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## 1 CONTEXT AND INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

### **1.1 Background to the project**

AURECON South Africa (Pty) Ltd, a leading consulting engineering and environmental firm both locally and internationally, was appointed by Transnet to assist in the compilation of the required Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and to submit the plan to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for acceptance after which it will form part of the environmental obligations of Transnet and its appointed contractors during the construction phase of the project.

Transnet SOC Limited (hereafter referred to as Transnet) is a government (state) owned company (SOC) and is the custodian of South Africa's railway, ports and pipelines, thereby responsible for delivering reliable freight transport and handling services that satisfy customer demand.

As such, Transnet in collaboration with Swaziland Railway identified the construction and upgrade of the railway line between Davel in Mpumalanga and Richards Bay in KwaZulu-Natal, connecting via the Swaziland rail network, as a strategic project (Figure 1). The aim of the project is to unlock the potential of a multinational strategic rail corridor and divert general freight traffic off the dedicated heavy haul Richards Bay Coal Line which runs from Ermelo through rural KwaZulu-Natal to Richards Bay.

The project activities for the upgrading and new construction of the Davel Rail Yard will consist of various works, including the upgrading of existing railway sections (including re-building certain sections), during the construction of an entirely new railway line in the rail yard.

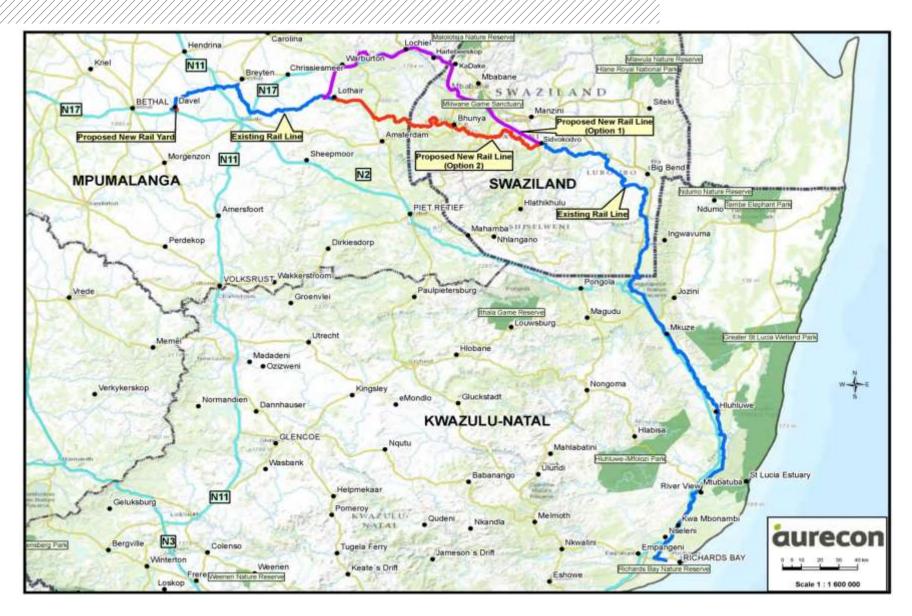


Figure 1: General layout of the entire Swaziland Rail Link between Davel to Nsezi. The Davel Rail Yard is at the western end of the figure, indicated as the proposed new rail yard

#### Construction interface operations

Davel Yard *per se* will be constructed clear from existing railway lines but there are tie-ins to existing railway lines:

- Up and down coal lines (during 10 day shunt);
- Cross-over on the Hamelfontein Trichardt Line (normal occupations); and
- Tie-ins at the existing Davel Station (Trichardt side) (normal occupations).

On the above basis, Davel Yard can be approached as a separate work package for construction purposes, depending on project sequencing requirements.

Viewing the Swaziland Rail Link system in isolation and taking cognisance of the preferred fuelling methodology, the most appropriate single fuelling location is arguably at Davel. Modern locomotives have enough diesel capacity to perform round trips between Davel and both Nsezi and Beluluane. Davel is also the origin of most of the consolidated loaded trains and the changeover point from electrical to diesel traction and *vice versa*. Davel will have secondary fuelling facilities, both in-service on the bypass line as well as at the diesel locomotive provisioning facility.

The new transport node created at Davel is of great significance in both the infrastructure layout as well as operational context of the project. A diagrammatic representation of the Davel Yard and links is provided in Figure 2 below. The yard forms a unique nexus between the Coal Line (Webbsrus-Hamelfontein), the Eastern Mainline (Machadodorp-Breyten) as well as the Central Basin (Trichardt). An aerial image of the proposed project can be seen in Figure 3.

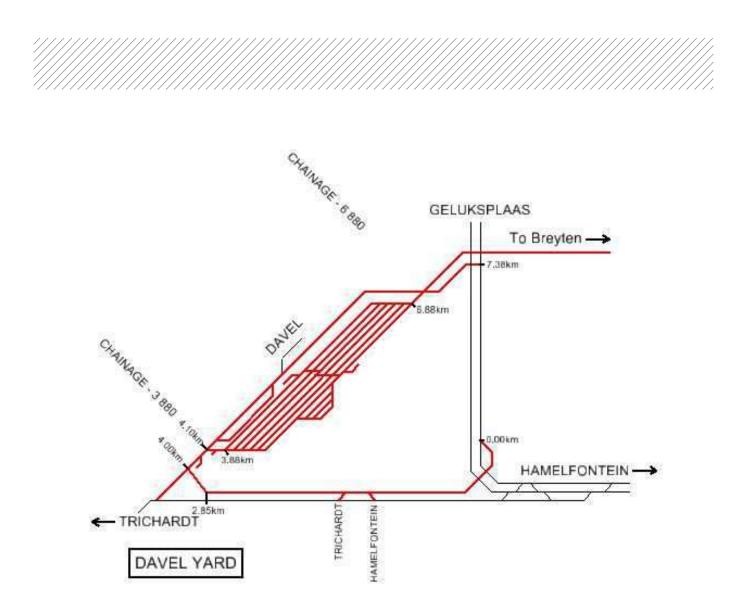


Figure 2: Diagrammatic layout of the Davel Yard and connections

#### Crewing and locomotive provisioning depot

Davel functions as a major crew facility, with flexibility for multinational competency and allows:

- Scheduled slot allocation;
- System stabilization;
- Centralised operations control; and
- Standardised train design.

#### Infrastructure features

The yard will include the following infrastructure capabilities:

- Traction change capability 3 kV DC electric to diesel;
- 200 wagon yard; and
- Distributed Power (DP) network and track layout.

The following functions will be performed at Davel Yard:

- Act as a system regulator by dispatching trains according to the prevailing train plan;
- Traction changeover from / to the 3 kV DC electrical system to / from diesel traction;
- Reconfiguring of traction and appropriate placement of diesel locomotives for DP working;
- Consolidation of wagon rakes into longer trains for transit via the link system;
- Breaking-up of long trains from the link system into applicable lengths and compositions for further transit on TFR's network;
- Provisioning of diesel locomotives;
- Light (daily) maintenance of diesel locomotives;
- Locomotive fuelling (top-up fuelling only if required);
- Train crewing;
- Train dispatching, including technical / safety inspections; and
- Light, in-service wagon repairs if required.

Allowance is also made in the yard design to perform provisioning and light maintenance of electrical locomotives in future, if required.

Davel Yard is for all intents and purposes the start and / end of the Swaziland Rail Link system with the majority of trains being re-compiled and dispatched and / or terminated here. The yard will be equipped with a yard automation / points indicator movement control system.



Figure 3: The Davel Rail Yard and associated connections. The red line indicates the new railway to be constructed. The blue line indicates the railway which is to be upgraded

### **1.2 Project locality**

The Davel Yard and its associated infrastructure and connections are proposed to be situated within the existing Davel Yard in Mpumalanga, approximately 20 km east of the town of Bethal and approximately 33 km west of the town of Ermelo, Mpumalanga. Approximate central coordinates are 26°26'26.69"S and 29°40'16.25"E.

### **1.3 Purpose of this document**

The purpose of this document is to provide guidelines for environmental best practice to the Proponent and its Contractor commissioned to construct the proposed railway line. This document shall be seen as part of the contract. The EMP will thus be part of the enquiry document to make the recommendations and constraints, as set out in this document, enforceable under the general conditions of contract.

#### The EMP has a long-term objective to ensure that:

- 1) Environmental Management considerations are implemented from the start of the project,
- 2) Precautions against damage and claims arising from damage are taken timeously, and
- 3) The completion date of the contract is not delayed due to problems with Landowners arising during the course of construction.

## Transnet requires a commitment from the Project Manager and Contractor on the following issues:

- 1) Take into consideration the surrounding Landowners as the railway line traverses private property;
- 2) Always behave professionally on and off site;
- 3) Ensure quality in all work done, technical and environmental;
- Resolve problems and claims arising from damage immediately to ensure a smooth flow of operations;
- 5) To underwrite Transnet's Environmental Policy at all times;
- 6) To use this EMP for the benefit of all involved; and
- 7) To preserve the natural environment by limiting destructive actions on site.

#### Environmental input into tender drafting and adjudication:

It must be ensured that relevant environmental management specifications as contained in the EMP are incorporated into the tender and contract documentation. Relevant payment items must be incorporated into the bill of quantities. During the tender evaluations, the ability of the possible contractors to adequately manage the environmental issues must be assessed.

## 1.4 Legislative context

#### 1.4.1 National requirements

This EMP has been compiled in terms of the EIA Regulations, published in accordance with Section 33 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, promulgated in GN R543 of 18 June 2010, which provides a framework for the content and intent of an EMP. The EMP also follows the rationale of the ISO 14001: Environmental Management System international standard in that it addresses and differentiates between *Activity, Aspect, Impact, Mitigatory Measures, Performance Indicators, Responsibility, Resources and Time Schedule.* 

The following legislation is applicable to the Swaziland Rail Link project:

- Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act No. 108 of 1996);
- National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998):
  - National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (Notice No. R543 of 2010);
  - National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) Listing Notice 1: List of Activities and Competent Authorities Identified in Terms of Sections 24(2) and 24D (Notice No. R544 of 2010);
  - National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) Listing Notice 2: List of Activities and Competent Authorities Identified in Terms of Sections 24(2) and 24D (Notice No. R545 of 2010); and
  - National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) Listing Notice 3: List of Activities and Competent Authorities Identified in Terms of Sections 24(2) and 24D (Notice No. R546 of 2010).
- National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999);
- National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998);
- Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act (Act No. 70 of 1970);
- National Forests Act (Act No. 84 of 1998):
  - Notice of List of Protected Tree Species under the National Forests Act 84 of 1998 (Published under Government Notice 817 of 2007 (in Government Gazette 30253 of 7 September 2007).
- Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act (Act No. 43 of 1983);
- National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008):
  - National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008) List of Waste Management Activities That Have, or are Likely to Have a Significant Detrimental Effect on the Environment (Published under Government Notice 718 in Government Gazette 32368 of 3 July 2009).
- National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (Act No. 39 of 2004):

- National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (Act No. 39 of 2004) List of Activities which Result in Atmospheric Emissions which Have or May Have a Significant Detrimental Effect on the Environment, Including Health, Social Conditions, Economic Conditions, Ecological Conditions or Cultural Heritage (Published under Government Notice 248 in Government Gazette 33064 of 31 March 2010).
- National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act No 10 of 2004)
- Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act No. 28 of 2002);
- Environment Conservation Act (Act No. 73 of 1989):
  - Regulations in terms of section 25 Noise Control (Published by Government Notice R154 in Government Gazette 13717 of 10 January 1992).
- Planning Development Act (Act No 200 of 1993); and
- National Land Transport Act (Act No. 5 of 2009).

#### 1.4.2 Permit requirements

#### 1.4.2.1 Heritage notification and / or approval

The National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999) Section 28 requires that for certain developments, for example linear developments or barriers exceeding 300 m in length (railway lines), the applicant must at the very earliest stages of initiating the development, notify the responsible heritage resources authority and provide it with details regarding the location, nature and extent of the proposed development.

The heritage resources authority may require the applicant to undertake a Heritage Impact Assessment process, although Section 38 (8) states that if heritage issues are adequately dealt with in the EIA this may not be required. However, it is the consultant's opinion that a Heritage Impact Assessment will need to be undertaken.

If there are any protected heritage resources encountered along the route, a heritage permit may be required. This allows the holder to perform specified actions in relation to particular categories of protected heritage resources.

#### 1.4.2.2 Water use license

A Water Use Licence may be required in terms of the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998) section 21, where water use (relevant to this project) is defined as:

- a) abstracting water from a water resource;
- c) Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse;
- i) Altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse;

f) discharging waste or water containing waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource; and

g) disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource.

The water use licence application process can be carried out in parallel with the EIA process. However, it must be noted that the licensing process is not associated with legislated time frames and can take between one to two years to obtain.

#### 1.4.2.3 Consent from the Minister of Agriculture

The subdivision of Agricultural Land Act (Act No. 70 of 1970) states that the subdivision, lease for 10 years or longer, sale or development of agricultural land may not take place without the written consent of the national Minister of Agriculture, in consultation with the premier of the province in which the development takes place. Consent has been obtained for this proposed development.

#### 1.4.2.4 Biodiversity permits / licenses

When carrying out a restricted activity involving specimens of listed threatened or protected species, a permit may be required in terms of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act No. 10 of 2004) (NEMBA). This could include the damaging of, disturbance to or destroying of plant or animal species during the clearing of the site. Permits may also be required under Provincial Nature Conservation Ordinances or the National Forests Act (for destruction of a protected tree species).

The NEMBA provides for the protection of ecosystems that are threatened or in need of protection. In terms of Section 52 (1)(a) the Minister may, by notice in the Gazette, publish a national list of ecosystems that are threatened and in need of protection.

The following categories of ecosystems may be listed in terms of subsection (1):

(a) Critically endangered ecosystems, being ecosystems that have undergone severe degradation of ecological structure, function or composition as a result of human intervention and are subject to an extremely high risk of irreversible transformation;

(b) Endangered ecosystems, being ecosystems that have undergone degradation of ecological structure, function or composition as a result of human intervention, although they are not critically endangered ecosystems;

(c) Vulnerable ecosystems, being ecosystems that have a high risk of undergoing significant degradation of ecological structure, function or composition as a result of human intervention, although they are not critically endangered ecosystems or endangered ecosystems; and

(d) Protected ecosystems, being ecosystems that are of high conservation value or of high national or provincial importance, although they are not listed in terms of paragraphs (a), (b) or (c).

If the activity undertaken involves the damaging of or disturbance to these ecosystems, a permit will be required in terms of NEMBA.

#### 1.4.2.5 Waste management license

The National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008) may require a waste management licence for waste-related activities. A provision in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations states that any activity which requires a licence in terms of the generation or release of emissions, pollution or effluent will trigger a scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting process, provided that it does not require a Basic Assessment (in terms of Notice No. R544 of 2010) and is not included in the list of waste management activities published in terms of section 19 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) in which case that Act will apply.

The waste management licence application and EIA must be submitted to different authorities, but the processes may be carried out concurrently.

Depending on the nature of maintenance requirements on the line, a waste licence is unlikely to be required for the operational phase. However, during the construction phase, if the temporary storage of waste (more than 90 days) is required, a licence will be required.

#### 1.4.2.6 Atmospheric emissions license

The National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (Act No. 39 of 2004) requires that an atmospheric emissions licence is required for certain activities resulting in emissions of various substances and applicable concentrations to the atmosphere.

Any activity which requires an atmospheric emission license in terms of section 21 of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004) will require a scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting process, provided it does not require a Basic Assessment in terms of Notice No. R544 of 2010.

Given the need to establish a new refuelling facility, an atmospheric emissions license licence may be required.

#### 1.4.2.7 Mining permit

If borrow pits are required to provide material for ballast and/ or the construction of service roads, the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act No. 28 of 2002) requires that a mining permit is acquired. This applies to mining activities that will be mined over a period of less than two years and mining areas that do not exceed 5ha in extent.

The application for a mining permit includes the need to draw up an EMP.

## 2 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### 2.1 Environmental Control Officer

The Environmental Control Officer (ECO) is the independent person responsible for monitoring of the implementation of the EMP. The ECO must be suitably qualified in the environmental sciences and management and have adequate construction site experience of monitoring and auditing the implementation of an EMP. The ECO may not be appointed by the Contractor, and will report to Transnet and DEA only. The ECO has the authority to stop any works if, in his/her opinion, there is or may be a serious threat to or impact on the environment; caused directly by the contractor's actions or activities during the construction phase. In all such work stoppage situations the ECO is to inform the Contractor of the reasons for the stoppage within 24 hours. All ECO reports will be sent on a monthly basis to Transnet to keep abreast of compliance on site. The project's environmental authorisation may require that ECO reports be provided to the DEA.

#### 2.1.1 Environmental Monitoring Committee (EMC)

A further responsibility of the ECO is to establish an Environmental Monitoring Committee (EMC) for the project. The Davel Yard section can be combined with the Davel to Nerston upgrade and new construction section, with one meeting to be held on a six-weekly basis in Mpumalanga. The venue is to be agreed upon between the committee members. Committee members are to consist of interested and affected parties directly affected neighbouring landowners, Transnet employees and all environmental officers and managers on site. The EMC meetings are to be considered formal meetings, including environmental progress presentations from the Transnet environmental officers and ECO. All stakeholders involved must be given a fair and equal opportunity to comment or raise queries and concerns regarding the environmental management status of the project.

### 2.2 Engineer

The Engineer responsible for the design of the railway lines and yard will be a Transnet appointment. It will be the responsibility of the Engineer to oversee the overall implementation of the project as well as the compliance of the EMP and incorporate any potential environmental aspects mentioned into the design.

### 2.3 Contractor

As part of being responsible for the construction of the proposed railway line, the Contractor will also be responsible for the overall implementation of the EMP. The Contractor will nominate a suitably qualified representative on site as his environmental representative, known as the Contractor's Environmental Control Officer (CECO). The contractor must issue site instructions to rectify any environmental non-compliance, based on the CECO's findings. The Transnet Site Manager can also issue site instructions.

### 2.4 Contractor's Environmental Control Officer (CECO)

The CECO will be responsible, on behalf of the contractor, to ensure that the EMP is implemented and complied with on site on a daily basis. The CECO will liaise with the ECO (see above) in all matters relating to the implementation of the EMP. The CECO needs a certain amount of environmental management experience in the field and preferably experience on large linear construction projects.

#### 2.4.1 Environmental awareness on site

Prior to construction, all contractor teams involved in work on the project are to be briefed on their obligations towards environmental controls and methodologies in terms of this EMP. It is recommended that the briefings take the form of an on-site talk and demonstration by the CECO. The education/awareness programme should be aimed at all levels of management and construction workers within the contractor team. All new employees arriving on site shall undergo this training. Environmental induction must be done according to the Contractors Environmental Management System, and must include all aspects of the site specific EMP.

Toolbox talks are to be used as a tool for continuous training of employees and must be conducted on a weekly basis. Toolbox talks must be conducted in an interactive way as to ensure the employees understand the content and purpose of the specific EMP requirements.

As construction continues, an effort must be made by the Contractor to assess the training needs of workers on site. Cognisance must be given to the specific work to be undertaken at the time and, if necessary, additional training on environmental requirements must be conducted to ensure all workers understand the risks involved as well as how to adequately implement mitigation measures.

A signed register documenting all employees' environmental training and awareness programmes must be kept on record for verification purposes.

#### 2.4.2 Record keeping

The CECO is responsible for maintaining all records in relation to the EMP requirements on site. Such records must be made available to the ECO on request during the monthly audits, as well as at any time as requested by the ECO, auditor or project managers. Record keeping must be done in an orderly fashion with the intent of ensuring easy reference.

### 2.5 Organisational and Institutional arrangements

Any changes to the EMP or conditional requirements of the EA must be communicated in writing to the DEA within the timeframes as stipulated in the Environmental Authorisation. A provisional reporting and communications structure is indicated in Figure 4 below.



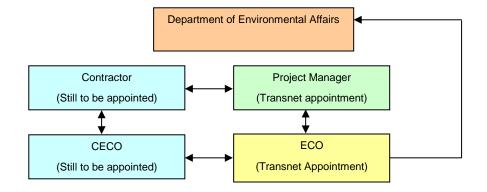


Figure 4: Proposed organisational and reporting structure

## 2.6 Monitoring and auditing framework

#### 2.6.1 Monitoring programme

The purpose of the monitoring programme is to ensure that mitigation measures identified and described in the EMP are implemented. Construction activities of the rail yard will be monitored and recorded by the ECO and audited against the EMP on a monthly basis. A report must be submitted at the end of each month prior to the progress meetings where they will form part of the agenda. The ultimate target is to achieve 100 % compliance with the EMP.

#### 2.6.2 Penalties

The Contractor will comply with the environmental management requirements of this EMP on an ongoing basis, any failure on their part to do so will entitle the Project Manager, in consultation with the ECO to certify the imposition of a fine. The value of the fine will be agreed between the PM and ECO based on the nature, extent and duration of the offence and subsequent environmental damage and will be within the confines of the contractual arrangements. Such penalties shall be payable in addition to any remediation costs for correction of environmental damage as a result of non-compliance to this EMP, that will also be for the Contractor's account. Time penalties may also be awarded by the contract's manager where the contractors do not comply. These details are to be included into the contracts.

Note that the following is applicable:

- In terms of the Conventional Penalties Act (1962) a creditor is not entitled to recover both the penalty and damages; and
- Accordingly, where a Contractor causes damage, Transnet can either enforce a penalty or make the Contractor make good the damage, but not both.

The Contractor is deemed NOT to have complied with this specification if:

• Within the boundaries of the site, site extensions and access roads there is evidence of contravention of the requirements of the EMP;

- Environmental damage ensues due to negligence;
- The Contractor fails to comply with corrective or other instructions issued within a specific time;
- The contractor fails to comply with a site instruction given by the Engineer based on the ECO report;
- The Contractor fails to respond adequately to complaints from the public; and
- Legal action is instituted against the proponent in terms of Environmental laws.

Payment of any fines in terms of the contract will not absolve the offender from being liable from prosecution in terms of any law.

## **3 DESCIPTION OF ACTIVITIES**

The activities that are going to be undertaken involve, but are not limited to:

### **3.1 Pre-construction and construction phase**

- Establishment of the contractor's camp;
- Clearing the proposed site of vegetation;
- Removal and stockpiling of topsoil;
- Fencing of the construction sites;
- Personnel conduct;
- Storage of hazardous material;
- Handling and disposal of construction waste; and
- Protection of archaeological sites.

### 3.2 Rehabilitation

- Removal / decommissioning of Contractor's camp;
- Removal of all construction, hazardous and domestic waste; and
- Rehabilitation of the disturbed areas as a result of construction works.

## 4 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS AND ASSOCIATED MITIGATION MEASURES

The following table covers the construction activities and associated environmental impacts that will occur during the construction of the Davel Rail Yard and associated connections.

The table considers the expected impacts on-site during the different phases of the project, as well as the mitigation measures and environmental management procedures required to manage the expected impacts. The following sections are dealt with in the table:

Section 5	:	Pre-construction and construction site environmental management
Section 6	:	Materials
Section 7	:	Waste
Section 8	:	Surrounding land
Section 9	:	Flora and fauna, air quality, noise, water and other
Section 10	:	Air quality
Section 11	:	Water
Section 12	:	Noise
Section 13	:	Archaeological and heritage sites
Section 14	:	Planning and engineering
Section 15	:	Rehabilitation

## 5 PRE-CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

#### Table 1: Impacts and mitigation table

Activity	Aspect	Potential Impact	Mitigatory Measure (Objective and Target)	Performance Indicator	Implementation Responsibility	Resources	Time Schedule	Verification Responsibility	Frequency
5.1 Engineering Design	All the aspects listed in the EMP.	Design incompatible with environment.	<ul> <li>Objective:</li> <li>To ensure the design of the rail yard takes into account the environment.</li> <li>Target:</li> <li>Assimilate requirements of the EMP in the design and construction management giving special attention to the proposed new railway line proposed to be constructed within the yard; and</li> <li>During the walk down of the approved corridors Transnet shall ensure that suitably qualified people physically peg out / mark all sensitive areas identified within the corridors. This information must be consolidated into a map with exclusion zones. These exclusion zones must be avoided and the associated infrastructure and construction activities must be kept outside of these areas (unless otherwise permitted/licensed).</li> </ul>	Design meets objectives and does not degrade the environment.	Engineering Design Consultant.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	During Tender Design & Design Review Stage.	Engineering design consultant.	Design Phase.
5.2 Establishme nt of the construction camp sites	Construction camp.	Damage or loss of existing vegetation and changes to the area's water quality.	<ul> <li>Objective:</li> <li>To prevent negative influence to the surrounding surface and groundwater.</li> <li>Target:</li> <li>Site establishment shall take place in an orderly manner and all amenities shall be installed at Camp sites before the main workforce move onto site;</li> <li>A method statement is required from the Contractor at appointment stage that includes the layout of the camp, management of ablution facilities and wastewater management;</li> <li>The planning and design for the construction camp must ensure that there is a minimum impact on the environment;</li> <li>A site plan of the construction camp must be provided indicating waste areas, storage areas and placement of ablution facilities;</li> <li>The Contractor camp shall have the necessary ablution facilities with chemical toilets where such facilities are not available at commencement of construction;</li> <li>The Contractor shall supply a wastewater management system that will comply with legal requirements and be acceptable to Transnet;</li> <li>Where Transnet facilities are available the Contractor shall make use of such facilities where it is viable and possible;</li> <li>The Contractor shall inform all site staff to the use of supplied ablution facilities and under</li> </ul>	Construction camp established in compliance with objectives.	Contractor, CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	Pre- construction, Establishment of Site.	ECO.	Once off.

Activity	Aspect	Potential	Mitigatory Measure	Performance	Implementation	Resources	Time	Verification	Frequency
		Impact	(Objective and Target)	Indicator	Responsibility		Schedule	Responsibility	
			<ul> <li>no circumstances shall indiscriminate excretion and urinating be allowed other than in supplied facilities;</li> <li>The Contractor shall supply waste collection bins where such is not available and all solid waste collected shall be disposed of at a registered waste dump;</li> <li>A certificate of safe disposal shall be obtained by the Contractor and kept on file;</li> <li>Where a registered waste site is not available close to the construction site, the Contractor shall provide a method statement with regard to waste management. Under no circumstances may solid waste be burned on site;</li> <li>The construction camp must be placed on already disturbed land as far as possible;</li> <li>The construction camp should be fenced off so as to limit the removal of unnecessary vegetation;</li> <li>Fences and security access must be maintained, throughout the project;</li> <li>All fences removed to facilitate access will be replaced by the contractor once machinery and personnel have been removed from the site to the satisfaction of all the relevant landowners; and</li> <li>Emergency and contact numbers of the contractors must be available and prominently</li> </ul>						
5.3 Establishme nt of the construction camp site.	Construction camp.	Loss of soil fertility.	<ul> <li>displayed on a signage board that is clearly visible.</li> <li>Objective <ul> <li>The environmental objective when establishing the contractor's camp is to minimise the footprint of disturbance thereby preventing the degradation and loss of topsoil.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Target: <ul> <li>Allowance for one contractors camp at the site;</li> <li>The construction camp site shall be strictly within the approved boundaries;</li> <li>Once the site has been cleared of vegetation, the topsoil should be stripped;</li> <li>Topsoil must be stored in a demarcated area which protected from wind and rain;</li> <li>The topsoil stockpiles must not exceed 2 m in height; and</li> <li>The area must be rehabilitated once the construction camp has been decommissioned.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Established construction camp in compliance with objectives and no evidence of environmental degradation.	Contractor, CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	Pre- construction, Establishment of Site.	ECO.	Once off.
5.4 Closure of the construction camp.	Construction camp.	Potential impacts associated with the closure of the construction camp.	<ul> <li>Objective(s): <ul> <li>To limit potential impacts on the environment for the period for which the construction camp is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Target: <ul> <li>Should the construction camp be closed for a period of more than one week, a report on compliance will be lodged with the Contractor, Engineer and Project manager confirming the following: <ul> <li>No persons allowed other than project employees;</li> <li>Minimal materials are stored;</li> <li>All waste disposal bins will be emptied periodically;</li> <li>Materials are stored in leak-proof, sealable containers or packaging;</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>	Closure of the construction camp in line with the requirements of the EMP.	Engineer, Contractor and CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	Closure of camp.	Engineer, ECO.	Whenever the construction camp is closed for longer than a week.

Potential Mitigatory Measure Time Performance Implementation Verification Activity Aspect Resources Frequency Responsibility Schedule Impact (Objective and Target) Indicator Responsibility The store area is secure and locked: • Fire extinguishers are serviced and accessible; • The area is secure from accidental damage through vehicle collision, etc.; Emergency and contact numbers of the contractor are available and prominently displayed: ٠ All stores will be secured: • Chemical toilets are empty, kept hygienically clean and secured; and ٠ 24 hour security will be on site during this period. Objective(s): Topsoil is conserved, maintained and reused. Target : The topsoil in the specific region is regarded as the top 300 mm (maximum) of the soil • profile irrespective of the fertility appearance or physical depth, unless otherwise confirmed by the ECO: Topsoil is to be stripped up to this depth when it is in as dry a condition as possible in order . to prevent compaction; The topsoil, including the existing grass cover is to be shallowly ripped (only the depth of the topsoil) before removal. This is to ensure that organic plant material, and the natural seed base is included in the stripping process; Mixing of topsoil Stockpiles shall not be allowed to become contaminated with oil, diesel, petrol, garbage or and subsoil. any other material, which may inhibit the later growth of vegetation; Erosion of • The contractor shall apply soil conservation measures to the stockpiles to prevent erosion. Contract topsoil. This could include the use of erosion control fabric or grass seeding; 5.5 Stripping and Contractor and Storage of All grass and other vegetation should be left on the topsoil stockpiles so that they colonize FCO stockpiling of Contamination CECO. allowance the area after construction; topsoil. topsoil. of top soil. in P&G's. Photographic record must be kept of the topsoil stockpiles: • Dust • Dust and erosion of topsoil from runoff must be minimised through appropriate watering and the avoidance of transporting and placing of topsoil in areas exposed to high wind or excessively rainy conditions: • The contractor shall devise a soil conservation and stockpiling plan, to be approved by the ECO and Engineer, which shall detail: Stockpile sizes, layout and form: 0 Means of erosion (wind and water) prevention for stockpiles: 0 The rehabilitation measures to be taken for the area occupied by the temporary 0 stockpile: A generic schedule of soil replacement for areas where work has been completed. 0 Soil replacement should preferably run in parallel (where feasible) with the construction process; and Soil erosion prevention measures for general site use. 0 Alien vegetation growing on stockpiles must be eradicated; and

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			Herbicides shall not be used to remove alien vegetation unless approved by the ECO.						
5.6	Site	Soil pollution and permanent	<ul> <li>Objective(s):</li> <li>To ensure the material for site buildings are recyclable and to minimise the impacts of the construction of the buildings on the environment.</li> <li>Target:</li> <li>No permanent structures will be permitted at the contractor's camp;</li> </ul>	On site buildings constructed		Contract	Pre-		
Construction of site buildings.	buildings materials.	alternation to the natural environment.	<ul> <li>Temporary structures shall be founded on a platform, either subsoil or screed slab;</li> <li>Buildings should preferably be pre-fabricated or constructed of re-usable / recyclable materials;</li> <li>All temporary structures must be soundly built and not pose a danger to workers;</li> <li>Containers are to be used for the storage of materials which have the potential to release pollutants into the environment; and</li> <li>All structure footprints to be rehabilitated and re-vegetated after construction is complete.</li> </ul>	according to the requirements of the EMP.	Contractor and CECO.	and allowance in P&G's.	construction, Establishment of site.	ECO.	Once off.
5.7 Fencing of the		Unnecessary	<ul> <li>Objective(s):</li> <li>Whilst establishing the site, the footprint of disturbance must be minimised and the extent of soil erosion, loss of vegetation and the potential for the pollution of soils must be prevented.</li> <li>Target:</li> </ul>	The site is			Construction sites must be		As
construction sites that will be affected by the proposed project.	Demarcation of the site.	removal of vegetation. Loss of topsoil. Safety.	<ul> <li>All excavations posing a risk to both human and animal safety must be demarcated as indicated in the EMP using danger tape with steel droppers or other methods approved by the ECO;</li> <li>The width of the construction footprint must be agreed upon by the ECO and the Engineer and as far as possible must be kept to a minimum. The maximum width of the construction footprint servitude will not exceed 75m. Should additional space be needed for the temporary storage of material, the ECO must advise on an adequate area away from any sensitive areas.; and</li> </ul>	demarcated according to the requirements of this section of the EMP.	Contractor and CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's	fenced off along the alignment before site clearance.	Engineer, ECO.	construction proceeds along the alignment.
			No personnel or construction materials will be allowed to move outside the designated / demarcated site during construction activities.						
5.8 Cooking of food	Cooking facilities	Type and placement of cooking facilities used, and how they will be used.	<ul> <li>Objective(s):</li> <li>To ensure that the cooking facilities used on site do not pose risks to the environment.</li> <li>Target:</li> <li>The contractor must supply gas and /or electricity cooking facilities for the labourers at the construction camp;</li> <li>If gas cooking facilities are not available fires (for the purposes of cooking) will be allowed in a demarcated area that has been cleared of any combustible materials;</li> <li>Firewood, or other suitable fuels, must be supplied by the Contractor;</li> </ul>	Evidence of presence of gas and / or electricity cooking facilities and / or demarcated area for cooking with fire.	Contractor.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	Pre- construction, Establishment of site.	ECO.	Once off.

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,		Impact	(Objective and Target)     After use, all cooking fires must be extinguished.	Indicator	Responsibility		Schedule	Responsibility	
5.9 Operation of the sanitation system(s).	Sanitation systems.	Unpleasant odours on site. Inadequate number of latrines on site. Position of latrines and shower systems. Poor management of waste water.	<ul> <li>Arter use, all cooking lifes hiuse be exangularized.</li> <li>Objective(s): <ul> <li>To ensure good sanitation system and management throughout the construction period.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Targets: <ul> <li>Adequate chemical toilets must be provided for all staff. Alternatively, existing ablution facilities on site can be utilised if available;</li> <li>Chemical toilets must be emptied / serviced on a regular basis to prevent them overflowing. Proof of this must be provided to the ECO;</li> <li>A minimum of one toilet must be provided per 11 persons at each working area within 100 m from worker activity; and</li> <li>Where shower facilities be provided for use by staff the following must be imposed: <ul> <li>Positioning of the showers, specifically the discharge point, must be placed in a way to ensure that erosion and build-up of detergents does not occur;</li> <li>All discharge from the shower and other washing facilities must pass through a suitable filter to reduce the load of detergents to the environment; and</li> <li>Use of the shower facilities must be limited to staff or authorised persons only.</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>	Adequate toilets and showers will be positioned at the right places as per the EMP and ECO. Absence of odours, erosion and build- up of detergents.	Contractor.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	Pre- construction, Establishment of site.	ECO.	Once off.
5.10 Vehicle parking area. Storage of equipment.	Vehicle parking and parking area(s). Storage of equipment.	Pollution of soils. Disturbance of soils due to parking of vehicles outside of designated areas.	<ul> <li>Objective(s):</li> <li>To ensure vehicles are parked according to the specifications in the EMP and that equipment is handled appropriately.</li> <li>Target:</li> <li>No storage of vehicles or equipment will be allowed outside of the designated area; and</li> <li>Drip trays or any form of oil absorbent material must be placed underneath vehicles and equipment when not in use for periods longer than 3 days and / or for those vehicles and plant showing evidence of leaking hydrocarbons.</li> </ul>	Drip trays must be provided and placed under vehicles and equipment which are not being utilised on site.	Contractor and CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	Throughout the construction period.	ECO.	As per specified target.
5.11 Servicing and washing of vehicles and machinery.	Workshop and Equipment Storage Areas.	Water contamination, Soil contamination, Noise pollution.	<ul> <li>Objective(s): <ul> <li>To ensure that the environment is not polluted by ensuring that service areas and wash bays for vehicles and machinery are made available and utilised.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Target: <ul> <li>Where possible and practical, all maintenance of vehicles and equipment shall take place in a workshop area;</li> <li>During servicing of vehicles or equipment in the approved area, a suitable drip tray shall be used to prevent spills onto the soil, especially where emergency repairs are affected outside the workshop area;</li> <li>Leaking equipment shall be repaired immediately or be removed from site to facilitate repair;</li> <li>All potentially hazardous and non-degradable waste, including used ballast or the waste</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Evidence of prescribed servicing and washing services.	Contractor, CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	During construction.	ECO.	Whenever servicing or maintaining of vehicles or equipment throughout the construction period.

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			<ul> <li>water effluent from washing the contaminated ballast, shall be collected and removed to a registered waste site;</li> <li>Workshop areas shall be monitored for oil and fuel spills and such spills shall be cleaned and re-mediated to the satisfaction of the ECO;</li> <li>A method statement is required from the Contractor showing how to show procedures for dealing with possible emergencies that can occur, such as fire and accidental leaks and spillage;</li> <li>The Contractor shall be in possession of an emergency spill kit that must be complete and available at all times on site;</li> <li>Should emergency repairs be necessary, drip trays or tarpaulins must be utilised to ensure the collection of the oil. The area for emergency repairs should be identified by the ECO;</li> <li>Should repair centers not be available in close proximity to the site, the contractor may erect maintenance areas / workshops at designated areas approved by the ECO.</li> <li>The contractor must ensure that delivery drivers and plant operators are informed of all relevant procedures and restrictions required ensuring compliance with this document;</li> <li>All vehicles and equipment must be well maintained to ensure that there are no oil or fuel leakages; and</li> <li>The following shall apply: <ul> <li>All contaminated soil / yard stone shall be removed and be placed in containers for further disposal;</li> <li>Contaminated material can be taken to one central point where bio-remediation can be done;</li> <li>Smaller spills con be readed on site;</li> <li>A specialist Contractor shall be used for the bio-remediation of contaminated soil where the required remediation material and expertise is not available on site; and</li> <li>All major spills of hazardous substances constituting a section 30 environmental incident (according to the NEMA) must be reported to the ECO and relevant authorities within 14 days of the incident occurring.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>						
5.12 Personnel conduct.	Personnel.	Infringement of the EMP requirements by personnel.	<ul> <li>Objective(s):</li> <li>To ensure that personnel are adhering to the EMP requirements.</li> <li>Target:</li> <li>The Contractor will adhere to all requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (Act 56 of 2004), including the drafting of a suitable Health and Safety Plan which will be implemented during the construction phase;</li> <li>All personnel to undergo Environmental Awareness Training. A signed register of attendance must be kept for proof;</li> <li>Transnet induction must be attended by all parties involved in the construction.</li> <li>Tool box talks to include aspects of the EMP;</li> <li>Labourers associated with the contractor must be easily recognizable (i.e. company issued</li> </ul>	Personnel wearing proper safety uniform. Absence of trespassers on site.	Contractor and labourers.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	Approved PPE must be issued to all employees pre- construction but must be used for the duration of the construction period.	ECO.	Throughout construction period.

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			<ul> <li>overalls with company name / logo etc.), and other persons will not be allowed within the construction camp at any time without prior permission from the project manager;</li> <li>The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions against trespassing on private properties;</li> <li>Warning signs must be placed on and around the site as per the Occupational, Health and Safety requirements;</li> <li>Adequate first aid services must be provided by the contractor at the contractor's camp;</li> <li>The contractor will be responsible for his own security arrangements and shall comply will all site security instructions;</li> <li>Basic firefighting equipment must be available on site;</li> <li>PPE to be provided and well maintained at contractor's camp; and</li> <li>All environmental incidents should be reported to ECO, investigated, documented and kept of the security and t</li></ul>						
5.13 Construction activities.	Safety of the Public / surrounding landowners.	Injuries to Public / Iandowners. Health of Public / Iandowners.	<ul> <li>on file.</li> <li>Objective(s): <ul> <li>To ensure that the Public at large is not injured or affected negatively in any way.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Target: <ul> <li>The Contractor shall recognise that the Site is situated close to inhabited and agricultural areas and shall therefore take all reasonable measures to ensure the safety of people in the surrounding communities;</li> <li>Where the public could be exposed to danger by any of the Works or Site activities, the Contractor shall as appropriate provide suitable flagmen, barriers and / or warning signs in English, Afrikaans and SiSwati, all to the approval of the Project Manager;</li> <li>All unattended open excavations shall be adequately demarcated (fencing shall consist of a minimum of three strands of wire and made clearly visible). Adequate protective measures must be implemented to prevent unauthorised access to and climbing of partly constructed structures and protective scaffolding; and</li> <li>No firearms shall be permitted on site.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	No injuries or health consequences to neighbouring people. No complaints from neighbouring people.	Contractor and CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	Throughout the construction period.	ECO.	Whenever there are stationary vehicles or equipment present on site.

## 6 MATERIALS

Activity	Aspect	Potential Impact	Mitigation Measure (Objective and Target)	Performance Indicator	Implementation Responsibility	Resources	Time Schedule	Verification Responsibility	Frequency
6.1 Transpor- tation of material	Material transport	Traffic congestion. Dust during transportation. Excessive noise.	<ul> <li>Objective(s)</li> <li>To ensure that whilst material is transported, it cannot be of negative influence to the surrounding environment.</li> <li>Target: The following should be adhered to: <ul> <li>Existing access roads must be utilised as far as possible, with only the minimum new access roads being constructed where absolutely necessary.</li> <li>Access to privately owned land will be arranged with the various landowners along the alignment by the contractor;</li> <li>Adequate and appropriate traffic warning signage must be erected where applicable, along transport routes and access roads;</li> <li>The Contractor shall take preventative measures e.g. screening, muffling, timing, prenotification of affected parties to minimise complaints regarding noise and vibration nuisance from sources;</li> <li>Fine materials (such as sand) must be covered during transportation;</li> <li>Appropriate response plans must be prepared by Contractors to ensure the fastest possible reaction to spills or accidents;</li> <li>Deliveries must be scheduled for off-peak hour traffic times;</li> <li>All trucks and vehicles removing spoil from the site must have load areas and must be covered by a tarpaulin (plastic / synthetic sheets (covers) to prevent rocks and spoil falling onto the road surfaces; <li>Vehicle speeds on site should not exceed 30 km / hr. on gravel roads;</li> <li>All drivers and operators are to have licences for driving and moving of plant on site; and</li> <li>All road vehicles to be road worthy.</li> </li></ul> </li> </ul>	Mufflers and silencers fitted to construction vehicles and equipment. Covering of material during transportation. Emergency reaction plan (for spills / accidents) must always be readily available on site.	Contractor and CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	Prior to construction start.	ECO.	Throughout construction period or as required by the ECO.
6.2 Storage of Hazardous Material.	Hazardous Material storage areas.	Contamination of soil by hazardous material. Inadequate remediation measures for spills.	<ul> <li>Objective(s):</li> <li>To ensure adequate protection of soil and soil remediation measures in case of spills.</li> <li>Target:</li> <li>Hazardous materials – such as paint, cement, fuels, bitumen, fuel, oil, herbicides, battery acid or detergents – must be stored in sealed, lockable containers when not in use;</li> <li>A register shall be kept on all substances and be available for inspection at all times. Areas shall be monitored for spills and any spills shall be contained, cleaned and rehabilitated immediately;</li> <li>No decantation into unmarked containers or containers with irrelevant incorrect labeling;</li> </ul>	Storage of hazardous materials in sealed and lockable containers. No evidence of spills on site. Absorbent and clean-up material	Contractor and CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	Construction period.	ECO.	For the duration of the construction period dependent on the presence of hazardous material on

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			<ul> <li>To avoid fire risks, no decanted fuel to be left unattended in the sun to avoid fire;</li> <li>When handling hazardous materials, manufacturer's specifications must be complied with. The 16 point Material Safety Data Sheet is available on site;</li> <li>All reasonable care must be taken to prevent spills of any hazardous material when in use;</li> <li>All spills (minor and major) must be cleaned and remediated to the satisfaction of the ECO and CECO within 24 hours of occurrence;</li> <li>The contractor must ensure that there is a supply of absorbent material (e.g. Drizit) and clean-up materials readily available to absorb, breakdown and, where possible, encapsulate minor hazardous material spillages;</li> <li>No material may be stacked higher than 2 m;</li> <li>All products are to be stored with compatibility in mind;</li> <li>Storage areas shall display the required safety signs depicting "No smoking", "No naked lights" and "Danger". Containers shall be clearly marked to indicate contents as well as safety requirements; and</li> <li>The contractor shall supply a method statement to the engineer for approval for the storage</li> </ul>	readily available on site.					site.
6.3 Storage of fuel.	Storage areas.	Contamination of soil by fuel. Inadequate remediation measures for spills.	<ul> <li>of hazardous materials prior to site preparation works.</li> <li>Objective(s): <ul> <li>To ensure that there is optimum environmental protection (especially soil) from fuel spills.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Target: <ul> <li>Fuel must be stored in above ground storage tanks or sealed containers, contained within a bunded area with sump drainage;</li> <li>All bunds must be designed to contain at least 110 % of the tank or drum storage capacity (this shall apply to above ground storage, and include fuels, welding equipment and oxy-acetylene cutting equipment);</li> <li>No drainage from fuel storage areas shall be permitted; and</li> <li>Any other hazardous substances stored in bulk will require bunding.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Established fuel storage areas in compliance with the objectives of the EMP.	Contractor and CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	Pre- construction, Establishment of site.	ECO.	Once off.
6.4 Use of cement.	Cement.	Contamination of soil and surrounding environment by cement. Decrease in ambient air quality.	<ul> <li>Objective(s):</li> <li>To ensure that the environment is protected from cement that will be used on site.</li> <li>Target:</li> <li>Cement must be delivered in sound and properly secured bags or in approved bulk containers;</li> <li>Cement products in bags must be stored in storage containers to be provided at the construction camp and should only be opened when needed;</li> <li>The storage facility and surrounding area must be swept and cleaned regularly as required to ensure that cement products do not the pollute the surrounding environment;</li> <li>Empty cement bags are to be collected in larger hession, material or plastic bags which, once full, can be disposed of at a registered landfill site;</li> <li>Cement bags are not to be burnt on site; and</li> </ul>	Cement delivery, storage and use will be in line with the EMP requirements.	Contractor and CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	Construction period.	ECO.	As long as cement is in use on site.

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			No concrete batching on bare soil.						

## 7 WASTE

Activity	Aspect	Potential Impact	Mitigation Measure (Objective and Target)	Performance Indicator	Implementation Responsibility	Resources	Time Schedule	Verification Responsibility	Frequency
7.1 Storage, removal and disposal of construction waste.	Construction waste.	Land pollution. Compaction of soil by rubble. Decreased aesthetic integrity of the site.	<ul> <li>Objective(s):</li> <li>To ensure that waste is correctly stored and disposed of, decreasing the visual and environmental impact during the construction and post construction period;</li> <li>To keep the servitude neat and clean;</li> <li>Disposal of rubble and refuse in an appropriate manner;</li> <li>Minimise litigation; and</li> <li>Minimise landowner complaints.</li> <li>Targets:</li> <li>The Waste Management Plan forming part of the contract documentation must be adhered to at all times;</li> <li>No material shall be left on site that could be of harm to humans and animals;</li> <li>Broken, damaged and unused nuts, bolts and washers shall be picked up and removed from site for future use or recycling;</li> <li>Surplus concrete may not be dumped indiscriminately on site, but shall be removed from site when nearing completion of the different stages of work;</li> <li>Concrete trucks shall not be washed on site unless adequate washing and concrete collection facilities are introduced to site;</li> <li>Bins and containers must be made available by the contractor for the storage of construction waste;</li> <li>All construction waste shall be stored in waste skips located strategically on site. A licensed waste contractor shall collect these skips for removal to a licensed landfill site. No construction waste may be stored on site for longer than 30 days;</li> <li>The Contractor will be responsible to remove and transport all construction waste material off site to a registered waste disposal facility (proof of this as well as a copy of the site's Registration Permit, must be provided by the Contractor to the ECO);</li> <li>Where domestic waste is collected by the relevant municipality itself, a collection receipt will be suitable proof of safe disposal;</li> <li>Seelable waste drums should be provided at least every 100m along the active working servitude of the railway line;</li> <li>Grey water must be stored in sealable marked containers and disposed of with other waste water from the construction wor</li></ul>	Construction waste stored, collected and disposed of as per the requirements of this EMP.	Contractor and CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	Waste bins / skips must be available prior to construction. Removal of waste throughout the construction period.	ECO.	The ECO will determine the frequency of waste removed from site.
7.2	Domestic	Land pollution.	Objective(s)	Evidence of	Contractor and	Contract	The waste	ECO.	The ECO will
Storage,	waste.	Unpleasant	• To ensure that waste is correctly stored and disposed of, decreasing the visual and	domestic waste	CECO.	and	bins / skips		determine

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## 8 SURROUNDING LAND

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8.1 Entering different properties.	Access roads.	Damage to access roads. Damage to environment. Loss of topsoil. Erosion.	<ul> <li>Objective(s):</li> <li>To minimise damage to existing access roads;</li> <li>To minimise damage to the environment due to construction of new access roads; and</li> <li>To minimise loss of topsoil and erosion.</li> <li>Targets:</li> <li>Existing maintenance and access roads at the Davel Rail Yard shall be used for construction activities as far as possible;</li> <li>Planning and construction of any additional access routes must be done in conjunction between the Contractor, ECO, Engineer and applicable Landowners;</li> <li>All agreements reached should be documented and no verbal agreements should be made;</li> <li>The Contractor shall properly mark all access roads. Markers shall show the direction of travel. Roads not to be used shall be marked with a "NO ENTRY" sign and adequately barricaded to prevent construction vehicles from utilizing such roads;</li> <li>Water diversion berms shall be installed from the start of the contract. These berms shall be maintained at all times and be repaired at the end of the contract;</li> <li>Where berms are introduced on steep slopes the outflow shall be suitably stone pitched to prevent erosion from starting at the berms;</li> <li>Roads may not be constructed on steep slopes prone to result in excessive erosion unless such roads follow contours;</li> <li>The introduction of concrete pipes and drifts, to facilitate access, shall be at the discretion of ECO on site. Any dangerous crossings shall be marked as such and where necessary, speed limits shall be enforced;</li> <li>Where necessary, a suitable mixture of grass seed shall be used to re-seed damaged areas; and</li> <li>Deteriorated areas shall be fenced-in to enhance rehabilitation.</li> </ul>	No claims from Landowners due to further damage on existing access roads. No erosion visible on access roads three months after completion of construction. No loss of topsoil due to run-off water on access roads.	Contractor and CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	During the establishment of the construction site.	ECO.	Once off.

## 9 FLORA AND FAUNA

Activity	Aspect	Potential Impact	Mitigation Measure (Objective and Target)	Performance Indicator	Implementation Responsibility	Resources	Time Schedule	Verification Responsibility	Frequency
	Terrain.	Scarring of soil surface, disturbance / loss of topsoil.	<ul> <li>Objective(s):</li> <li>Minimise scarring of the soil surface and land features;</li> <li>Minimise disturbance and loss of topsoil; and</li> <li>Rehabilitate all disturbed areas along the servitude.</li> <li>Target:</li> <li>Topsoil to be stripped to 300 mm where required by ECO;</li> <li>Topsoil only to be stripped where absolutely necessary; and</li> <li>The areas within and around the servitude will most likely be disturbed by construction activities and rehabilitation is required to reinstate such areas.</li> </ul>	No visible erosion scars once construction is completed. Minimum loss of topsoil at any one site. No barren area visible 3 months after construction is completed. All damaged areas successfully rehabilitated.	Contractor and CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	During the establishment of the construction sites along the alignment.	ECO.	Vegetation will be cleared as construction proceeds along the site footprint.
9.1 Construction activities (Physical issues and their control).	Vegetation.	Damage to vegetation. Erosion due to removal of vegetation.	<ul> <li>Objective(s):</li> <li>Minimise damage to vegetation;</li> <li>Keep servitude as natural looking as possible;</li> <li>Minimise interference by vegetation to flow of electricity;</li> <li>Minimise possibility of erosion due to removal of vegetation;</li> <li>Minimise removal of plant material on river and stream embankments; and</li> <li>Eradication of alien invader species.</li> <li>Target:</li> <li>The objective of vegetation clearing is to trim, cut or clear the minimum number of trees and vegetation necessary for the safe mechanical construction of the railway line;</li> <li>Only an 8m strip may be cleared flush with the ground to allow vehicular passage;</li> <li>No scalping shall be allowed on any part of the servitude road unless absolutely necessary;</li> <li>All protected species not to be removed must be clearly marked and such areas fenced off if required;</li> <li>The use of herbicides shall only be allowed after a proper investigation into the necessity, the type to be used, the long-term effects and the effectiveness of the agent; and</li> <li>Transnet's approval for the use of herbicides is mandatory. Application shall be under the direct supervision of a qualified technician. All surplus herbicide shall be disposed of in accordance with the supplier's specifications.</li> </ul>	No trees and vegetation removed unnecessarily. No vegetation interfering with structures and statutory distances upon completion of the contract. No visible erosion scars three months after completion of the contract due to vegetation removal. No litigation due to unauthorised removal of vegetation. All alien invaders eradicated from the servitude	Contractor and CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	During the establishment of the construction sites along the alignment.	ECO.	Vegetation will be cleared as construction proceeds along the site footprint.

Potential Mitigation Measure Time Verification Performance Implementation Activity Aspect Resources Frequency (Objective and Target) Responsibility Schedule Impact Indicator Responsibility No transgressions of the Fencina Act. Objective(s): No damage to Properly install gates to allow access to the servitude: fences and subsequent · To minimise damage to fences, limit access to Transnet and Contractor personnel with complaints from gate keys; and I andowners • To minimise the extent of removal of vegetation. All gates equipped During the Target: with locks and kept Contract establishment Gate Gate installation shall be according to Transnet standards. ٠ locked at all times and Damage to installation Contractor and of the Durina to limit access to ٠ All gates installed in electrified fencing shall be electrified as well existing fences. FCO allowance CECO. and construction construction. kev holders. • All gates shall be fitted with locks and be kept locked at all times during the construction security. in P&G's sites along the control phase. Gates shall only be left open on request of the Landowner if he accepts partial All fences properly alignment. tied off to the gate responsibility for such gates in writing, once the Contractor has left site and the gates are fitted with Transnet locks. Such gates shall be clearly marked by painting the posts green posts. All claims arising from gates left open shall be investigated and settled in full by the ٠ All gates properly and neatly installed Contractor according to If any fencing interferes with the construction process, such fencing shall be deviated until specifications. construction is completed. No complaints about open gates. Objective(s): • To minimise the extent of removal of vegetation. Target: · Prior to construction commencing, a thorough search and rescue operation for both plants and fauna (particularly reptiles) must be initiated once the required permits are in place; Applications must be submitted to the Department of Agriculture. Fisheries and Forestry Unnecessary During the Contract (DAFF) and the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and removal of flora establishment Conservati 9.2 and Tourism (MDEDET), where applicable; Contractor and of the No unnecessary During on and Removal of Vegetation allowance ECO. Plants outside of the construction area are not to be disturbed, destroyed or removed: loss of vegetation. CECO. construction protection construction. vegetative clearing in P&G's A nursery must be maintained to protect plants removed during the search and rescue of flora. sites along the matter for operation. These plants are then to be used during the rehabilitation phase: alignment. firewood. Should construction activities have to occur outside the maximum disturbance boundary of . 75m, this will only be allowed with the prior approval of the ECO so as to ensure that sensitive areas are avoided: and • The Contractor will be held liable for the replacement of any plant or feature under the protection of these specifications that is removed or damaged by the Contractor's negligence or mismanagement 9.3 Alien ECO Introduction of Objective(s): Decrease of alien Contractor Contract For the During

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	vegetation.	alien plants / seeds on site.	<ul> <li>To prevent alien plants / seeds from being introduced on site; and</li> <li>To remove alien plants where possible, from site.</li> <li>Targets: <ul> <li>All sites disturbed by construction activities must be monitored for exotic or invasive plant species and weeds;</li> <li>Chemical removal shall be used in accordance with manufacturer's specification for weeds;</li> <li>The type of chemical to be utilised must be approved by the ECO in consultation with a registered herbicide technician;</li> <li>Any eradicated exotic/invasive plant or weed vegetation must be removed from site and disposed of at an approved waste disposal facility;</li> <li>A maintenance schedule is to be provided after reinstatement; and</li> <li>Transnet will be responsible for the implementation of the maintenance schedule.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	plants on site.	Labourers, CECO.	and allowance in P&G's.	duration of the construction period.		construction.
9.4	Protection of Fauna.	Intentional or unintentional killing of fauna on site. Loss of fauna due to habitat disturbance.	<ul> <li>Objective(s): <ul> <li>To ensure that fauna found on site are protected and not interfered with.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Target: <ul> <li>The contractor must ensure that the site is kept clean and free of litter that could potentially attract animal pests, and that refuse bins are scavenger proof;</li> <li>The contractor must report problem animals or vermin to the ECO. A high probability exists that domestic animals from the neighbouring communities will scavenge at the site;</li> <li>Ensure that domesticated and livestock animals belonging to the local community are kept away from the construction works;</li> <li>The contractor may under no circumstances make use of pesticide or poison to control unwanted animals;</li> <li>Workers should be educated so as not to kill any fauna found onsite;</li> <li>The footprint of disturbance should be kept to a minimum;</li> <li>Hunting or trapping is strictly prohibited. Anyone found guilty of such an act will be removed from the project; and</li> <li>Access roads should be planned so that only minimum linear distances are developed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	No evidence of domestic animals on site. The site is kept clean and does not attract fauna.	Contractor, CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	Throughout the construction and post construction period.	ECO.	Ongoing.

#### 10 AIR QUALITY

Activity Aspec	ct Potential Impact	Mitigation Measure (Objective and Target)	Performance Indicator	Implementation Responsibility	Resources	Time Schedule	Verification Responsibility	Frequency
10.1 Trenching and transport or soils. Dust, smoke a emissior control.	Air pollution	<ul> <li>Objective(s):</li> <li>To reduce the generation of dust on the construction site.</li> <li>Target:</li> <li>Dust suppression is to be conducted during construction or as complaints are received;</li> <li>The use of enclosures, screens and sheeting should be considered to contain dust;</li> <li>The Contractor is to take appropriate measures to minimise the generation of dust as a result of excavation works. Such measures include frequent water spraying during low rainfall periods or by using chemical dust binding agents approved by the ECO;</li> <li>Paved or surfaced roads should be used where possible. Where none are available, haul roads should be cleaned of loose material to prevent dust;</li> <li>Speed limits must be enforced in all areas to reduce the generation of dust;</li> <li>Cover dump trucks before traveling on public roads;</li> <li>Keep soil loads below the freeboard of the truck to minimise fugitive dust;</li> <li>Minimise drop heights when loaders dump soil into trucks;</li> <li>Revegetate disturbed areas as soon as possible after disturbance;</li> <li>When feasible, shut down idling construction machinery;</li> <li>Tighten gate seals on dump trucks; and</li> <li>No burning on site and close to settlements.</li> </ul>	Dust is kept at its lowest level on site.	Contractor and CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	Throughout construction period.	ECO.	During periods of low rainfall or as required by the ECO.

#### 11 WATER

Activity	Aspect	Potential Impact	Mitigation Measure (Objective and Target)	Performance Indicator	Implementation Responsibility	Resources	Time Schedule	Verification Responsibility	Frequency
11.1 Construction activities in or around watercourses.	Wet areas.	Unnecessary removal of aquatic flora.	<ul> <li>Objective(s): <ul> <li>Avoid wet areas to prevent negative impacts.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Target: <ul> <li>All designs should include means to protect or maintain the current hydrological regime;</li> <li>Stormwater management systems should include energy dissipation structures to minimize the potential impact or erosion and sedimentation;</li> <li>Clearing of vegetation should be kept to a minimum;</li> <li>No vehicular traffic shall be allowed in wet areas along the shorelines of the pan;</li> <li>Only existing roads through such areas may be used with the approval of Transnet and the Landowner;</li> <li>No equipment shall be used which may cause irreparable damage to wet areas;</li> <li>The wet areas must be marked as "No-Go" zones to prevent unauthorised access to these sensitive areas by construction activities;</li> <li>The conditions contained in the water use license must be adhered to; and</li> <li>Where culverts are installed across drainage lines and watercourses, the proposed designs should ensure that natural ground levels are maintained, i.e. the culvert base does pose as an obstacle for the movement of aquatic organisms.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	No damage to wet areas.	Contractor and CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	During the establishment of the construction sites along the alignment.	ECO.	During the entire construction period.

#### 12 NOISE

Act	tivity	Aspect	Potential Impact	Mitigation Measure (Objective and Target)	Performance Indicator	Implementation Responsibility	Resources	Time Schedule	Verification Responsibility	Frequency
12.1 Constru activitie		Constructio n vehicles, plant and machinery.	Noise and vibration.	<ul> <li>Objective(s):</li> <li>Reduction in the amount of noise on site.</li> <li>Target:</li> <li>Should construction have to continue after hours, all residents affected must be notified; and</li> <li>All machinery and equipment must be maintained in good working order, and fitted with approved and specified muffler systems.</li> </ul>	Construction vehicles and machinery fitted with mufflers silencers. Working hours are adhered to.	Contractor and CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	The vehicles and machinery must be fitted with mufflers prior to the commencement of construction. Work hours, unless otherwise permitted, must be adhered to through the construction period.	ECO.	Ongoing.

## 13 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HERITAGE SITES

Activity	Aspect	Potential Impact	Mitigatory Measure (Objective and Target)	Performance Indicator	Implementation Responsibility	Resources	Time Schedule	Verification Responsibility	Frequency
13.1 Protection of archaeological sites	Heritage & Archaeology	Destruction of graves and other sites of archaeological and heritage value.	<ul> <li>Objective(s): <ul> <li>To ensure that sites of archaeological interest are preserved.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Target: <ul> <li>The old silos and graveyard located in close proximity to the Davel Yard are to be considered "No Go" zones. Workers on the construction site must be made aware of the archaeological importance of these sites and instructed to remain clear of these areas;</li> <li>Artefacts may not be removed under any circumstances, except with a valid permit from SAHRA and where necessary for construction purposes;</li> <li>Any destruction of a site will only be allowed once a permit is obtained and the site has been mapped and documented;</li> <li>Permits shall be obtained from SAHRA should the proposed line cause any sites to be destroyed or altered;</li> <li>Should any archaeological sites be uncovered during construction, their existence shall be reported to Transnet immediately;</li> <li>An archaeologist will then take the necessary action so that construction can continue;</li> <li>Construction must be immediately stopped, should any elements of cultural or heritage significance be found; and</li> <li>A qualified and registered archaeologist must be appointed and consulted at such a finding to appropriately excavate any artefacts in agreement with SAHRA.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	No places of archaeological value are being disturbed or affected due to the construction of the railway line. No destruction of or damage to known archaeological sites. Management of existing sites and new discoveries in accordance with the recommendations of the Archaeologist.	Contractor, CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	For the duration of the construction period.	ECO.	Ongoing.
	Monuments & Historical sites.	Damage or loss of monuments or historical sites. Vandalism, theft of such sites.	<ul> <li>Objective(s):</li> <li>To protect sites and land considered to be of cultural value; and</li> <li>To protect sites against vandalism, destruction and theft.</li> <li>Target:</li> <li>All monuments, heritage sites and historical sites shall be treated with the utmost respect;</li> <li>All graves shall be clearly marked and treated as no go areas; and</li> <li>Destruction of such sites is strictly not allowed. Should it be necessary (according to the below site specific requirements) to remove any graves, the necessary procedures shall be followed and permits obtained.</li> </ul>	No destruction of or damage to known sites. Management of existing sites and new discoveries in accordance with legislation. No litigation due to destruction of sites.	Contractor, CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.		ECO.	During construction.
	Farmhouses & Buildings.	Damage or loss of farmhouses or buildings of	Objective(s):           • To have control over actions and activities in close proximity to inhabited areas.           Target:	No complaints from Landowners. No damage to	Contractor, CECO.	Contract and allowance		ECO.	During construction.

Activity	Aspect	Potential Impact	Mitigatory Measure (Objective and Target)	Performance Indicator	Implementation Responsibility	Resources	Time Schedule	Verification Responsibility	Frequency
		heritage value.	• If and where the lines cross any inhabited area, the necessary precautions shall be taken	property of heritage		in P&G's.			
			by the Contractor to safeguard the lives and property of the inhabitants;	value.					
			• The Contractor shall under no circumstances interfere with the property of Landowners;						
			and						
			• If water is required, the Contractor shall negotiate with the relevant Landowner and a						
			written agreement shall be drawn up.						

### 14 PLANNING AND ENGINEERING

Activity	Aspect	Potential	Mitigatory Measure	Performance	Implementation	Resources	Time	Verification	Frequency
14.1 Construction activities.	Existing infrastructure	Impact Disruption of services, damage to installations, damage or loss of plant.	<ul> <li>(Objective and Target)</li> <li>Objective(s): <ul> <li>To have control and prevent over temporary or permanent damage to plant and installations;</li> <li>To prevent interference with the normal operation of plant and installations; and</li> <li>Securing of the safe use of infrastructure, plant and installations have control over actions and activities in close proximity to inhabited areas.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Target: <ul> <li>Where construction vehicles need to cross underneath electrical power lines or cables, sufficient access will be ensured to prevent vehicles from coming into contact with electricity;</li> <li>Where pipe lines are found along the route, the depth of the pipes under the surface shall be determined to ensure that proper protection is afforded to such structures;</li> <li>Any damage to pipe lines shall be repaired immediately;</li> <li>All existing private access roads used for construction purposes, shall be maintained at all times to ensure that the local people have free access to and from their properties;</li> <li>Speed limits shall be enforced in such areas and all drivers shall be sensitised to this effect;</li> <li>Upon completion of the project all roads directly damaged by construction activities shall be repaired to their original state; and</li> <li>Power cuts to facilitate construction must be carefully planned. If possible, disruptions must be kept to a minimum and should be well advertised and communicated to the Landowners.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Indicator No unplanned disruptions of services. No damage to any plant or installations. No complaints from authorities or Landowners regarding disruption of services. No litigation due to losses of plant, installations and crops.	Responsibility Contractor, CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	Schedule	ECO.	During construction.
14.2 Batching concrete	Batching plants.	Damage to vegetation. Damage to topsoil. Surface water contamination. Disturbance to area.	<ul> <li>Objective(s):</li> <li>To ensure all agreements with Landowners are adhered to; and</li> <li>To prevent complaints from Landowners. Successful rehabilitation of disturbed areas.</li> <li>Target:</li> <li>The siting of batching plants shall be done in conjunction with the engineer and ECO;</li> <li>Transnet specifications regarding batching plants must be adhered to;</li> <li>The batching plant area shall be operated in such a way as to prevent contaminated water to run-off the site and polluting the nearby pan;</li> <li>Transnet shall ensure that all agreements reached with the Landowner are fulfilled, and that such areas be rehabilitated once construction is completed; and</li> <li>Should any claim be instituted against Transnet, due to the actions of the Contractor at a</li> </ul>	No complaints from Landowners. All disturbed areas successfully rehabilitated three months after completion of the Contract.	Contractor, CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.			During construction.

Mitigatory Measure Potential Performance Implementation Time Verification Activity Aspect Resources Frequency Impact (Objective and Target) Indicator Responsibility Schedule Responsibility batching plant site, Transnet shall hold the Contractor fully responsible for the claim until such time that the Contractor can prove otherwise with the necessary documentation. Objective(s): • To maintain good relationships with Landowners. Target: • The success of the project depends a lot on the good relations with the Landowners. It is required that the Contractor will supply one person to be the liaison officer (CLO) for the oball ba unitable to incontinute all models .

14.3 Construction activities on private land.	Interaction with Landowners.	Damage to expensive structures and crops. Disruption of services.	<ul> <li>entire contract, and that this person shall be available to investigate all problems arising on the work sites concerning the Landowners;</li> <li>All negotiations for any reason shall be between Transnet, the Landowner and the Contractor;</li> <li>No verbal agreements shall be made. All agreements shall be recorded properly and all parties shall co-sign the documentation;</li> <li>The Contractor shall keep a photographic record of access roads. This will then be available should any claims be instituted by any Landowners;</li> <li>All claims instituted by the Landowners shall be investigated and treated promptly.</li> <li>Unnecessary delays should be avoided at all costs;</li> <li>The Landowners shall always be kept informed about any changes to the construction program should they be affected;</li> <li>If the ECO is not on site the Contractor's liaison officer should keep the Landowners informed;</li> <li>The contact numbers of the Contractor's liaison officer and the Transnet's ECO shall be made available to the Landowners. This will ensure open channels of communication and prompt response to queries and claims;</li> <li>All contact with the Landowners shall be courteous at all times; and</li> <li>The rights of the Landowners shall be respected at all times and all staff shall be sensitised to this.</li> </ul>	No delays in the project due to Landowner interference.	Contractor, CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	ECO.	During construction.
14.4 Actions by site staff.	Littering on site.	Untidy and polluted site and surrounding land.	Objective(s):         • To maintain a neat and tidy workplace.         Target:         • Littering by the employees of the Contractor shall not be allowed; and         • The ECO shall monitor the neatness of the work sites as well as the campsite.	No visible sign of littering. No complaints from Landowners.	Contractor, CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.	ECO.	During construction.

#### 15 REHABILITATION

Activity	Aspect	Potential	Mitigation Measure (Objective and Target)	Performance Indicator	Implementation Responsibility	Resources	Time Schedule	Verification	Frequency
12.1 Rehabilitation of construction site.	Rehabilitation.	Fauna and flora.	<ul> <li>Objective (s):</li> <li>To minimise damage to topsoil and environment at construction areas.</li> <li>Successful rehabilitation of all damaged areas.</li> <li>Prevention of erosion.</li> <li>Target:</li> <li>All areas earmarked for construction shall have the topsoil removed separately and stored for later use during rehabilitation of such areas;</li> <li>During backfilling operations, the Contractor shall take care not to dump the topsoil in the bottom of the foundation and then put spoil on top. Topsoil must also be replaced on top of the backfilled areas;</li> <li>Re-seeding shall be done on disturbed areas as directed by the ECO;</li> <li>A mixture of grass seed can be used provided the mixture is carefully selected to ensure the following: <ul> <li>Annual and perennial grasses are chosen;</li> <li>Pioneer species are included;</li> <li>Species chosen will grow in the area without many problems;</li> <li>Root systems must have a binding effect on the soil; and</li> <li>The final product should not cause an ecological imbalance in the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Maintenance of the re-seeded areas shall be conducted until an acceptable cover has been established, meaning 75 % ground cover with no gaps exceeding 500mm. Maintenance includes watering, mowing and weeding as well as preventing the development of erosion channels;</li> <li>To get the best results in a specific area, consult with a specialist or the local extension officer of the ECO, unless specifically requested by a Landowner;</li> <li>The removal of all construction facilities and materials from the construction camp will be required, and rehabilitation carried out including the removal of concrete and compacted earth platforms, fuel storage tanks and chemical toilets;</li> <li>All access roads not required for operational purposes shall be rehabilitated;</li> <li>Any contaminated material or soil must be removed to a registered hazardous waste disposal facility and the prescribed re-vegetation process must then be followed thereafter;<!--</th--><th>No loss of topsoil due to construction activities. All disturbed areas successfully rehabilitated within three months of completion of the Contract. No visible erosion scars three months after completion of the contract.</th><th>Contractor, CECO.</th><th>Contract and allowance in P&amp;G's.</th><th></th><th>ECO.</th><th>During construction.</th></li></ul>	No loss of topsoil due to construction activities. All disturbed areas successfully rehabilitated within three months of completion of the Contract. No visible erosion scars three months after completion of the contract.	Contractor, CECO.	Contract and allowance in P&G's.		ECO.	During construction.

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			<ul> <li>All rehabilitation is to be done with approval of Transnet's environmental management's department.</li> </ul>						

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