

27 January 2020

Dear Stakeholder,

BASIC ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**EXPANSION OF LIQUID OXYGEN (LOX) AND DIESEL STORAGE AT THE AIR PRODUCTS FACILITY
LOCATED WITHIN THE COEGA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE, PORT ELIZABETH, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE****NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS and AVAILABILITY OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT**

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The proposed expansion is to take place at the existing Air Products facility located in Coega, Eastern Cape, as the expansion will occur within the existing site and within the Coega Special Economic Zone (SEZ) the site is considered to be a brownfields site.

Infrastructure associated with the expansion of the facility will include:

- » 1 x 127,3 m³ double walled vacuum insulated horizontal LOX tank or replacement of the existing 72,7 m³ LOX tank with a 200 m³ LOX tank ; ;
- » 1 x 23 m³ aboveground composite diesel tank and associated bund wall, spill slab and separator pit; and
- » 1 x diesel standard pump installation with 2 hoses and shut off valve.

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Please refer to the Background Information Document (BID) for further information on the proposed expansion.

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As per the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No 107 of 1998), the applicant will require authorisation from the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs & Tourism (EC DEDEAT) for the undertaking of the projects. In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, the phasing of an activity, where any phase of the activity was below a threshold but where a combination of the phases, including expansions or extensions, will exceed a specified threshold, requires Environmental Authorisation. The Storage and Handling of Petroleum Products is listed under Subcategory 2.4. Subcategory 2.4 is applicable to all permanent immobile liquid storage facilities at a single site with a combined storage capacity of greater than 1 000 m³. An application for Environmental Authorisation will be submitted for the project to the DEDEAT. It is understood that the maximum storage of the facility will total 223 m³ and therefore the on-site storage will not exceed 1 000 m³. The facility therefore falls below the Subcategory 2.4 threshold and does not require an Atmospheric Emissions Licence (AEL) at the current planned capacity.

The application is required to be supported by comprehensive, independent environmental studies undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Air Products (Pty) Ltd appointed Savannah Environmental, as the independent environmental consultant, to undertake the Basic Assessment to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts associated with the projects and recommend appropriate mitigation measures in the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPRs). The public participation processes for the projects will be undertaken concurrently, providing the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the project. As part of the environmental studies, Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be actively involved through the public involvement process being undertaken by Savannah Environmental.

You and/or the organisation which you represent have been identified as an I&AP for the proposed Expansion of Liquid Oxygen (LOX) and Diesel Storage project. In terms of the Environmental Impact Assess Regulations, 2014, as amended, Regulations 42(b) and (c), should you and/or the organisation that you represent have an interest in this project, please register yourself as an I&AP by completing and returning the attached registration/comment form. By registering on the project database, you will receive all information relating to the project and will be provided with an opportunity to provide comment and input into the BA processes. Included in this notification letter is a registration and comment form for your perusal.

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You are kindly requested to submit your written comment(s) on the Basic Assessment Report before or on **Friday, 06 March 2020** via fax, post or e-mail (contact details below). All comments received during this 30-day review and comment period will be recorded and included in the Final Basic Assessment Report for submission to the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs & Tourism (EC DEDEAT), in line with Regulation 44 of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the project. Our team welcomes your participation and look forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Kind regards



Nicolene Venter

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Attached: Background Information Document
Registration and Comment Form

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31 January 2020

Mr Stanley Tshitwamulomoni
Director: Biodiversity Conservation
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PRETORIA

By Courier Services

Dear Mr Tshitwamulomoni,

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Mr Wayne Hector
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Department of Environmental Affairs
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Ms Andiswa Mhlaba & Mr Andries Struwig
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Central PORT ELIZABETH

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Dear Ms Mhlaba & Mr Struwig,

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Ms Thandi Mmachaka
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PORT ELIZABETH

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Dear Ms Mmachaka,

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Mr John Geeringh
Senior Environmental Advisor
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd

Collect at Savannah Environmental Offices

Dear Mr Geeringh,

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Please note that the BA Report's review period is from **Wednesday, 05 February 2020 until Friday, 06 March 2020.**

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31 January 2020

Mr Joram Mkosana
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PORT ELIZABETH

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