate the situation of South African roads being congested. Concern was also expressed about the impact of road trucks on the tarred road surfaces and the difficulty of maintaining the roads.

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The comment has been noted and will be forwarded to Transnet for their consideration.

3.5 Dust Impacts

A resident wanted to know how much dust comes from manganese ore.

Werner Patrick responded that although it is classified as a hazardous substance, it is only a problem if one should someone takes it in by mouth. However, it is more likely to be linked to processed manganese being inhaled. It was noted that no manganese dust will result from transporting manganese. However, handling it (pulling it on and taking it off the train) is a bit more problematic. A dust specialist has been appointed to verify whether a significant amount of dust will be produced in handling and the necessary precautions will be put in place.

A resident observed that latent impacts are being experienced from asbestos and that this was only discovered very much later. Since one gets dust settlement from manganese, the impacts may also only show up later and for this reason would need to be monitored.

The suggestion has been noted and will be communicated to Transnet.

3.6 Noise Impacts

A resident asked how the noise and vibration from the trains were going to be controlled. She added that if you live next to a railway line, you must expect noise. One cannot really control the vibrations. Most people living next to the railway line have RDP houses and they cannot afford to live elsewhere.

A noise and vibrations study will be undertaken to determine the impacts.

3.7 Heritage Sites

A resident cautioned that the heritage sites be protected. She recommended that the stakeholder engagement team talk to David Morris from McGregor Museum. He is a local archaeologist who is well acquainted with the heritage sites. She suggested that Steve Ludnerscheidt (083 732 3189) also be consulted since he is a local war historian who also knows the battle grounds and Boer War sites.

An archaeology study has been commissioned for heritage resources.

3.8 Private use of the Railway

It was suggested that Transnet open the railway lines to private entities so that they do not have to rely only on the roads to transport their goods. This will result in more income for Transnet and it can make Transnet more efficient, particularly in terms of scheduling. It will reduce road traffic. This is already happening in the UK, USA and Australia.

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The farming industry can also benefit from getting their produce out to the market by rail. For example goods destined for China can be sent to Port Elizabeth by rail. Another example is that the industrial development zone at Oega will need to transport 800 000 tons of soya beans and the railway line can be used for this.

The suggestion has been noted and will be communicated to Transnet.

3.9 Uptington Business Hub

It was noted that a business hub is being established in Uptington and that Transnet's rail development is likely to have an impact on the Johannesburg, Cape Town and coastal lines.

3.10 Need to look at the big picture

Concern was expressed about the potential impact on road transport companies if Transnet intends to attract more container transport by rail. If Transnet's focus of rail transport between Kimberley and PE/ Ngqura is on Manganese, this is likely to negatively affect transport of other commodities by rail (e.g. grain). It was also noted that plans are under way for export of Sugar beet from the region between Kosmead and Cookhouse and that this initiative is likely to need access to rail.

Concern was also expressed about the export of manganese ore rather than a value added product in the form of steel produced at or close to source and along the rail transport route

4 CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 19h00 and Muller Coetzee thanked all present for their active participation and valuable input.

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PUBLIC MEETING HELD IN HOHAZEL ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2008

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He encouraged people to ask for clarity when they do not understand and to ask questions about the project being presented.

2. PRESENTATION

Werner Petrick of HMGJV gave a presentation of the key aspects of the proposed rail upgrade/ refurbishment. The presentation is attached in annex A of these minutes.

3. QUESTIONS AND OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr Rudzani Mndau of BHP Billiton mentioned a noise study that was conducted by BHP Billiton at Mamathwane, where they are planning an extension to the existing mine facilities. It was established through this assessment that the mining activities would have a significant impact on the adjacent Transnet houses situated on Transnet property. It was also noted that given the increased traffic anticipated as a result of the proposed mine expansions at Mamathwane, that it was expected that the rail loop at the site would need to be extended. Mr Rudzani undertook to forward a copy of the noise report to ERM.

Mr Ben Olivier from the Kgalagadi District Municipality informed the meeting that at least five new mines are due to start up in the area and that it was important to look at the bigger picture.

It was noted that the five new mines include:

- Kalahari Resources, next to Hohazel
- UMK next to Mamathwane

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- Opposite Mamathwane
- An iron ore mine on the other side of Kathu
- An iron ore mine at Postmasburg

It was noted that this information may be contained in Transnet's Feasibility Study but that ERM should check.

Concern was nevertheless expressed by Mr Olivier about the fact that these mines make use of road transport contractors and that a significant increase of this traffic is anticipated whilst the roads are not designed for these loadings and volumes and are already showing signs of collapse. It was noted that one of the mines BHP Billiton has 44 trucks running per day from their mine.

Mr Olivier also observed that the increase in mines is likely to result in an increase in demand for rail transport. It was noted that a study is being done by Africom from Pretoria in the form of a Transport Master Plan looking at rail, road and air transport and that this may be relevant to this EIA.

It was observed that the more mines that can buy into the rail upgrade the better, as will be reduce the impact on the roads and make the upgrade project more viable. It was suggested that there should be close liaison between the mines and Transnet.

It was also noted that the DME would have all the information about the proposed mine expansions.

Mr Andries Scheepers a farmer at Silver stream station wished to confirm that the proposed rail upgrade would not have any impact on his farm, where there are rich diamond deposits.

Their was consensus amongst the participants that the proposed rail upgrade would be positive for the Northern Cape, but that the benefit would be far greater if a processing plant were to be established in the area rather than taking the resource out of the Northern Cape for processing elsewhere or exporting the raw product.

It was noted that it may not be necessary to establish borrow pits in the area for the rail construction as there is a sufficient supply of crushed stone from the mine overburden and that PPC also has a crusher in the area.

In terms of local job creation, it was noted that:

- Special conditions should be written into the tender documents to ensure local employment
- Tenders should be advertised in the local papers

The meeting closed at 18h00 and Mr Coetzee thanked all participants for their active participation and valuable inputs.

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Table 1 Table of Issues and Responses relating to the EIA process for the proposed upgrade of the Transnet Railway line from Hotazel to the Port of Ngqura

Issues Raised	Commentator(s)	Source	Response
1. PROJECT COST			
What is the estimated cost of the project?	Mzondile, Environmental control Officer, Chris Hani District Municipality; Ms N. Tyabashe-Kesiamang Executive Director: Economic Development & Planning	Public Meeting, Cradock, 27 August 2008; via e-mail 8 September 2008	The overall project cost is approximately R3 billion. The cost of constructing one loop is between R10 and R40 million.
The more mines that can buy into the rail upgrade the better, as this will reduce the impact on the roads and make the upgrade project more viable. Transnet and the mines need to form a close liaison.	Mr Olivier, Kgalagadi District Municipality	Public Meeting, Hotazel, 22 September 2008	Noted
Has Public Private Partnerships been considered by Transnet for this project?	Peter Inman, Coega Development Corporation	Public Meeting, Paterson, 25 August 2008	The question will be posed to Transnet.
2. REASON FOR TWO EIA APPLICATIONS			
Why is Transnet making two EIA applications to DEAT?	Peter Inman, Coega Development Corporation	Public Meeting, Paterson, 25 August 2008	The two applications are for the containers and the manganese. Application 1 is for all the loops and infrastructure associated with the container requirements. This is a priority and Transnet wish to expedite this application. Application 2 is for the remaining loops infrastructure as well as other activities associated with the manganese ore requirements.
3. PROJECT SCHEDULE			
Over what time period will construction take place?	Condrad Jafra, LED Officer; Cllr Manxweni	Public Meeting, Cookhouse, 26 August 2008, De Aar 29 August 2008,	Construction time will vary from station to station. The prediction is that it will take three to five months to complete each loop.
4. SOCIAL IMPACTS			
<i>Employment Opportunities</i>			

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Is Transnet investing in capacity building initiatives like training new drivers and investing in related infrastructure (wagons, etc) to meet the new demand?	Peter Inman, Coega Development Corporation, N Tyabashi-Keslamang Executive Director, Economic Development & Planning	Public Meeting, Paterson 25 August 2008; via e-mail 25 August 2008; 8 September 2008	Yes, Transnet is investing in new wagons, locomotives and associated infrastructure, as well as the developing the associated human resources capacity to operate and maintain their assets.
How does Transnet plan to minimise the possible socialills related to the establishment of labour camps in communities?	Christian Jooste	Public Meeting, Middelburg 28 August 2008	Social studies have been commissioned as part of this EIA. The specialist will make recommendations on how to minimise the social impacts. These recommendations will form part of the Environmental Management Plan
5. TENDER PROCESS AND USING LOCAL SUB-CONTRACTORS			
How is the project going to benefit or accommodate small local subcontractors?	Eden August Ludu January; Mr K Heynes;	Public Meeting, Paterson 25 August 2008; Cookhouse 26 August 2008; De Aar 29 August 2008;	An open tender process would be used and all the interested parties can apply.
Tenders are always awarded to big companies who do not use local sub-contractors. Can special provisions be made in the tender document stating that all principal contractors have to make use of local subcontractors?	Eden August, Mr van der Linde	Public Meeting, Paterson 25 August 2008; Public Meeting, Greenpoint, 10 September 2008	The suggestion will be investigated. The construction activities are very specialised. There will however be limited opportunities.
What are the impacts of manganese dust on people living close to the railway line? How does Transnet plan to mitigate this impact?	Kollee, Lesedi, Ethene Schoeman	Public Meeting, Middelburg, 28 August 2008; Public Meeting, Greenpoint, 10 September 2008; Public Meeting, Beaconsfield, 11 September 2008	Manganese ore is classified as a hazardous chemical; however, there is no evidence that it has any effect on people while it is being transported by rail. Only when the ore is being tipped, stacked, retrieved or loaded is dust generated and it not mitigated properly it may cause problems. Before manganese is transported, it is wetted. A dust study has however been commissioned and the results will be included in the EIA document.
What are the impacts of access roads dust on human health?	Lesedi	Public Meeting, Greenpoint, 10 September 2008	Construction roads will be kept wet during construction and further impacts will be determined by the dust specialist.

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How will the project benefit the local community?	Mr van der Linde; Cornel de Villiers	Public Meeting, Greenpoint, 10 September 2008; Public Meeting, Beaconsfield, 11 September 2008	This question will be posed to Transnet for further comments
Where will the required 100 unskilled labourers be sourced?	Vismuzi Dinyi, Zola Mathuse; Economic Development & Planning	Public Meeting, Cookhouse, 26 August 2008; via e-mail 8 September 2008	The 100 unskilled labourers would be sourced locally in the communities closest to the railway line. All the recruitment would be done through a recruitment agency.
Will people who attended these public meetings be guaranteed to getting jobs?	Ayanda Mgyasha	Public Meeting, Cradock, 27 August 2008	Attending a public meeting does not guarantee that a person will be employed for this project, however, in the previous meetings the committees have suggested that all the contact details of those who attended the meetings be forwarded to the recruitment agency for their consideration.
Will the project create permanent employment opportunities?	Zola Thesana and Mr K Haynes	Public Meeting, Cookhouse, 26 August 2008 and De Aar, 29 August 2008	There will be a few permanent employment opportunities created by the project, especially in Fort Elizabeth, and in the Forts of Ngqura and Fort Elizabeth.
Is the increased rail traffic likely to create more jobs in the targeted areas or stations?	Mr K Haynes	Public Meeting, De Aar, 29 August 2008	No, this is unlikely.
Will the project have any provisions for former Transnet employees to be recruited?	Christian Jooste	Public meeting, Middelburg, 28 August 2008	Opportunities will likely exist for people with previous experience in the industry.
Who is going to do the recruitment for Transnet? A suggestion is to use the municipalities to drive the recruitments.	Zonke Noncedo, Speaker of Parliament	Public Meeting, Middelburg, 28 August 2008	During construction, HMGV will establish a recruitment strategy which will include contractors to appoint labourers. The percentage employment will be done per Transnet policy, which includes advertising in newspapers.
Training should be provided for the unskilled labourers before construction commences, so that local people are better equipped to participate and benefit from the project.	Siphokazi Mathuse, Mayor of Sundays River Valley Local Municipality, Thumani Thomas, Zola Thesana	Public Meeting, Paterson 25 August 2008; Cookhouse 26 August 2008; Cradock 27 August 2008	On the job training will be conducted during the construction period.

Capacity Building

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Is Transnet going to provide a clinic for the people working on the railway line to test for manganese poisoning?	Ncumisa Magala	Public Meeting, Cookhouse, 26 August 2008	None of the people who will be working on the project will be handling any of the manganese and will not need to be tested.
With the increase in railway traffic there is a possibility of increased rail accidents. How does Transnet plan to combat these accidents?	Thuse Manene	Public Meeting, Paterson, 25 August 2008	The normal signage will be provided, but the EIA study should identify any areas requiring specific attention. The concern will also be passed on to Transnet for their consideration.
Transnet should consider placing reflectors on the sides of the trains to avoid motorist driving into trains especially at night.	Andrew Williams; Mr van der Linde	Public Meeting, Paterson, 25 August 2008; Public Meeting, Greenpoint, 10 September 2008	The normal signage will be provided at level crossing. A separate Rail Safety Regulator process will also investigate these issues.
7. WATER RESOURCES			
Transnet should be aware that there is a shortage of water resources in the areas of Middelburg and Rosmead.	Zonke Noncedo, Speaker of Parliament	Public Meeting, Middelburg, 28 August 2008	The comment has been noted. See also comment below.
Where will Transnet access water where it is scarce?	Siphokazi Matinene, Mayor of Sundays' River Valley Local Municipality	Public Meeting	Water is needed for two purposes in this project, for human consumption in the labour camps and construction. For areas where water is scarce it will be tanked in or negotiate with the closest farmers.
8. ELECTRIFICATION OF THE RAILWAY LINE			
How will the cost and availability of electricity affect the project?	Andrea von Holt, Coega Development Corporation	Public Meeting, Paterson, 25 August 2008	There is an increase in electricity demand, as more trains will operate on the line. However, the studies conducted to date indicate no supply problems. If Eskom experiences supply constraints this might affect the number of trains operating.
How is the increase in rail traffic going to impact on the electricity supply in the province?	Cornel de Villiers; Etienne Schoeman	Public Meeting, Middelburg, 28 August 2008; Public Meeting, Beaconsfield, 11 September 2008	There will not be any impact on the electricity supply of the province caused by the project. This was proven during the electrification study. There are only two sections of the line that will need extra electricity, namely in Hotazel and the section between De Aar and Kimberley.

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Where are the new powerlines going to be located?	François	De Aar, 29 August 2008	A new Eskom feeder line will be constructed in Emil. Eskom will conduct a separate EIA for this.
9. ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS			
How does Transnet plan to increase the capacity of the railway line (by increasing the frequency of trains or by adding more wagons)?	Andrea von Holt, Coega Development Corporation	Public Meeting, Paterson, 25 August 2008	The number of trains will be increased from 2 trains to 6 trains a day. The trains will not be longer than 104 wagons (1200 m long), which was determined to be the optimal train length. Shorter train lengths would require more frequent trains which may result in scheduling problems and require additional loops to be constructed.
Rail vitalisation in the Northern Cape is of utmost importance for economic growth in the Province. The Coega Development Corporation has clients who would also like to make use of the railway line. Does Transnet have any plans to transport other goods on the line in the near future?	A Strachan, Office of the Premier, Development Planning Andrea von Holt, Coega Development Corporation	Letter, 11 September 2008 Public Meeting, Paterson, 25 August 2008	Noted This project relates to transporting containers and manganese. However, when a business case is put to Transnet for the transportation of other commodities on the line, it will be considered.
10. SANITATION			
The province has been trying to eradicate the basket system for sewage disposal and the creation of temporary labour camps may restart the problem. How is Transnet going to make sure that the basket system is not used at the camps?	Zonke Noncedo, Speaker of Parliament; Ncumisa Qolo	Public Meeting, Cookhouse 26 August 2008; Middelburg 28 August 2008	There will be no baskets used at campsites. The authorities have set out strict guidelines regarding the setup of construction camps and Transnet plans to follow those guidelines.
11. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES			
Vegetation			
There are plants, which are endangered and indigenous to the Eastern Cape that may be lost during the clearing of vegetation. How does Transnet plan to minimise the damage to the natural vegetation?	Mzondile, Environmental Control Officer	Public Meeting, Cradock 27 August 2008	An Ecology Study will be done as part of the EIA process. One of the ways to save guard the loss of indigenous and endangered plants is to undertake a search and rescue program before construction commences.
Wildlife			

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15. SPILLAGES AND CLEAN UPS			
What is Transport's responsibility in case of spillages or accidents?	Andrea von Holt, Cogga Development Corporation	Public Meeting, Paterson, 25 August 2008	In the event of a spillage (e.g. during detailment) TFR uses in-house expertise and contractors where applicable to conduct the site clean-up. All relevant authorities are consulted about the incident and reports regarding progress on the clean up of spillages, they are forwarded to the relevant authorities. An EMP for the construction and operational phases of the Project, which will address measures to manage incidents like spillages will also be prepared by ERM and will be incorporated in the EIA Report
16. VIBRATION			
What is the potential impact of vibrations to houses adjacent to the railway line?	Estia Waka	Public Meeting, Middelburg, 28 August 2008; Public Meeting, Beaconsfield, 11 September 2008	A vibration study has been commissioned to measure the potential impacts
17. LAND ACQUISITION			
How is land going to be acquired for the construction of the loops?	Peter Inman	Public Meeting, Paterson, 25 August 2008	Most of the loops will be constructed within existing Transport land. There might be limited sites where Transport may need to acquire additional land. In these instances, Transport intends to enter into direct negotiation with the relevant landowners, with the intention of buying the required land at a market related value.
Transport should be careful when buying privately owned land, because there are some land restitution issues that need resolving in the province.	Thuse Manene	Public Meeting, Paterson, 25 August 2008	Noted.

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12. SPECIALIST STUDIES			
There are concerns about the impact of increased train traffic on birds breeding closer to the railway line as well as tortoises crossing the line.	Bradley, Endangered Wildlife; HJ Schoeman; Mr van der Linde	Public Meeting, Middelburg, 28 August 2008; Response Sheet; Public Meeting, Greenpoint, 10 September 2008	Specialists, including a zoologist have been engaged to undertake studies relating to wildlife conservation. ERM has undertaken to also engage with Bradley, as a local specialist once these studies get underway.
The Eastern Cape has its own environmental specialist and ERM should consider using them to further the development of their skills.	Primrose Mayana, Mzondlie Environmental Control Officer	Public Meeting, Paterson, 25 August 2008;	The suggestion was noted by ERM, who will give it due consideration. Also see response above.
13. HERITAGE RESOURCES			
In Terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, heritage resources including archaeological and Paleontological sites over 100 years old graves and intangible aspects of heritage resources may not be disturbed without a permit from a relevant heritage resources authority/ agency.	Heritage Resources Agency	e-mail Correspondence 17 Sept. 2008	Noted
ERM should include a palaeontology study as part of the EIA. Lately, SAHRA has been requiring this and specialists are hard to find.	Andrea von Holt, Cogga Development Corporation	Public Meeting, Paterson, 25 August 2008	The suggestion is noted by ERM.
Access and service roads running along the railway line are poorly maintained. Who is responsible for the maintenance of these roads?	Hennie Greeff, Lesedi	Public Meeting, De Aar, 29 August 2008; Middelburg, 28 August 2008; Public Meeting, Greenpoint, 10 September 2008	Transport maintains service roads for the purpose of doing rail maintenance. The South African National Roads Agency is responsible for the maintenance of general access roads.
Will the Conway road be upgraded?	Derrick Handley,	Public Meeting, Middelburg, 28 August 2008;	No. The Conway road is only used for purposes of rail service and will not be upgraded.
14. ACCESS AND SERVICE ROADS			

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18. CROSSING OF MAJOR ROADS			
The proposed upgrade of the railway line follows sections of the N10 between the Nanaga Interchange near PE to De Aar, the N9 in Middelburg and Noupoort, the N12 south of Kimberley and crosses the N8 at Kimberley and the N14 east of Upington. In addition, it will require crossing the N2 close to the Port of Ngqura where one bridge structure has been constructed west of the Coega river for access under the N2 to the Port.	Tom Kelly, Acting Regional Manager: Southern Region	Letter via the post	The proposed project will not require any additional infrastructure to cross any major (national) roads.
Transnet must note that any new structures of any kind within 60 meters from a national road reserve or 500meters from an intersection of any road with a national road will require the consideration and approval of SANRAL.	Tom Kelly, Acting Regional Manager: Southern Region	Letter via the post	The comment is noted and will be applied where applicable
The making of or changing the type of use of accesses to and from a national road, advertisements visible from a national road, subdivisions of land adjoining a national road and damaging a national road require SANRAL's approval or are prohibited.	Tom Kelly, Acting Regional Manager: Southern Region	Letter via the post	The comment is noted and will be applied where applicable.
19. EIA PROCESS			
The SDF and council should be kept informed of the EIA process and project as it moves forward.	Mthhuzeli Tokota; Siphokazi Matinene, Mayor of Sundays' River Valley Local Municipality	Public Meeting, Paterson 25 August 2008	The suggestion was noted.
Has all authorisations been obtained from the government?		Public Meeting, Greenpoint, 10 September 2008	Various environmental authorisations need to be obtained. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIA – DEAT General water use licence –DWARF Borrow pits –DME Heritage – SAHRA The processes of obtaining these authorisations are currently being conducted.

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20. USING THE RAIL LINE FOR PASSENGER TRANSPORT			
Can Transnet re-introduce passenger trains between Cookhouse and Somerset East?	Siyavuya; Cllr Manxiweni; Zola Mathisena	Public Meeting, Cookhouse 26 August 2008	Transnet Freight Rail only handles freight rail and no passenger traffic at all.
Is Transnet considering using the line to transport people from city to city (to Port Elizabeth) especially during 2010?	Mthhuzeli Tokota	Public Meeting, Paterson 25 August 2008	Transnet Freight Rail only handles freight rail and no passenger traffic at all.
21. OTHER PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PROJECT AREAS			
Is this project related to the Smelter that is going to be built in De Aar	Mr François	De Aar, 29 August 2008	No
BHP is planning to expand its mining activities at Mamathwane	Mr Rudzani Mudau	Public Meeting, Hotazel 22 September 2008	Noted.
There are at least five new mines due to start up in the area. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kalahari Resources, next to Hotazel UMK next to Mamathwane Opposite Mamathwane An iron ore mine on the other side of Kathu An iron ore mine at Postmasburg It is important for Transnet to look at a bigger picture.	Mr Ben Olivier from the Kgalagadi District Municipality	Public Meeting, Hotazel 22 September 2008	Noted.
BORROW PITS It may not be necessary to establish borrow pits in the area for the rail construction as there is a sufficient supply of crushed stone from the mine overburden and that PFC also has a crusher in the area.		Public Meeting, Hotazel, 22 September 2008	Noted and will be investigated further

recommendations of the relevant heritage resources authority responsible for the area in which the development is proposed.

The comments and/or response from the relevant heritage resource agency must clearly state that the requirements of the Heritage Resources Act have been met during the study.

You are hereby reminded that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



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