

26 March 2015

Dear Interested and Affected Party

RE: NOTICE OF RELEASE OF DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR COMMENT AND INVITATION TO OPEN HOUSE SESSION: 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), to undertake the Environmental Assessment Process required 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) 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 a written motivation (in line with Regulation 20 (4) of the 2010 NEMA EIA Regulations), was submitted to the Competent Authority (i.e. 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 granted permission in writing, on 8 September 2014, to conduct a BA Process instead of a full Scoping and EIA Process. An Application for Environmental Authorisation was lodged with the KZN DEDTEA, in terms of the 2010 NEMA EIA Regulations, on 25 September 2014 (prior to the promulgation of the 2014 EIA Regulations), and the abovementioned reference numbers have been allocated to the application.

OTGC is 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 indicated 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 pipelines to facilitate the transfer of the Bulk Liquids from the berths in the Port of Durban.

RELEASE OF DRAFT BA REPORT AND AVAILABILITY

In line with the above, as a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) on the project database, you are hereby notified of the release of the Draft BA Report to all I&APs for a 40-day review period, which will extend from **26 March 2015 to 8 May 2015** (excluding public holidays). Please find enclosed, an Executive Summary of the Draft BA Report (including a Comment and Registration Form), which provides an overview of the proposed project, as well as the findings of the specialist studies and impact assessment undertaken as part of the BA Process. Kindly complete the enclosed Comment and Registration Form in order to submit any comments you may have. Please submit the completed form to the CSIR Project Manager at the contact details provided above by **8 May 2015**.

Hard copies of the Draft BA Report are available for public viewing at the Durban Central Reference Library and the Umbilo Library. The Draft BA Report can also be downloaded from the following website: <http://www.csir.co.za/eia/OTGCTerminal/>

INVITATION TO OPEN HOUSE SESSION

All I&APs are invited to attend an Open House Session (details provided below), where an overview of the proposed project and the findings of the Draft BA Report will be provided. I&APs will also be provided with the opportunity to raise queries or comments during the Open House Session. Representatives from the CSIR and OTGC will be present to engage with I&APs.

DATE	TIME	VENUE
16 April 2015	15H00 to 19H00	14 Fletcher Road, Unicorn Marine Training School, Maydon Wharf, 4057 (i.e. the proposed project site)

I&APs are kindly requested to confirm their attendance to the Open House Session by 10 April 2015, by informing the CSIR Project Manager using any of the contact details provided above.

The next step in the BA Process will entail compiling the Final BA Report and including all comments received from I&APs during the 40-day review of the Draft BA Report. Once finalised, the Final BA Report will be submitted to the KZN DEDTEA for decision making. As a registered I&AP on the project database, you will be notified in writing of the submission of the Final BA Report, as well as the outcome of the decision making process.

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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