

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF GOVERNMENT NOTICE
REGULATION 983 (LISTING NOTICE 1) OF THE NATIONAL
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)**

DMR REF NO.: KZN 30/5/1/1/2/10780PR

**PROSPECTING ACTIVITIES FOR HEAVY MINERALS FROM DREDGED SAND
OFFSHORE OF DURBAN, ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulations published in Government Notice R. 982 of 04 December 2014, under sections 24(5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, that Marine Sands (Pty) Ltd has applied for Prospecting Rights to conduct prospecting activities to determine if viable deposits of heavy minerals occur within the sand currently being dredged by Transnet offshore of Durban, which is then utilised, *inter alia*, by the eThekweni Municipality for beach nourishment purposes. The sampling will occur within the sand hopper situated at the A berth of the Durban harbour and/or on the dredging ship/s.

In order to obtain Environmental Authorisation from the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR), a Basic Assessment (BA) process needs to be followed. Alan Smith Consulting has been appointed as independent environmental practitioners to carry out the BA process.

The proposed activities will take place offshore of Durban and are relevant to one site, viz.:

KZN 30/5/1/1/2/10780PR - Area 1: 9.8611 ha, corresponding to an area known as the "sand trap" immediately south to east of the Durban Harbour South Pier.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

As part of the BA process, the Applicant is required to notify stakeholders of the application and make draft reports available in the public domain. Interested and affected parties (I&AP's) who wish to participate by providing comments, or who would like to obtain more information should please contact Ms Lisa Guastella or Dr Alan Smith at Tel: 031 208 6896, E-mail: lisa.guastella@alumni.uct.ac.za, asconsulting@telkomsa.net, Postal Address: 29 Browns Grove, Sherwood, 4091.

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