

31 October 2014

Dear Interested and Affected Party

RE: NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DECOMMISSIONING AND UPGRADE OF A BULK LIQUID STORAGE AND HANDLING FACILITY AT MAYDON WHARF, PORT OF DURBAN, KWAZULU-NATAL (KZN DEDTEA EIA REFERENCE NUMBER: DM/0071/2014 AND NEAS REFERENCE NUMBER: KZN/EIA/0001665/2014)

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has been appointed by Oiltanking Grindrod Calulo Terminals (PTY) Ltd (hereinafter referred to as OTGC) (i.e. the Project Applicant), as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for the abovementioned proposed project. The proposed project is being assessed in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA), and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, published in Government Notice (GN) R543, R544, R545 and R546 on 18 June 2010 (as amended). The proposed project triggers listed activities in GN R545, which requires a full Scoping and EIA Process, however the CSIR submitted a motivation, in writing, in line with Regulation 20 (4) of the NEMA EIA Regulations (18 June 2010, as amended), to the Competent Authority (the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (KZN DEDTEA)), to downscale the proposed project from a full Scoping and EIA Process to a Basic Assessment (BA) Process. The KZN DEDTEA accordingly granted permission in writing, on 8 September 2014, to conduct a **BA Process** instead of a full Scoping and EIA Process. In line with this, notice is hereby given that a BA Process will be undertaken for the proposed project. In accordance with the NEMA EIA Regulations (18 June 2010, as amended), you have been identified as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and have been included on the project I&AP database.

An Application for Environmental Authorisation has been submitted to the KZN DEDTEA in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations (18 June 2010, as amended) and KZN DEDTEA EIA Reference Number: DM/0071/2014 and NEAS Reference Number: KZN/EIA/0001665/2014 have been allocated to the application.

OTGC are proposing to decommission and upgrade their existing Bulk Liquid Storage and Handling Facility (hereinafter referred to as a Storage Terminal) at Maydon Wharf, located within the Port of Durban, eThekweni Municipality. The proposed project will take place on Portion 1 of ERF 10019, Durban (Main Property), under the jurisdiction of Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA). However, in terms of TNPA's sub-division planning, the main property is divided into various leases. The leases applicable to the proposed project are provided below:

- Lease 64 on ERF 10014, Durban;
- Lease of Portion of Lot 14 and Portion of Lot 15 of Block K on Rem. of Durban Bay Number 12783; and
- Lease of Lot 13 and Portion of Lot 14, Block K of Durban Bay Number 12783.

Bulk Liquids, such as Vegetable Oils, MEG (Ethylene Glycol), Caustic Soda (Sodium Hydroxide) and Molasses, with an approximate total combined storage capacity of 85 600 m³, are planned to be stored in above ground storage tanks at the proposed Storage Terminal. The proposed Storage Terminal will also include the construction of various associated infrastructure and structures, including above ground pipelines to facilitate the transfer of Bulk Liquids from the berths in the Port of Durban.

The proposed project includes the following activities listed in GN R544 and R545:

- GN R544: Activities 14; 16 (vi); 18 (iv); 43; and 45 (vi) and (vii).
- GN R545: Activities 3; and 24 (i).

Please find enclosed, a Background Information Document (including a Comment and Registration Form), which provides an overview of the proposed project, as well as the listed activities that form part of the BA Process and require Environmental Authorisation from the KZN DEDTEA.

A comment and registration period of **30 days** has been allocated for the review of the Background Information Document, for the submission of any issues or concerns, and for the registration of I&APs. Kindly complete the enclosed Comment and Registration Form in order to submit any comments you may have, and submit it to the CSIR at the contact details provided above by **1 December 2014**. All comments received during this 30 day period will be recorded and included in the Draft BA Report.

Kindly note that available project information can be accessed at the following website: <http://www.csir.co.za/eia/OTGCTerminal/>

Should you have any queries or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned using the contact details provided above.

Sincerely,



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