

17 November 2009

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DEAT Ref: 12/12/20/1240 and 12/12/20/1241

Dear Stakeholder,

Notification of Environmental Authorisation –Proposed Upgrade of the Transnet Railway Line between Hotazel and the Port of Ngqurah

This letter serves to notify you that the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) have issued a positive Environmental Authorisation, subject to conditions to Transnet for the proposed upgrade of the railway line between Hotazel and the port of Ngqurah. The date of the authorization 16 November 2009.

Please be informed that you have a right to appeal DEAT's decision, in terms of Chapter 7 of the Regulations (R385 of the EIA Regulations of 21 April 2006).

Anyone who wishes to appeal against this environmental authorisation must lodge a notice of intention to appeal, in writing, with the Minister within 10 days of the receipt of this notification, and must submit the appeal within 30 days of the lodging of the notice of intention to appeal. Only appeals on environmental grounds can be considered and all appeals should be accompanied by relevant supporting documentation.

Should you wish to appeal, please note that the applicant (Appealer) must serve the Applicant (Transnet) with a copy of your notice of intention to appeal as well as a notice indicating where and for what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection.

Written, motivated appeals may be marked for attention Mr. J Geeringh of DEAT (Tel: 012 310 3491) and forwarded to:

Private bag X447, Pretoria, 0001, or faxed to (012) 320 7561

Please contact Janet Mkhabela 021 702 9100 or janet.mkhabela@erm.com should you wish to obtain a copy of the environmental authorisation and reasons for the decision.

Yours sincerely,



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