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Dear Ms Sekepane

RE: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BELMONT BORROW PIT ON THE FARM BELMONT 191, PIXLEY KA SEME DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE

This letter serves to introduce an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) with various appendices for the proposed establishment of the **Belmont Borrow Pit**.

Five hard copies and **one** electronic copy of this submission are enclosed as requested in our meeting on 29 October 2012 at the DMR's offices in Kimberley.

Background

Transnet SOC Limited (Transnet) requires borrow material for various civil and structural activities as part of the Ngqura 16 Mtpa Manganese Rail Project. The project comprises of the upgrading and extension of the rail infrastructure and associated infrastructure at various locations between Hotazel in the Northern Cape and the Port of Ngqura in the Eastern Cape. The Department: Environmental Affairs issued environmental authorisations for the project in November 2009 (Reference 12/12/20/1241).

Structure of this EMP Submission

This EMP is specific to the Belmont Borrow Pit, which is required for earthworks material for construction of railway formations, construction of level crossing ramps and use in the formation subsidence repair between Modderivier and Heuningneskloof.

Government Notice R762 (GN R762), in terms of Section 106(1) of the MPRDA, exempts any organ of state (such as Transnet) from applying for rights and/or permits required for the development of borrow pits and other mining activities (therefore exempt from sections 16, 20, 22 and 27 of the said Act). However, in terms of Section 106(2), organs of state must submit an EMP for approval by the Minister in terms of Section 39(4). Section 39(3) sets out the minimum required information that must be contained in such an EMP, including baseline information regarding the affected environment, an assessment of the potential impacts of the proposed activity, as well as measures to mitigate and rehabilitate the potential impacts.

This EMP has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations promulgated in terms of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act of 2002.

The structure of the EMP is as follows:

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- Letter of Introduction (this letter)
- EMP for the Belmont Borrow Pit
 - Appendix A:
 - Appendix A1: Copy of Government Notice No. R. 762 (Exemption of Organs of State From Certain Provisions of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002)
 - Appendix A2: Correspondence with the DMR office in Kimberley
 - Appendix A3: Transnet SOC Limited Certificate of Incorporation
 - Appendix B: Belmont borrow pit layout, locality plans, maps, and photos
 - Appendix C: Final EIA Report and Public participation documentation (2009)
 - Appendix D: DEA Environmental Authorisation (2009 EIA)
 - Appendix E: Specialists reports
 - Appendix E1: Air Quality
 - Appendix E2: Heritage Impact Assessment
 - Appendix E3: Social Impact Assessment
 - Appendix E4: Terrestrial Ecology Assessment
 - Appendix F: Transnet control documents
 - Appendix F1: SES
 - Appendix F2: CEMP
 - Appendix F3: Method Statement for the Belmont borrow pit
 - Appendix F4: HMP
 - Appendix G: Title deed for Belmont 191 Ptn 15
 - Appendix H: Undertaking to provide financial provision and Confirmation of Rehabilitation cost allocation

Your consideration of the information in this submission would be appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to discuss any of the information or if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely,

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Date : 25/03/2013

