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Sincerely.

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Please note that an electronic copy of this Draft Scoping Report has also been provided to Mrs Charity Radipabe, Executive Manager: Planning and Development at LLM.

Please submit your comments together with your name and contact details to Ms. Marissa Botha at the following details: Tel: 015 296 3988 / 084 226 5584 or send us your comments by email to botham@naledzi.co.za or either by fax number to 015 296 4021. Please ensure to submit your comments on or before Tuesday, 27 November 2018.

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Notice is hereby given that the Transnet SOC Limited intends to apply for an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA), and a Water Use License (WUL) in terms of the National Water Act 36 of 1998 (NWA), and a Mining Permit (Borrow Pit Application) for the development of its new Lephalale Railway Yard.

Transnet intends to develop a new railway yard along the existing single track Thabazimbi-Lephalale railway line on Portion 1 (remaining extent) of the farm Geelhoutkloof 359LQ, Remainder of the farm Geelhoutkloof 359LQ, Enkeldraai 314LQ and Kringgatspruit 318LQ (now Pontes Estates 712LQ). Two borrow pits will also be established Borrow area 1 will be located on the farm Buffelsjagt 317LQ and Borrow area 2 will be located on the farm Kringgatspruit 318LQ (now Pontes Estates 712LQ). It will go beyond Transnet servitude and requires 22 hectares of land to be acquired. The yard will include four new service tracks and numerous ancillary infrastructures to enable more trains to enter and exit Lephalale, switching of crew including service and maintenance of diesel locomotives.

The study site is situated approximately 30km west of Lephalale town (Ellisras) in the game farming area of Steenbokpan. It falls within the jurisdiction of Lephalale Local Municipality in the Waterberg District of Limpopo Province.

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Naledzi Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd is the independent environmental practitioners, appointed to obtain the relevant authorisations and to facilitate the EIA Study. We are still in the first round of public engagement for the project, where the Scoping Report is made available for public review and comment to solicit views and comment on the applications. This letter serves as notification of the development and we draw your attention to the following:

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- Complete the enclosed Comment Sheet and submit it to NEC;
- Write a letter; or any additional written submission by email or fax; or
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ProposalDescription:

Proposed Lephalale Railway Yard, Steenbokpan, Lephalale Local Municipality, Waterberg District Municipality of Limpopo Province

Expanded Motivation:

The Waterberg complex is regarded as a strategic growth node for various activities within the Mining and Industrial sectors. Adequate rail infrastructure capacity is deemed critical to unlock the potential of this economic hub which necessitates a review of the required capacity to support the forecast growth of various commodities, of which coal potentially is dominant. The Works at Lephalale yard forms part of the endeavour to increase capacity. The scope of the project includes the development of a new railway yard south west of Lephalale along the existing single track Lephalale-Thabazimbi railway line. The development of the new railway yard would allow more trains to enter and exit Lephalale. The development of the Lephalale Railway Yard goes beyond Transnet servitude therefore requires approximately 22 hectares of land to be acquired. The main function of the yard would be to switch crew, service and maintain diesel locomotives. The facilities to be developed would mainly comprise three buildings namely an office building, administration building and maintenance & repair building and 4 service tracks. The tracks would be developed as follows: Southern section (Phase 1) of the track development would include:

Bypass line

Decanting arrival/departure line

Departure line Northern section (Phase 2) of the track development would include: \square An arrival line \square Run around line \square Spare lines The more detailed types of facilities and infrastructure to be developed as part of the yard would include: • The construction of new railway lines of 4.8km (Phase 1= 4.8km and Phase 2 = 3.7km) • Construction and extension of culverts • Infra Crew Building • Guard Houses • Staff amenities • Provisional facilities • Fire suppression systems which require a foam storage tank, water storage tank and foam pipelines; • Roads and carports • Sanding Facilities (for sandbox container on locomotives-traction improvement); • Effluent management (water/oil separator) • (X2) 300 000 litres diesel tanks and decanting slabs - There shall be four (4) rail decanting points and one road decanting point provided all at one location. The fuel storage volume is 600 000 litres. The pump rooms for decanting and refuelling shall be ventilated and contain fire protection as per the SANS requirements; o 12 x 12 500 litre conservancy tanks will be used at various facilities o 1 x 500 litre diesel tanker in the fire pump room, and • 6720 litres of oil storage (32 drums of oil) • Water Reservoir The development of the Lephalale yard will be implemented in two phases. Phase 1 would require Transnet to build a bypass line towards the south of the existing railway line. This would enable an alternative route for trains whilst Transnet is building the new tracks. Phase 2 would include building the additional railway tracks, the bulk earthworks and building the facilities. The new railway yard will also include construction of a 7 metre wide tarred access road to the facilities which would end at the furthest facility on the west, the locomotive service area. Lights would also be fitted along the site. A service road will also be required north of the existing railway line, it is however not clear if it would be located within the existing rail servitude or if it would require further private land. The railway development will also require two borrow pit areas in proximity to the new yard. The relevant applications and subject reporting would be submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources. Project Location The proposed Lephalale Railway Yard would be developed on Portions 1 (remaining extent) and Remainder of the farm Geelhoutkloof 359LQ, farm Enkeldraai 314LQ, Kringgatspruit 318LQ (now Pontes Estates 712LQ). The study area is situated approximately 30km west of Lephalale Town (Ellisras) on the single railway line between Thabazimbi to Lephalale, in the rural area of Steenbokpan. It falls within the jurisdiction of Lephalale Local Municipality in the Waterberg District of

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