

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT**

**PROPOSED RICHARDS BAY PORT EXPANSION PROGRAMME  
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NATAL PROVINCE**

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## LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
AMAFA	KwaZulu Natal Provincial Heritage Agency
BID	Background Information Document
DAFF	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs
DMR	Department of Mineral Resources
DWA	Department of Water Affairs
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMPr	Environmental Management Programme
GNR	Government Notice Regulation
HIA	Heritage Impact Assessment
I&AP	Interested and Affected Parties
IRR	Issues and Response Report
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended
PPP	Public Participation Process
SAHRA	South African Heritage Resources Authority
TCP	Transnet Capital Projects
TNPA	Transnet National Port Authority

## **1 INTRODUCTION**

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### **1.1 BACKGROUND**

The Transnet Port Terminals in Richards Bay are a target for major demand growth in bulk products up to 2014. The demand forecast for a rail, road and harbour bound conveyor linked industry, is expected to grow from 23 million tonnes per annum (mpta) in 2012 to over 59 mpta by year 2040; with the bulk of demand expected to be realised in the next 10 years. It is therefore evident that Transnet needs to expand the Port and recapitalise variety of facilities in the Port of Richards Bay to cater for the increase in general freight demand.

This EIA is done in terms of Government Notice Regulation (GNR) No. 543, 544, 545 and 546 of 2010 published in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended (NEMA) and the No 718 of 2009 in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008).

AECOM SA (Pty) Ltd was appointed by Transnet SOC Limited (Transnet Capital Project) in November 2013 as the environmental consultant to undertake the EIA processes for the proposed Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme. Peter Teurlings of AECOM is the independent EAP in terms of the EIA Regulations of 2010.

The competent environmental authority is the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) and the KwaZulu Natal Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs (KZN -DAEA) is the commenting authority. The application for environmental authorisation was submitted to the DEA on 12 December 2013. The DEA reference number for the environmental authorisation (received on the 20 December 2013) is 14/12/16/3/3/3/103.

### **1.2 OBJECTIVES OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

The chief objectives of a Public Participation Process (PPP) are to:

- inform Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) of, and provide background and technical information about the proposed development and the environmental assessment process;
- create networks and feedback mechanisms whereby I&APs can participate and raise their viewpoints (issues, comments and concerns) with regards to the proposed development and associated activities; and
- ensure that the views of the I&APs are reflected and considered by the Applicant and regulating authority.

### **1.3 AIM OF THE REPORT**

The aim of this report is to:

- describe the PPP conducted thus far;
- present the register of I&APs, including:
  - all persons who have submitted written comments or attended meetings;
  - all persons who have requested the EAP in writing for their names to be placed on the register; and
  - all organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed development.
- provide a list of issues raised to date; and
- outline the way forward.

## **2 THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

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### **2.1 PRINCIPLES OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

The PPP is an integral and critical component of the Scoping/EIA process. Careful attention is given to fulfilling all legislated requirements, ensuring that all I&APs have access to information and the opportunity to participate meaningfully in the project.

The principles in the following legislation serve as the foundation for the approach, methodology and legal framework of the PPP:

- The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act No. 108 of 1996);
- Section 24 (5) of the NEMA;
- Chapter 6 of GNR No. 543 of the EIA Regulations (2010) promulgated under the NEMA; and
- The Environment Conservation Act (Act No. 73 of 1989).

Stakeholders must be thoroughly consulted and afforded the opportunity to raise concerns, gather information and make suggestions pertaining to the project. The information-sharing process must also be synchronised and stakeholders must be kept informed of any developments related to the project. This will ensure that ownership and the success of the project are vested in the community and the Applicant.

Public participation provides the opportunity for I&APs to participate on an informed basis, and to ensure that their needs and requirements are considered. In so doing, ownership of the project is vested in both the project proponent and the community.

A PPP should achieve the following:

- provide a "vehicle" for public input and the facilitation of negotiated outcomes;
- create trust and partnerships;
- minimise negative impacts and maximise positive impacts; and
- provide an up-front indication of issues that may have an impact on the EIA process.

## 2.2 APPROACH

AECOM's approach to the PPP for the proposed development focuses on environmental issues as well as project-related social issues that may affect the surrounding community. In this case, AECOM conducts the PPP in a manner that provides a platform to communicate with the I&APs including the community, the authorities and adjacent landowners.

The PPP is an integral part of the environmental assessment process. In this regard Section 23(2) (d) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) states the requirement to "ensure adequate and appropriate opportunity for public participation in decisions that may affect the environment."

### 2.2.1 IDENTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF I&APs

The public were invited to register as I&APs so that they can comment or raise issues on the proposed project. The following key stakeholders have been identified for engagement on any issues that may transpire during the EIA process for the proposed project:

- a) Richards Bay Rate Payers and Residents Association.
- b) The Port of Richards Bay Tenants Association.
- c) Ward Councillor for Ward 2.
- d) Department of Water Affairs (DWA).
- e) Department of Mineral Resources (DMR).
- f) Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF).
- g) KZN Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs (KZN DAEA).
- h) Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife.
- i) Uthungulu District Municipality.
- j) uMhlathuze Local Municipality.
- k) South African Heritage Resources Authority (SAHRA).
- l) KwaZulu Natal Provincial Heritage Agency (AMAFA).
- m) Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA).

A register (**Appendix 1**) of I&APs has been compiled and will be updated throughout the EIA process, should additional stakeholders or I&APs be identified. Through networking and advertising, 129 I&APs are currently registered on the I&AP register for the proposed project. Of the 129 I&APs, AECOM made an effort to ensure that individuals and/or organisations were identified from an institutional as well as a geographical point of view.

### 2.2.2 ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Various mechanisms were used to create awareness of the proposed project among the people that may be directly or indirectly affected by the proposed project. The announcement of the project included the following:

- a) Newspaper advertisements in English, Afrikaans and isiZulu appeared in the Mercury Newspaper on 31 January 2014 and in the Zululand Observer on 30 January 2014. Refer to **Appendix 2** for copies of the newspaper advertisement.
- b) Eleven A2-sized site notices were placed on the 7 February 2014 in the project area. Refer to **Appendix 3** for copies of the site notices and a map indicating the locations.
- c) Written notifications (Background Information Documents (BID)) were distributed to identified stakeholders, including land owners on 14 March 2014.

### 2.2.3 DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION

Information was distributed to registered I&APs primarily by means of a BID and notification letter. Issues raised and comments received from I&APs have been integrated into the Draft Scoping Report.

#### a) Focus Group Meetings

Focus group meetings were conducted during the FEL2 phase with environmental authorities, port tenants and members of environmental associations and organisations to announce the start of the Baseline Environmental Studies to be undertaken by BKS (now AECOM) and to obtain the first round of issues. The following meetings have been held at the Bayview Centre inside the Port of Richards Bay:

- A meeting with invited members of environmental associations held on 3 December 2012;
- A meeting with invited members of environmental organisations held on 4 December 2012;
- A stakeholder meeting with environmental authorities on 13 December 2012; and
- A stakeholder meeting with the environmental authorities on 3 June 2013.

#### b) Background Information Document

A BID provides background information on the proposed project, the processes to be followed and the appropriate contact details of the Public Participation Consultant were included in the BID to ensure on-going interaction with I&APs. The BID and a copy of the notification letter was distributed to the registered I&APs. Refer to **Appendix 4** for a copy of the BID.

#### c) On-going Communication

Prior to the start of the formal EIA process between November 2012 and July 2013, BKS contact details (which are the same as the AECOM contact details) were provided to I&APs at the various



focus group meetings. AECOM contact details were provided on all written communication during the formal EIA process to ensure that I&APs can interact with AECOM.

Additional telephonic discussions were undertaken with various I&APs during the review period of the Draft Scoping Report.

### **2.3 ISSUES RAISED**

All issues and concerns indicated by the I&APs during the public review period have been noted and collated into the Issues and Response Report (IRR) forming part of the Draft Scoping Report. This will be continued during the EIA phase of the project. The IRR provides a list of issues raised with regards to the process and proposed project as well as a response from the project team. Refer to **Appendix 5** for the IRR and Appendix 7 for copies of I&AP correspondence and comments during the Draft Scoping Report Review and Comment period.. Please note that the comments included in the IRR are verbatim, as received from the I&AP.

### **2.4 DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD**

The Draft Scoping Report was made available at the Richards Bay Library for the public, and at the Transnet National Port Authority offices in the Bayview Centre inside the Port of Richards Bay, for the port tenants. CD and electronic copies have been provided to I&APs on request. Should I&APs wish to register during this period (25 March 2014 – 6 May 2014), they would be allowed to. Comments and issues raised during the public review period will be incorporated in the Final Scoping Report, for submission to the DEA.

### **2.5 DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT REVIEW PERIOD**

The objective of the PPP in the EIA phase of the project is to present the findings of the investigations to the stakeholders and to provide them with an opportunity to comment on these.

The consultation process initiated during the Scoping Phase will continue during the EIA phase. The consultation events in this phase will consist of a focus group meeting, finalisation of the issues and comments register as well as the public participation report.

One feedback public meeting will be arranged during the public review period of the Draft EIA Reports to explain the processes followed, discuss the findings of the EIA Reports, the AEL and any other permits that will be applied for, and obtain inputs and comments on the findings and recommendations. All registered I&APs will be invited to the public meeting. The PPP Report will be completed and finalised after the public meeting and the end of the public review period.

The Draft EIA Reports will be made available to the public and state departments for their perusal and comment over a 40-day review period from 20 July 2015 – 29 August 2015. CD copies of the report will also be given to stakeholders on request. I&APs registered on the project register will be

notified of the availability of this report for comment and review. Comments from the stakeholders and I&APs will be obtained and integrated into the Final EIA Reports for submission to the DEA.

Copies of the Draft EIR will be submitted to the following departments or organisations for comment:

- a) DWA.
- b) DAFF.
- c) KZN Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs (KZN DAEA).
- d) Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife.
- e) uMhlathuze Local Municipality.
- f) KwaZulu Natal Provincial Heritage Agency (AMAFA).
- g) KZN Coastwatch.

### **3 CONCLUSION**

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Based on the inputs received during the PPP conducted so far, the following conclusions can be made:

- The PPP process complies with the regulatory requirements.
- Issues and concerns that are identified will feed into the EIA process.
- Communication with the I&APs, especially the communities surrounding the site will continue. This is to ensure informed decision-making and a clear process throughout.

## 4 APPENDICES

### 4.1 APPENDIX 1: I&APs REGISTER

Surname	Initial	Title	Position	Organisation
Agenbach	C	Mr		DEA
Ali	M	Mr	SHEQ Manager	Foskor (Pty) Ltd
Ali	M R	Mr	SHEQ Manager	Phosfert Marine
Andrews	T	Mr	Business Development Manager	Intertek Testing Services
Bezuidenhout	K	Mr	Branch Manager: Richards Bay	Greystone Cargo Systems
Bolfen	R	Mr	Safety Officer	TradeFin Engineering
Bopape	K	Mr		Department of Transport
Botes	W	Ms	Environmental Specialist	BHP Billiton
Botha	A	Mr	Environment and Quality Officer	Transnet Port Terminals
Camminga	S	Mrs	Director	Richards Bay Clean Air Association
Camminga	R	Mr	Founding Member	Port Users Committee, Richards Bay
Carnie	T	Mr	Environment Writer	The Mercury Newspaper
Chetty	B	Mr	Interested Party	Private
Chowlef	C	Mr	Operations Manager	Voigt Shipping
Coetzer	C	Mr	Executive Terminals	Grindrod Terminals
Coleman	E C	Mr	Treasurer	Richards Bay Harbour Angling Club
Cyrus	D	Prof	Director	CRUZ Environmental
Davidson	WN	Mr	Landowner	Zenith Estates cc
de Waal	L	Mr	Resident: Richards Bay	Private
Demont	L	Mr	Director	Lynton R Demont Associates
du Plessis	C	Mr		Foskor Limited
du Toit	F	Mr	Chief Operating Officer	ILIFA Africa Engineers (Pty) Ltd
Foster	L	Mr	Owner	Marine Services Natal
Fox	M	Mr	Operations Manager	Grindrod Terminals
Franz	S	Mr	Superintendent: Safety, Health, Risk, environment, Quality and	TATA Steel

			Community)	
Gazu	G	Ms	Air Quality Officer	City of uMhlathuze
Gilberts	K	Mr	SHEQ Officer	Grindrod Terminals (Pty) Ltd
Govender	S	Mr	Environmental Officer	DWA
Govender	T	Mr	SHEQ Supritendent	Richards Bay Minerals
Govender	S	Ms	Projects Manager: Environment Planning	uMhlathuze Municipality - City Development
Greyling	J	Mr	Logistics Specialist	Samancor
Gripper	G	Mr	General Manager - Richards Bay	Bidfreight Port Operation
Gumbi	S	Mr	Head of Department	KZN Department of Transport
Harrilall	S	Mr	Engineering Manager	Grindrod Terminals
Hector	W	Mr	Deputy Director	DEA
Hills	J	Mr	Snr Planner	Transnet National Port Authority
Hills	J	Mr	Senior Planner: Physical Planning	Transnet National Port Authority
Hlongwane	E	Mr	Operations Manager	Fermentech
Holder	S			Tall Ships (Pty) Ltd
Jacobs	P	Mr	Divisional Officer	uMhlathuze Municipality
John	G	Mr		DEA
Keswa	V	Mr	Environmental Manager	Transnet National Port Authority
Khanyile	N	Ms	Regional Manager	KwaZulu Natal DMR
Khathi	N	Mrs	Air Quality Manager:Community Services Department	uThungulu District Municipality
Khuluse	N	Ms	Environmental Officer	uThungulu District Municipality
Kies	J	Mrs	Owner	Seafarers
Knoesen	D	Mr	General Manager - Richards Bay Chipping	NCT Forestry Co-operative Limited
Koogje	R	Mrs	HS Superintendent	Strang Rennies Metal Terminal
Lots	C	Mr	SHEQ Manager	Grindrod Terminals
Louw	M	Mr	Operations Manager	Master & Owners t/a Kind & Sons
Luthuli	M	Ms	Assistant Environmental Officer - EIA	DAEA
Manyago	M	Mr	Safety Officer	Shincel (Pty) Ltd
Marais	E	Ms	Development and Planning	uThungulu District Municipality
Martin	A	Mrs	Administrator: Richards Bay Branch	FFS Refiners (Pty) Ltd
Mathenjw	C M		Environmental Health	Richards Bay Municipality

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Mazwi	L	Mr		DEA - Air Quality
Mbanjwe	Z	Ms	Secretary	DAEARD
Mdamba	M	Mr	Assistant Manager: EIAs	DAEARD
Mengqani	N	Ms	Chief Forester	DAFF
Meyer	M G	Mrs	Owner	Natal Richards Bay Hire
Mkhize	B	Mr		DAEA - SEO
Mngoma	W	Mr/Dr	Head of Department	DAEARD
Moonsamy	C	Ms	Assistant Director	DWA
Mpanza	W.N	Mr	SHEQ Coordinator	Richards Bay Bulk Storage
Mphofu	W	Mr	Acting Deputy Manager:planning and economic development	uThungulu District Municipality
Mpungose	S	Mr	Control Environmental Officer: Pollution And Waste Management	Department Of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs: uThungulu District
Msoni	P	Mr	Payment Admin	Richards Bay Bulk Storage
Mthembu	P	Mr	Safety Representative	Induna Contracting Services
Mthembu	N	Ms	Environmental Specialist	uMhlathuze Water
Mthiyane	Z	Mrs	General Manager: SHEQ	Richards Bay Coal Terminal
Muller	M	Ms	Specialist Communications, External Affairs and Communities Aluminium SA	BHP Billiton Aluminium SA
Muziwokthula	G	Mr	Director	KUASAKUSA PROJECTS (PTY) LTD
Naidoo	P	Mr	Production Manager	Bay Fibre Central Timber Co-op
Naidoo	P	Ms	Manager	Loadall Bulk Hire Services CC
Naidoo	B N	Mr	Safety Officer	P&O Ports Nationwide Cargo Terminals SA (Pty) Ltd
Naidoo	N	Mr	Environmental Specialist	Transnet National Port Authority
Ndaba	Z	Ms	Acting Manager	Transnet National Port Authority
Nene	A	Mr	Manager	SANBI KZN
Ngcamu	S	Mr	Executive Manager - SHEQ	Richards Bay Industrial Zone (RBIDZ)
Ngcobo	B	Mr	Port Engineer	Transnet National Port Authority
Ngcobo	V	Mr	Director	TV Multiservices
Ngubane	E B	Mr	Terminal Manager	Engen
Nirmal	C	Ms	SHEQ Manager	Islandview Storage

Nkosi	N	Ms		DEA
Ntikinca	T	Mr	General Manager	Planning and Development
Ntombela	M M	Ms	SHEQ Officer	Induna Logistics and Terminals (Pty) Ltd
O'Connor	F	Mr		P&O Ports Nationwide Cargo Terminals SA (Pty) Ltd
O'Connor	N	Mr	Manager	Phosfert Marine
Pawandiw a	B	Ms	Archaeological Administrator	AMAFA KwaZulu - Natal
Perumal	R	Mrs	Branch Secretary	THB Shipping & Logistics Solutions, South Africa
Pillay	M	Mr	Quality Assurance Manager	Greystone Cargo Systems
Poswa	Z	Mr	Manager Public Safety and Security	uMhlathuze Municipality
Pretorius	J W	Mr	Chaplain	Biblia Richards Bay
Qwalela	N	Ms	Secretary	KwaZulu Natal DMR
Radebe	J	Mr	Environmental Health Officer	uThungulu District Municipality
Radhalal	S	Mr	Director	RMS Join Venture cc t/a Radds
Ramchand	N	Mrs	Chief Planner	Transnet National Port Authority
Reddy	J	Mrs	Senior Admin Clerk	KZN Department of Transport
Renny	R	Mr	Manager	Ocean Pub & Grill
Roselt	J	Ms	Chief Environmental Health Practitioner	uMhlathuze Municipality - Environmental Health Department
Royale	C	Ms	Commercial Manager	Ronin IMS
Ryan	R	Mr	Control Engineering Technician	KZN Department of Transport
Smith	J	Mr	Operations Manager	Bay Fibre Central Timber Co-op
Stewart	J	Mr	Branch Manager	LBH South Africa
Stewart	J C	Mr	Branch Manager	Tall Ships (Pty) Ltd
Steyn	D	Mr	Business Unit Manager	Master & Owners t/a Kind & Sons
Stow	R	Mr	Principal Environmental Scientist	GCS Water and Environmental Consultants
Takalani	M	Mr		DEA
Terblance	B	Mrs	HR Officer	Shinzel (Pty) Ltd
Thompson	A	Mrs	Manager	Mission to Seafarers
Torré	B	Ms	Regional Content Researcher	Leads 2 Business
Tshabalala	W	Mr	Archaeological Administrator	AMAFA KwaZulu - Natal
van Blerk	W	Mrs	Regional SHEQ Manager	Bidfreight Port Operations Pty Ltd and South African Container

				Stevedores Durban
van der Walt	J	Mr	Superintendent Outbound Logistics	Tronox Mineral Sands
van der Walt	F	Mr	Principal Member	QS2000 Plus (Quantity Surveyors & Project Managers)
van Niekerk	I	Ms	Health and Safety Officer	The Reclamamtion Group
van Rooyen	R	Mr	Chief Environment and Quality Officer	Transnet Port Terminals
van Thonder	A M M	Mr	Manager: Ports and Harbours	Arcelor Mittal Steel South Africa (Ltd)
Vumba	A	Mr	Manager:Fire	uMhlathuze Municipality
Weidema a	E	Dr	Manager: Admin and Finance	Christian Aseaman Organisation
Weiners	D	Mr	Process Planner	Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife
Wiseman	R	Mr	Deputy Director	DAFF
Wolf	P	Mr	Senior Manager: Planning	Humana Settlements
Wood	L	Mr	Manager	KZN Fishing (Pty) Ltd
Wood	L	Ms	Committee Secretary	Ward 2 (Foskor)
Xulu	S	Mr	District Manager	DAEARD
Zungu	F	Miss	Chief: Safety Officer	uMhlatuze Municipality
Joubert	F	Mr	Technical Director	Island View Storage
Watson	S	Ms		Golder Associates Africa

## 4.2 APPENDIX 2: COPIES OF THE NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT DURING THE SCOPING PHASE OF THE PROJECT

### 4.2.1 THE ZULULAND OBSERVER, 30 JANUARY 2014 (AFRIKAANS ADVERT)

**KENNISGEWING VAN PROSES OM DIE INVLOED OP DIE OMGEWING TE BEPAAL TEN OPSIGTE VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE UITBREIDING VAN DIE HAWE IN RICHARDSBAAI, BINNE DIE PLAASLIKE UMHLATUZE-MUNISIPALITEIT IN DIE KWAZULU-NATAL-PROVINSIE**  
**DOS-verwysingsnommer: 14/12/16/3/3/103**

Hiermee word kennis gegee dat Transnet SOC Limited (Transnet Capital Projects) die Richardsbaai-hawe wil uitbrei en fasiliteite in die hawe wil herkapitaliseer om voorsiening te maak vir die toename in die vraag na algemene mineraalvrag.

**Die voorgestelde uitbreiding van die Richardsbaai-hawe behels die volgende:**

- Uitbreiding van die bestaande spoorlyn met 'n ballingspoor en verdeling vir ferromangaan, 'n kort aankomswaerf en lang aankomswaerf vir treine;
- Konstruksie van 'n nuwe avlyn vir die 600-reeks ankerplekke;
- Konstruksie van twee nuwe wippers (spoorafsluittoerusting);
- Verskuiwing van losvrag, van die oostelike deel van die hawe tot agter die hoë 700-reeks ankerplekke aan die westelike kant van die hawe, langs die 600-reeks ankerplekke;
- Verskuiwing van die afvalsteenkolhoop aan die westelike kant van die hawe langs die 600-reeks ankerplekke, na die oostelike deel van die hawe agter die hoë 700-reeks ankerplekke;
- Uitbreiding van die magnetiefasiliteit na die suidelike deel en konstruksie van die nuwe grootvraghanteringstoerusting;
- Uitbreiding van 260 m aan die bestaande ferromangaanblad in 'n oostelike rigting;
- Konstruksie van 'n nuwe ferromangaanblad met 'n lengte van 780 m, suid van die bestaande ferromangaanblad;
- Verbetering of aanpassing van bestaande paale binne die hawe;
- Konstruksie van 'n nuwe padbrug oor die spoor by die oostelike ingang na die hawe;
- Konstruksie van 32 vervoerbande oor 'n totale afstand van 13 084 m;
- Konstruksie van 'n nuwe behoueringshanteringsterminal van 142 030 m<sup>2</sup>;
- Konstruksie van twee nuwe Capesize-ankerplekke vir die verskeping van steenkool by die 600-reeks ankerplekke, met verwante baggerwerk aan die kanaal tot 'n diepte van 19 m en 'n draaisirkel van 800 m;
- Uitbreiding van die vingerhawehoof (800-reeks ankerplekke) met twee nuwe Capesize-ankerplekke vir die verskeping van steenkool en gevoldlike aansienlike baggerwerk om die bestaande vingerhawehoof;
- Konstruksie van 'n nuwe stormwaterstuwingsdam van 610 000 m<sup>3</sup> binne die spoorballon, waterpompstasies en die verbetering van dreineringsfasiliteite vir die hele hawe;
- Ontwikkeling van 'n afvalvervoerstasie binne die hawe, wat sal dien as sentrale punt vir die bestuur van afval in die hawe; en
- Konstruksie van 'n fasiliteit om afval weens baggerwerk, om die voorgestelde ankerplekke te bou, te verwyder, of te sewaarte verwydering van afval weens baggerwerk.

Die aansoek word gedoen kragtens aktiwiteite wat genoem word in Staatskoerantkennisgewing (GN) 544, 545 en 546 van 2010, soos uitgereik volgens die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (WNO) van 1998 (Wet 107 van 1998) soos gewysig en die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur: Afvalwet (Wet 59 van 2008), asook Staatskoerantkennisgewing 718 van 2009. Evaluering van die omvang en invloed op die omgewing word vereis, soos beskryf word in die WNO-regulasies, Regulasies oor die evaluering van invloed op die omgewing, gepromulgeer volgens Staatskoerantkennisgewing 543 van 2010. Die aansoekvorm is ingedien by die Departement van Omgewingsake (DOS), spesifiek die KwaZulu-Natalse Departement van Landbou-en Omgewingsake (DLOS), as owerheid wat kommentaar moet lewer.

**Aansoeker:** Transnet SOC Limited (Transnet Capital Projects)  
**Onafhanklike omgewingskonsultant:** AECOM SA (Pty) Ltd  
**Omgewingsowerhede:** DOS (owerheid wat goedkeuring moet verleen) en KZN DLOS (owerheid wat kommentaar moet lewer)

**Datum van advertensie:** 31 Januarie 2014.

**LIGGING**  
Die voorgestelde ontwikkeling is geleë binne die hawe van Richardsbaai, posies 45, 21 en 157 van erf 5333 en lot 223 van die plaas Umhlatuzi, Plaaslike Munisipaliteit van Umhlatuze.

**REGISTRASIE VAN BELANGHEBBENDES EN PARTYE WAT GERAAK WORD**  
Maak seker dat u registreer as 'n belanghebbende party en party wat geraak word. Stuur asseblief u naam, telefoonnummers, adresse en inligting oor u belang by die saak aan die persoon wat hieronder genoem word. Verder is u welkom om met AECOM te skakel vir meer inligting, of om u kommentaar oor die aansoek of voorgestelde aktiwiteit in te dien.

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**4.2.2 THE ZULULAND OBSERVER, 30 JANUARY 2014 (ENGLISH ADVERT)**

**NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED RICHARDS BAY PORT EXPANSION PROGRAMME, WITHIN UMHLATUZE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN KWA-ZULU NATAL PROVINCE**  
**DEA Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/103**

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- Extension of the existing Ferro Manganese slab by 260m to the east;
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- Upgrading or realignment of existing roads within the Port;
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- Development of a Waste Transfer Station inside the Port, which will serve as the "nerve centre" for managing waste in the Port; and
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- Disposal of dredged material offshore.

This application is done in terms of activities listed in Government Notice (GN) 544, 545 and 546 of 2010, published in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended (NEMA) and the National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) and Government Notice 718 of 2009. A Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment is required, as described in the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations in GN 543 of 2010. The application form has been submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) with the KZN Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs (DAEA) as the commenting authority.

**Applicant:** Transnet SOC Limited (Transnet Capital Projects)  
**Independent Environmental Consultant:** AECOM SA (Pty) Ltd  
**Environmental Assessment:** DEA – Approving Authority and KZN DAEA – Commenting Authority  
**Date of Advertisement:** 31 January 2014.

**LOCATION**  
 The proposed development is located within the Port of Richards Bay and is located on Portions 45, 21 and 157 of Erf 5333 and Lot 223 of the Farm Umhlatuzi, Umhlatuze Local Municipality.

**REGISTRATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES**  
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**4.2.3 THE ZULULAND OBSERVER, 30 JANUARY 2014 (ISI ZULU ADVERT)**

**ISAZISO SOHLELO LOKUHLOLWA KOMTHELELA EMVELWENI SOHLELO LOKWANDISWA KWECHWEBE LASERICHARDS BAY OKUPHAKANYISWAYO, KUMASIPALA WASEKHAYA UMHLATUZE ESIFUNDAZWENI SAKWAZULU-NATALI**  
**Inombolo Yereferensi Ye-DEA: 14/12/16/3/3/103**

Lapha kunikezwa isaziso sokuthi i-Transnet SOC Limited (Transnet Capital Projects) iphakamisa ukwandisa ukhuhla nokwenza izingubo ezindaweni zokwakha ezimile ezinkulu eChwebeni laseRichards Bay ukulungiselela ukhuhla kwemfuneko yokuthwala kwemithwalo okujwayelekile kwamaminerali.

**Uthetho Lokwandiswa kweChwebela laseRichards Bay oluphakanyiswayo luzoba nokulandelayo:**

- Ukwelulwa kwemigudu yemithwalo emitha ezindaweni zemikhumbi ezizwile eChwebeni, indawo yokuthwala isitimela esifushane kanye nendawo yokufika isitimela eside;
- Ukwakhiwa kwemigudu yemithwalo emitha ezindaweni zemikhumbi ezizwile eziwu-600;
- Ukwakhiwa kwama-Tippers amasha amathathu (okungakuthi imibala yokwelhisa umthwalo emzileni);
- Ukususwa kabusha kohlelo lokuthwala umthwalo usuka ohlangathini olusempumalanga yeChweba ngemuva kochunge lwezindawo zemikhumbi eziwu-700 ukuya ngasohlangothini lwaseshonalanga yeChweba eceleni kochunge lwezindawo zemikhumbi eziwu-600;
- Ukususwa kabusha kwendawo yesitokwe esahlile sisuswa ohlangathini olusentshonalanga yeChweba eceleni kochunge lwezindawo zemikhumbi eziphezulu eziwu-700;
- Ukwandiswa kwezindawo zosizo ze-magnetite ziyangaseningizimu kanye nokwakhiwa kwento yokusebenza entsha yokuphatha imibala emingqi;
- Ukwelulwa kwesilebhu se-Ferro Manganese esivele sikhona ngo-260m ukuya ngasempumalanga;
- Ukwakhiwa kwesilebhu se-Ferro Manganese sika-780m ubude ukuya ngaseningizimu yesilebhu se-Ferro Manganese esivele sikhona;
- Ukulungiswa kwezinye noma okugondaniswa kabusha kwemigwaga ekhona eChwebeni;
- Ukwakhiwa kwebhuloho lomzila olhamba ngaphezu kwegwaga elisha eliya eChwebeni;
- Ukwakhiwa kwezinto zokuthutha eziwu-32 eziwu-13, 084m serizonke;
- Ukwakhiwa kwendawo yokuphatha izinto zokufaka ezintsha eziwu-142,030m<sup>2</sup>;
- Ukwakhiwa kwezindawo zokuthutha ngemikhumbi i-Capesize Coal ezintsha ezi-2 ochungeni lwezindawo zemikhumbi eziwu-600, nokulungiswa komgudu okuhambisana nazo ukufaka ekujuleni kuka-19m kanye nomikelezo wokujika owu-800m;
- Ukwelulwa kwe-Finger Jetty (izindawo zemikhumbi ezizwile eziwu-800) ezindawo zemikhumbi zokuthutha i-Capesize Coal ezintsha, ezidinga ukumbiwa okubalulekile ngaku-Finger Jetty esikhona;
- Ukwakhiwa kwendawo lokugcina amanzi ezimvula ezinkulu eliyi-610,000m<sup>3</sup> ngaphakathi emzileni omfihlane, ezintshini zokumpompa amanzi, kanye nokulungisa amadrevini eChwebeni lonke;
- Ukwakhiwa kwesiteshi Sokudlulisela Lidoti ngaphakathi eChwebeni esizosebenza "njengendawo ewusizo yokulawula" ukuphatha kodoti eChwebeni; kanye
- Nokwakhiwa kwendawo yokukhipha izinto ezimbiwe ekwakhiweni kwezindawo zemikhumbi okuphakanyiswe; noma
- Ukubhalisa kwezinto ezimbiwe kude nogu lolwandle.

Lesi sicelo senziwa ngokwemisebenzi ebalwe eSazisweni Sikahulumeni (GN) 544, 545 no-546 sika-2010, esishicilelwe ngokomthetho Wokuphatha Kwezemvelo Kuzwelonke, 1998 (Umthetho Nombolo 107 ka-1998) njengoba uchithiyelewe (NEMA) kanye Nokuphatha Kwezemvelo Kuzwelonke, Umthetho Kadoti, 2008 (Umthetho Nombolo 59 ka-2008) kanye neSaziso Sikahulumeni 718 sika-2009. Ukulolwa Kobungako kanye Nombhalo Emvelweni kuyadingeka, njengoba kuchazwe ku-NEMA izimiso Zomthetho Zokuhlola Umthelela Emvelweni ku-GN 543 ka-2010. Ifomu lokufaka isicelo linanjisiwe kuMnyango Wezemvelo (DEA) noMnyango Wezomlomo Nezemvelo e-KZN (DAEA) njengesiphathimandla esiphawulayo.

**Umfakiselo:** Yi-Transnet SOC Limited (Transnet Capital Projects)  
**Umeluleki Wezemvelo Ozimele:** Yi-AECOM SA (Pty) Ltd  
**Isiphathimandla Zezemvelo:** Yi-DEA – Isiphathimandla Esigunyazayo ne- KZN DAEA – Isiphathimandla Esiphawulayo  
**Usuku Lokukhangisa:** 31 Januwari 2014.

**INDAWO**  
 Intuthuko ephakanyiswayo laseChwebeni laseRichards Bay kanti isezingxenyeni 45, 21 no-157 ze-Erf 5333 kanye ne-Lot 223 ye-Pulazi Umhlatuzi, kuMasipala Wasekhaya Umhlatuze.

**UKUBHALISA KWABANTU ABANENTSHISEKULO NABANTHINTEKULO**  
 Ukuze uginiseke ukuthi uyabhalisa njengomuntu onentshisekulo nothintekulo, sicela ulethe igama lakho, ulwazi lokuthwala nawe kanye nentshisekulo yakho kulo daba kumuntu okuxhunyanwa naye okhunjisiwe ngezansi. Wamukelekile ukuthi ukhumbane ne-AECOM ukuze ulunge ulunge ulwazi, noma ulethe imibono yakho yokuphawula.

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## 4.3 APPENDIX 3: SITE NOTICES PLACED DURING THE SCOPING PHASE OF THE PROJECT

### 4.3.1 COPY OF THE SITE NOTICE

**SITE NOTICE**

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**Environmental Authorities:** DEA – Approving Authority and KZN DAEA – Commenting Authority  
**Date of Advertisement:** 7 February 2014.

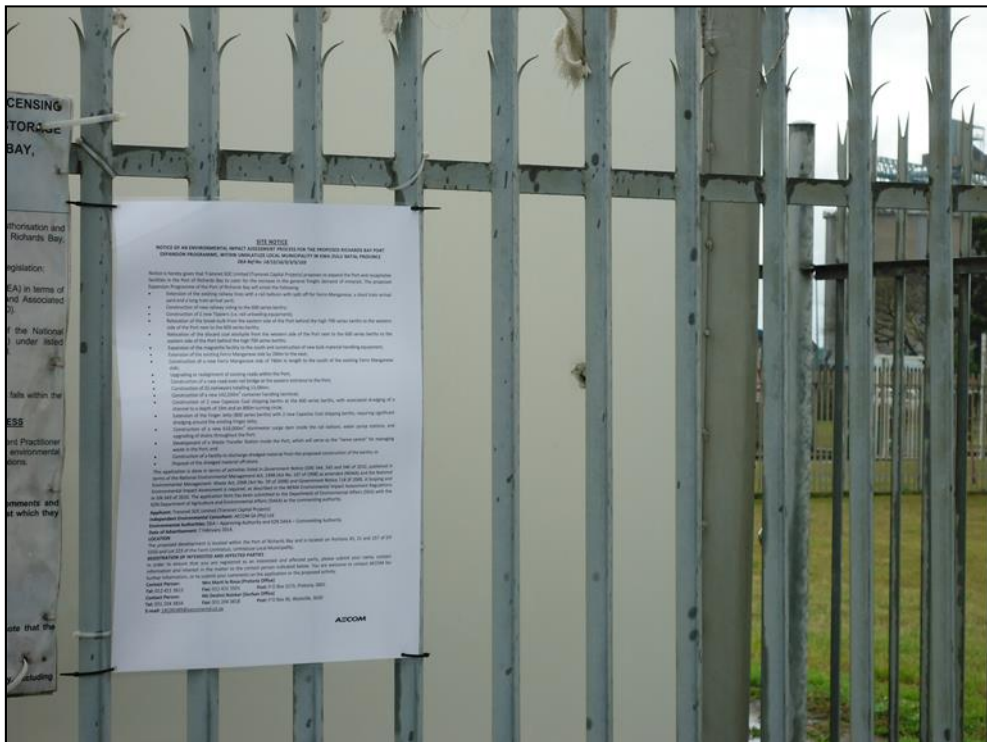
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### 4.3.2 PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SITE NOTICES



Slate 1: Site Notice 1 – Entrance to the Bayview Centre



Slate 2: Site Notice 2 – Western Entrance



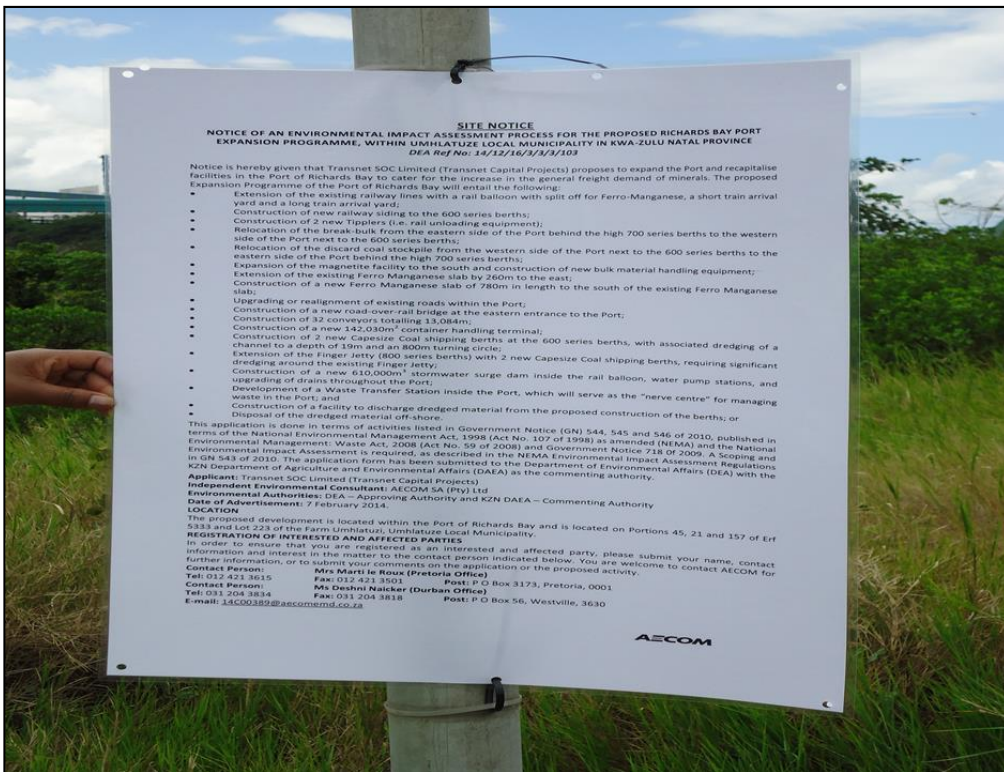
**Slate 3: Site Notice 3 – Western entrance at the security check point**



**Slate 4: Site Notice 4 – Gate at the 600 series**



Slate 5: Site Notice 5 – Eastern entrance gate



Slate 6: Site Notice 6 – Adjacent to stop street sign



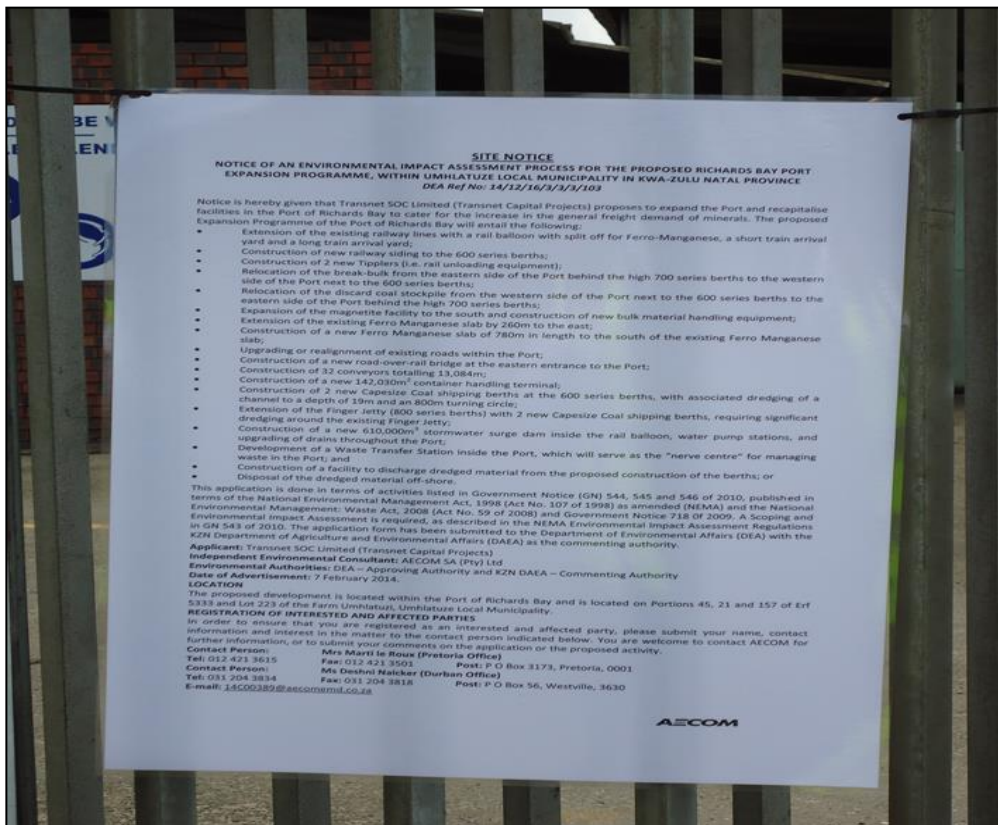
**Slate 7: Site Notice 7 – Waterfront**



**Slate 8: Site Notice 8 – At the Transnet Capital Projects Office Gate**



Slate 9: Site Notice 9 – At the Protea Hotel entrance gate



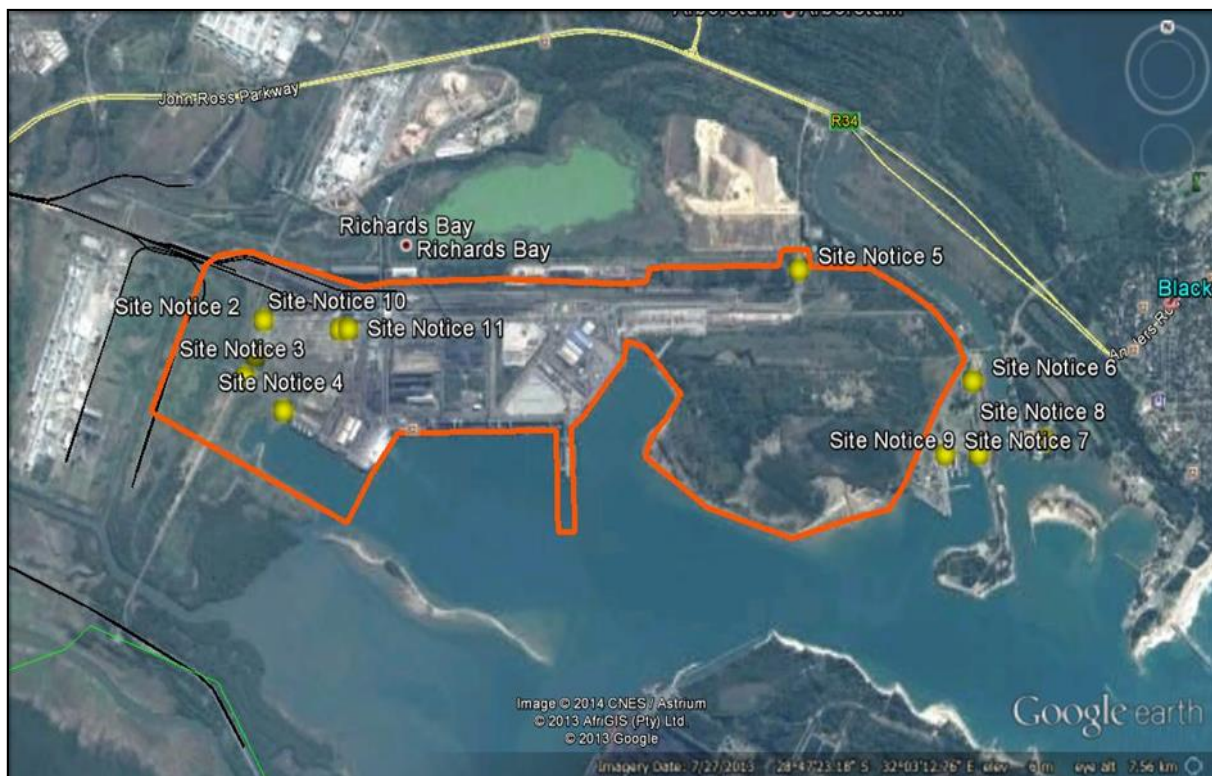
Slate 10: Site Notice 10 – At the entrance to the other centre








**Slate 11: Site Notice 11 – At the Entrance to the Bayview Centre**

#### 4.3.3 GOOGLE EARTH IMAGE - LOCALITY MAP FOR THE SITE NOTICES



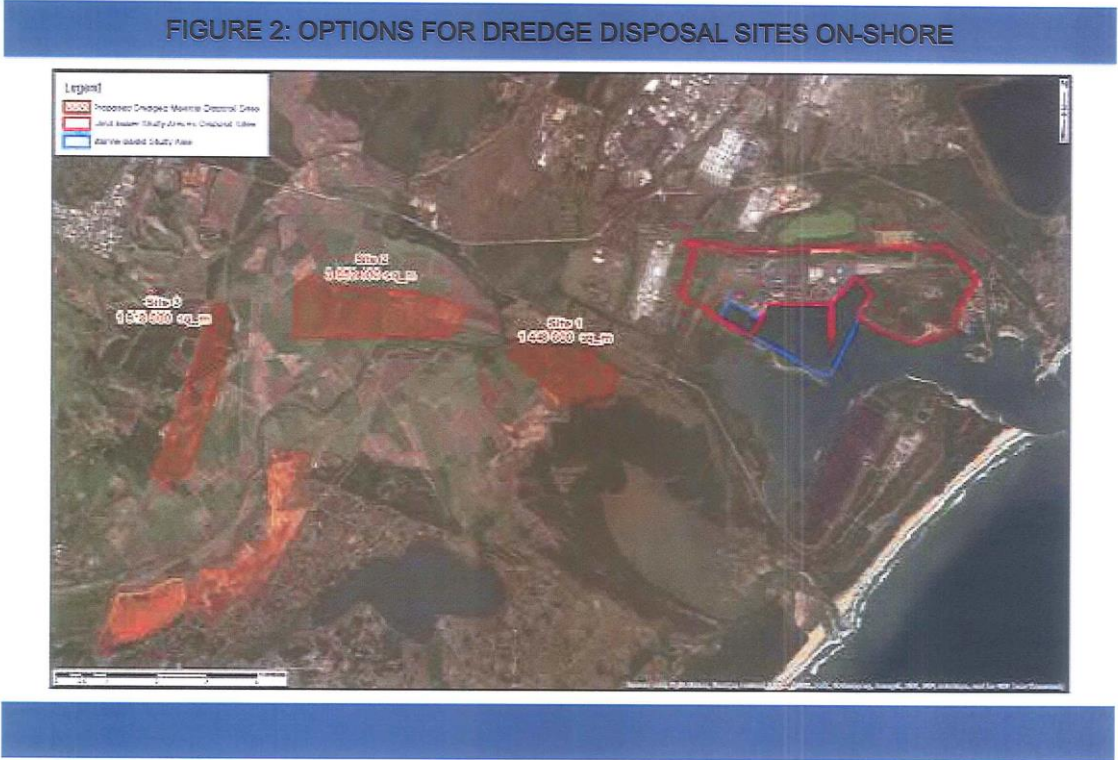
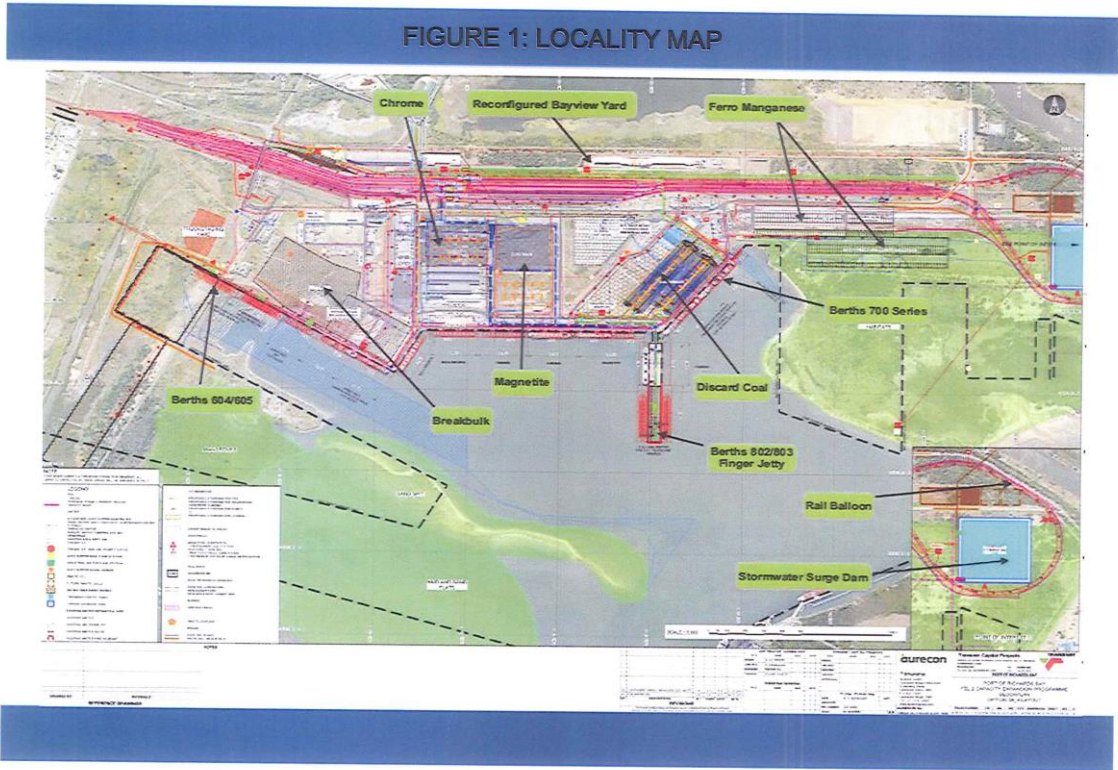
## 4.4 APPENDIX 4: BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED		BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT	
Applicant	Transnet SOC Limited (Transnet Capital Projects)	<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS:</b>  <b>FOR THE PROPOSED RICHARDS BAY PORT EXPANSION PROGRAMME,</b>  <b>WITHIN UMHLATHUZE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN KWA-ZULU NATAL PROVINCE</b>                      (January 2014)                      DEA Reference No: 14/12/16/3/3/103</p> <p><b>PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT</b></p> <p>The intention of this Background Information Document (BID) is to inform you about the proposed Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme. This programme is located within the uMhlatuze Local Municipality in the Kwa-Zulu Natal Province. The proposed activity is to expand the port and recapitalise facilities in the Port of Richards Bay to cater for the increase in the general freight demand of various minerals.</p> <p>Transnet SOC Limited (Transnet Capital Projects) is applying for an Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for the proposed Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme. To be considered for an EA, an Environmental Impact Assessment process (EIA) must be undertaken.</p> <p>This EIA is done in terms of Government Notice Regulations (GNR) No. 543, 544 and 546 of 2010 published in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended and the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008) and Government Notice 718 of 2009.</p> <p>You are invited to engage in the EIA by submitting your viewpoint, interest in the project and constructive suggestions to the project team. Your participation will help to identify potential environmental and social impacts to be assessed as part of the EIA for the proposed Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme.</p> <p>Please forward your input to the following AECOM team members:</p> <p><b>Contact Person:</b> Mrs Marti le Roux (Pretoria Office)                      Tel: 012 421 3615 Fax: 012 421 3501 Post: P O Box 3173, Pretoria, 0001                      Contact Person: Ms Deshni Naicker (Durban Office)                      Tel: 031 204 3834 Fax: 031 204 3818 Post: P O Box 56, Westville, 3630                      E-mail: 14C00389@aecomemd.co.za</p>	
Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner	AECOM		
Environmental Authorities	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) – Competent Authority KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs (KZN DAEA) - Commenting Authority		
			
 			
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION	
<p>The Port of Richards Bay, South Africa's most northern and easterly port, is situated 160 km northeast of Durban and 465 km (by road) southwest of Maputo, Mozambique. The Port of Richards Bay consists of the Transnet operated Dry Bulk Terminal (DBT) and Multipurpose Terminal (MPT), along with the privately operated Richards Bay Coal Terminal (RBCT). Other private operators within the port include several wood chip export terminals and a bulk liquid terminal.</p> <p>The port occupies 2, 157 ha of land area and 1, 495 ha of water area at present, but has the potential of expanding when required, making Richards Bay potentially one of the largest ports worldwide. Richards Bay serves the coalfields of KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga, together with timber and granite exporters from as far away as the Eastern and Northern Cape. Exports remain the primary activity of the port. The port has extensive rail and conveyor belt systems servicing the berths from nearby factories and plants. A dedicated railway line connects the port with Mpumalanga and Gauteng, specifically to handle the majority of South Africa's coal exports. Other rail links connect Richards Bay with Durban in the south and Swaziland and Mpumalanga to the north.</p> <p>The Transnet Port Terminals in Richards Bay are a target for major demand growth in bulk products up to 2014. the demand forecast for rail, road and harbour bound conveyor linked industry, is expected to grow from 23 million tonnes per annum in 2012 to over 59 by year 2014; with the bulk of demand expected to be realized in the next 10 years.</p> <p>It is therefore evident that Transnet needs to expand the port and recapitalise facilities in the Port of Richards Bay to cater for the increase in general freight demand.</p> <p>Aurecon undertook the Front-End loading Phase 1 (FEL1) study (or Conceptual Phase) for the Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme. This was completed during July 2012. The purpose of the FEL1 study was to conceptualise the commercially-viable immediate and long-term engineering options, as well as conduct a fatal flaws analysis of all the options, for rail, material handling and marine to expand the port</p>	<p>of Richards Bay. This will enable the port to handle the increase in demand of general freight business up to the year 2040.</p> <p>The project received a 'green' status from the Transnet Gate Review Panel to proceed to Front-End Loading Phase 2 (FEL2) study (or Pre-feasibility Phase). The FEL2 study commenced during October 2012.</p> <p>This FEL2 study is a further development and re-assessment of the options discussed in the FEL1 study for the bulk materials handling, rail and marine disciplines. These main disciplines were supported by various other discipline investigations including Baseline Environmental Specialist Studies.</p> <p>During the FEL2 Phase of the Port Expansion study, a Prioritisation FEL2 Multi-Criteria Evaluation (or alternatives analysis) was conducted where Option 3A was identified as the preferred option for the Expansion of the Port of Richards Bay for continuation into the Front-End Loading Phase 3 (FEL3) study (or Feasibility Phase), i.e. this application for an environmental authorisation and the detailed engineering design phase.</p> <p><b>The proposed Expansion Programme of the Port of Richards Bay entails the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extension of the existing railway lines with a rail balloon with split off for Ferro-Manganese, a short train arrival yard and a long train arrival yard;</li> <li>Construction of new railway siding to the 600 series berths;</li> <li>Construction of 2 new Tipplers (i.e. rail unloading equipment);</li> <li>Relocation of the break-bulk from the eastern side of the port behind the high 700 series berths to the western side of the port next to the 600 series berths;</li> <li>Relocation of the discard coal stockpile from the western side of the port next to the 600 series berths to the eastern side of the port behind the high 700 series berths;</li> <li>Expansion of the magnetite facility to the south and construction of new bulk material handling equipment;</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension of the existing Ferro Manganese slab by 260m to the east;</li> <li>• Construction of a new Ferro Manganese slab of 780m in length to the south of the existing Ferro Manganese slab;</li> <li>• Upgrading or realignment of existing roads within the port;</li> <li>• Construction of a new road-over-rail bridge at the eastern entrance to the port;</li> <li>• Construction of 32 conveyors totalling 13,084m;</li> <li>• Construction of a new 142,030m<sup>2</sup> container handling terminal;</li> <li>• Construction of 2 new Capesize Coal shipping berths at the 600 series berths, with associated dredging of a channel to a depth of 19m and an 800m turning circle;</li> <li>• Extension of the Finger Jetty (800 series berths) with 2 new Capesize coal shipping berths, requiring significant dredging around the existing Finger Jetty;</li> <li>• Construction of a new 610,000m<sup>3</sup> storm water surge dam inside the rail balloon, water pump stations, and upgrading of drains throughout the port;</li> <li>• Development of a waste transfer station inside the port, which will serve as the “nerve centre” for managing waste in the port; and</li> <li>• Construction of an on-shore facility to discharge dredged material from the proposed construction of the berths (Refer to Figure 2); or</li> <li>• Disposal of the dredged material off-shore</li> </ul> <p><b>LOCATION</b></p> <p>The proposed development is located within the Port of Richards Bay, on Portions 45, 21 and 157 of Erf 5333 and Lot 223 of the Farm uMhlatuze Local Municipality (Figure 1: Locality Map).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS</b></p> <p>A comprehensive and independent Scoping &amp; EIA (i.t.o. Sections 26–35: GNR 543) identifies and assesses possible impacts, then provides possible mitigation measures to reduce the port expansion’s anticipated impacts. Critically, the Scoping &amp; EIA allows for an appropriate public participation process. Finally, it recommends whether the proposed Port Expansion programme for the Port of Richards Bay should continue and under what conditions. An overview of the Scoping &amp; EIA includes these tasks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The project team determines a Scoping &amp; EIA is required and submits a formal application to the approving authority, which is the Department of Environmental Affairs for this project.</li> <li>2. Scoping Phase: Public participation starts, including registration of I&amp;APs, and compilation of the Scoping Report which includes the Plan of Study for EIA. Your comments are considered in the process. The draft report is made available for public (and state) review over 40 days or 60 days in the case of the Department of Water Affairs for waste management activities which also require a licence in terms of the National Water Act. Your comments are incorporated and the report finalised. After this period the Final Scoping Report is submitted to the DEA for acceptance and approval.</li> <li>3. EIA Phase: This phase begins once the DEA accepts and approves the Scoping Report, including the Plan of Study for EIA. Continuing the public participation, ensuring specialist studies are carried out and the compilation of the EIA Report and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). Your comments are considered in the process. The draft reports are made available for public (and state) review over 40 days. Your comments are incorporated and the reports finalised. After this period the Final EIA Report and EMPr is submitted to the DEA.</li> <li>4. The DEA reviews the documents and decides whether the project can proceed or not, their decision is known as an Environmental Authorisation (EA).</li> <li>5. A copy of the EA is made available to you for consideration, along with the reasons for the decision made. If you disagree with the decision, you are provided with information on how to lodge an appeal.</li> </ol>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS</b></p> <p>The public participation process gives you the opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Get clear, accurate and understandable information about the proposed project and the expected social, environmental, cultural–historic and waste impacts it may have.</li> <li>✓ Have the chance to voice your concerns and to raise questions about the development and the EIA process.</li> <li>✓ Suggest ways for reducing or mitigating any negative impacts of the Port Expansion Programme, and for potentially increasing its benefits.</li> <li>✓ Provide the Applicant, <i>Transnet SOC Limited (Transnet Capital Projects)</i>, with an opportunity to consider the needs, preferences and values of yourself and your fellow I&amp;APs in their decisions.</li> <li>✓ Be involved in the sharing of information. This sharing forms the backbone of public participation and offers you the chance to become actively involved in the project from the outset.</li> <li>✓ Fully understand the intention of an environmental investigation, as your input ensures that all relevant issues are considered in the EIA process.</li> <li>✓ Inform the decision making process by the competent authority, the DEA, by ensuring that they have all relevant information at hand.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BENEFITS OF REGISTERING</b></p> <p>As a registered I&amp;AP you are entitled to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Invitations to public events.</li> <li>✓ Information on the project.</li> <li>✓ An opportunity to participate in the integrated EIA process.</li> <li>✓ Access to information and reports that are available for public comment.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HOW TO REGISTER</b></p> <p>To register and be involved you should do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Respond to the relevant newspaper advertisements and site notices placed at the entrances to the port.</li> <li>✓ Complete and submit the comment sheet included in the BID.</li> <li>✓ Provide us with your contact details.</li> <li>✓ Declare your interest on the project.</li> <li>✓ Attend the public participation events (if possible).</li> </ul>
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#### 4.5 APPENDIX 5: I&AP CORRESPONDENCE

**From:** Lukas de Waal [<mailto:dewaal@ndcs.co.za>]

**Sent:** 11 February 2014 12:18

**To:** [14C00389@aeconomd.co.za](mailto:14C00389@aeconomd.co.za)

**Subject:** Registering as Interested and Affected Party: EIA - Richards Bay Expansion Programme: DEA Ref No 14/12/16/3/3/103

Please place me on the list of IAAP. I am a resident of Richards Bay since 1984. My contact details are as follows:

LJ de Waal  
PO Box 10275  
Meer-en-See  
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Cell No: 083 447 8958  
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As Project Manager and Resident Engineer for Transnet, I was extensively involved with all environmental matters for the planning and construction of Berths 606 – 608 and the DBT Jetty (800 series) as well as Berths 305 & 306. Environmental Items I had to deal with was:

- Harbour Dredging and off-shore dumping
- Turbidity inside and outside of harbour
- Fossils (AMAFA Permit)
- DME Mining Permit for off-shore sand reclamation

I have since retired from Transnet.

Regards,

Lukas de Waal Pr. Tech (Eng) Pr. CPM MSAICE  
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**Sent:** 10 February 2014 16:47  
**To:** [14C00389@aecomemd.co.za](mailto:14C00389@aecomemd.co.za)  
**Cc:** Reenen Pretorius  
**Subject:** RE : EIA AT THE PORT OF RICHARDS BAY

For attention of : Ms Deshni Naiker

Good day ,

Please would you place me on your circulation list of interested and affected persons as far as the EIA at the port of Richards Bay is concerned – ChromTech are port users.

Thanks  
Regards,

Jacqui Buntting  
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**Subject:** REGISTRATION AS I&AP

Good Morning Deshni,

I trust that you are well.

As per Roel Camminga's email, please kindly be advised that we would like to register.

Please kindly advise.

Many thanks and wishing you a great day further.

Regards,

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**Subject:** EIA for proposed development of the port of Richards Bay

Hello,

Can I be included in your database to be included in all correspondence regarding the proposed developments of the port of Richards Bay

Regards

**Morris Fox**  
*Operations Manager*

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**Sent:** 11 February 2014 08:52  
**To:** 14C00389@aecomemd.co.za  
**Cc:** Jason Stewart  
**Subject:** REGISTRATION AS I&AP

Dear Deshni Naiker

LBH South Africa is a ships agency / logistics company. Headquartered in Durban, we have office in Richards Bay / Cape Town / PE / East London / Saldhana Bay to facilitate the trade of and movement of coal / magnetite / mineral sands etc.

With the new developments expected to take place in Richards Bay, I would greatly appreciate it that I am kept updated.

Thank you.

Best Regards

Jason Stewart  
Branch Manager

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**From:** Roelof Camminga - IVS RBAY [mailto:Roelofc@ivs-int.com]  
**Sent:** 10 February 2014 11:53  
**To:** DESHNI NAIKER (AECOM)  
**Cc:** ADRIAN SMITH - (DIRECT); BERT STADLER; DAVE GARDNER; DIRK SPENCE (COLUMBUS STEEL); GARTH WILSON (GLENCORE); GREG GRIPPER @ BIDPORTS; JAN GREYLING (SAMANCOR); JODY MOODLEY; JOHAN LEMMER (DIRECT); Roelof Camminga - IVS RBAY; ZANE LANGLEY (THB)  
**Subject:** REGISTRATION AS I&AP FOR EIA DEA Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/103

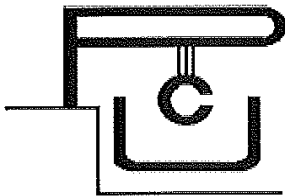
Good morning Deshni.

Pls register the PUC as an I&AP

Regards  
R. Camminga



(Founder Member)



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**Subject:** EIA for the Proposed Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme within uMhlathuze Local Municipality.

Dear Marti le Roux,

Thank you for inviting persons to register as an interested and affected party in this study.  
I hereby apply to register with AECOM SA (Pty) Ltd.

I am a local resident and ratepayer and have an interest in the planning and development of the port (having being involved in its planning and development since 1990) and in environmental issues.

Kind Regards,

Lynton Demont Pr Eng



*Lynton R Demont Associates*  
*Consulting Civil Engineers, Port Planners and Project Managers*  
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**To:** [14C00389@aecomemd.co.za](mailto:14C00389@aecomemd.co.za)  
**Cc:** Danny Knoesen  
**Subject:** I&AP

Good day Deshni

Please will you register us as an Interested & Affected Party for the proposal in the attachment found on Port of Richards Bay premises.  
We export woodchips via the 804 berth next to the seven series and also our product is easily contaminated by any carbon based products like coal, magnetite etc.

Please keep us informed of all developments that will pertain to this notice as we feel they may all be relevant to our business.

Kind Regards

**John Smith**  
Operations Manager  
BayFibre  
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**Subject:** REGISTRATION AS I&AP FOR EIA DEA Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/3/103

Good afternoon Deshni.

Pls register the THB Richards Bay as an I&AP

Kind Regards  
**Zane Langley**

**THB** Shipping & Logistics Solutions, South Africa

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**Subject:** EIA for PROPOSED RICHARDS BAY PORT EXPANSION PROJECT (DAE 14/12/16/3/3/103)

Dear Mrs Le Roux / Mr. Naicker,

Further to the adverts in the Zululand Observer, I hereby wish to register my interest to be involved in the process forward on this extremely exiting development, and to be included as an IAAP for future engagement and inclusion in sharing of information, etc.

I look forward to an objective process where all 3 legs of the EIA process, namely Environmental impact, Economic impact and Socio-economic impact, carries appropriate weights. I also look forward on receiving more information, including a development programme (from now until completion) and layout plans, etc. as and when they may become available.

Regards,

**Frans van der Walt** (B.Sc (QS), Pr.QS (2167), PMAQS, MRICS)  
**QS2000 Plus** (Quantity Surveyors & Project Managers)



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**Subject:** Registration as IAP

We herewith wish to register is IAP on above  
Regards

**Francois du Toit**  
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**Cc:** Fanie Badenhorst [Tronox Mineral Sands]  
**Subject:** Registration of I&A Parties

Good Day,

Further to attached notice,  
Please register the following persons:  
Fanie Badenhorst, Manager Logistics, Tronox Mineral Sands, tel no 0873102788/ 0836091005  
Johan van der Walt, Superintendent Outbound Logistics, Tronox Mineral Sands, tel no 0359027095/ 0832801570

Tronox Mineral Sands is a Heavy Mineral Sand Producer exporting product through Port of Richards Bay and will be affected by the proposed expansion programme of the Port of Richards Bay. Tronox also moves a large quantity of product from Saldanha Bay to Richards Bay which will be impacted by the said expansion programme.

Please confirm receipt of this mail.

Thanks

Kind regards

Johan

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**From:** Greyling, Jan (Richardsbay) [mailto:Jan.Greyling@samancorcr.com]  
**Sent:** 10 February 2014 12:10  
**To:** Deshni Naiker (AECOM)  
**Subject:** REGISTRATION AS I&AP FOR EIA DEA Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/103

Hi Deshni

Please register Samancor Chrome Ltd as an Interested and Affected Party.

(Also Personally)

Kind Regards

**Jan Greyling**  
Logistics Specialist  
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ATTENTION TO: Ms Deshni Naicker (Durban Office)

Proposed Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, within Umhlathuze Local Municipality IKZN Province.

**DEA REF NO: 14/12/16/3/3/3/103**

1. Extension of the existing Ferro Manganese slab by 260m to the east.
2. Construction of new Ferro Manganese slab 780m in length to the South of the existing Ferro Manganese slab.
3. Disposal of the dredged Material off-shore.

The Proposed Development is located within the Port of Richards Bay is located on Portion 45, 21 and 157 of ERF 5333 and LOT 223 of the farm Umhlathuzi, Umhlathuze Local Municipality.

Contact Person : Gonya Muziwokthula the Director of the Company Called  
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**Subject:** Interested affected party DEA Ref 14/12/16/3/3/103

Dear Sir/Madam,

As General Manager of NCT's wood chip business in Richards Bay, who use the finger jetty mentioned in the attached document, I declare NCT as an interested and affected party, and respectfully ask I be added to the list as NCT's representative in this matter.

Regards

**Danny Knoesen**  
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**Subject:** Richards Bay expansion IAP registration - Tony Carnie media

Dear Marti/Deshni

Could you kindly register me as an IAP for the Richards Bay port expansion project: DEA Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/3/103 as advertised in today's edition of The Mercury.

Could you also kindly email me a copy of the BID as soon as possible please.

Many thanks

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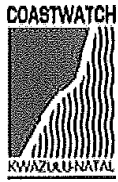
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Dear Ms Naicker

In response to Aecom's advertisement published 31 January 2014 with respect to the proposed expansion activities, Port of Richards Bay (EIA Ref 14/12/16/3/3/3/103), please register Coastwatch KZN as an I&AP using the contact details set out below. I look forward to receiving further information.

Regards

Carolyn Schwegman  
For Coastwatch



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**Subject:** Richards Bay Port expansion

Hi Ms Deshni Naicker ,

Please could you forward the necessary information so my company can be involved in the above stated.

Thank You,

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Dear Marti

I am just emailing you with regard to the above project.

Please would you be so kind as to email me the Background Information Document, or any other informative documentation that you may have for the proposed development?

Have a lovely day.

Kind regards  
Bianca Torr   
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**Importance:** High

To whom it may concern

Please register my as an I&AP in your EIA process for the proposed expansion of the Richards Bay Port EIA. I am an estuarine ecologist and have an interest in the project.

Please keep me informed of any and all information available throughout the EIA process.

Please acknowledge my registration.

Regards

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Please keep ourselves updated on the EIA on the Port of Richards Bay future development as we are an interested and affected party as ships agents within the port of Richards Bay. Details per my signature below,

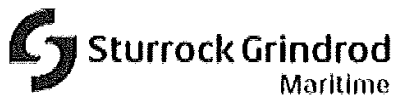
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**Subject:** REGISTRATION AS I&AP - Attention Deshni Naiker - Aecom Consultants

Dear Deshni

As BHP Billiton Aluminium SA, can we please register either Aroon Patel Head External Affairs or myself to ensure that we are kept in the loop on Transnet's EIA for the port development per attached notification?

Please confirm if this email is sufficient to register either Aroon or myself. My information per below.

With thanks and warm regards



**Marilyn Muller**  
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**Molver, Brian (BHA)**

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**Subject:** EIA PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED RICHARDS BAY PORT EXPANSION PROGRAMME  
**Attachments:** image.jpeg

To whom it may concern:

The attached notice refers.  
 It would be appreciated if you can confirm registration of the following entity as an interested and affected party.

Company: Hillside Aluminium PTY Limited

Contact: Brian Molver – landline: 0359088819 : Cell no. 083 2724219

Interest: Tenant and leaseholder in the Port – impact on aluminium supply chain.

Please can you confirm accordingly

Kind Regards  
 Brian Molver.

**4.6 APPENDIX 6: ISSUES AND RESPONSE REPORT**

Please note the comments are verbatim, as received from the I&APs.

	ISSUE / COMMENT	RAISED BY	MEANS AND DATE OF COMMUNICATION	RESPONSE
1.	Updated on the EIA on the Port of Richards Bay future development as we are an interested and affected party as ships agents within the port of Richards Bay	Dave Steyn – Voigt Shipping	Email received on the 31 January 2014.	Registered as an I&AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014.
2.	To be kept in the loop on Transnet's EIA for the port development per attached notification and to be registered as an I&AP.  Requested that a Copy of the Draft	Marilyn Muller - BHP Billiton Aluminium SA	Email received on the 31 January 2014.  26 March 2014.	Registered as an I&AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014.  A reply was emailed to Ms Muller on the

	Scoping Report.			31 March 2014 that a CD will be posted to her. A CD was posted on the 1 April 2014.
3.	Could you kindly register me as an IAP for the Richards Bay port expansion project. Requested that a copy of the BID be emailed as well.	Tony Carnie - Environment Writer The Mercury	Email received on the 31 January 2014	Registered as an I&AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014.
4.	<p>Could you please register Coastwatch KZN as an I&amp;AP using the contact details set out below. I look forward to receiving further information.</p> <p>Requested that Coast Watch be registered and that they receive a copy of the Draft Scoping Report.</p>	Carolyn Schwegman – Coastwatch KZN.	<p>Email received on the 31 January 2014.</p> <p>Email received on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014 and 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014.</p>	<p>Registered as an I&amp;AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014.</p> <p>A copy of the Draft Scoping Report was posted on the 2 April 2014 Mrs Schwegman’s was contacted on the 8 April regarding the disk that was posted, she stated that the disk hasn’t arrived. Requested her physical addresses in Pennington so that the copy of the Draft Scoping Report be delivered to her.</p>
4. A	<p><b>Project Overview -</b></p> <p>Coastwatch is compelled to comment on the information provided in this section. Section 2.1 lists projects which have environmental authorisation, or are in the process of application for authorisation. It is said that the listed projects should</p>	Carolyn Schwegman – Coastwatch KZN.	Email received on the 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 regarding comments on sections in the Draft Scoping Report	Comment has been noted.

	<p>not be confused with this project, the proposed port expansion. However, of concern to Coastwatch is that in some cases the individual EIAs overlook cumulative and synergistic impacts from, for example, the expansion project under review. Also, by undertaking these individual EIAs specialist recommendations, such as those provided in the port expansion baseline studies, are not adopted in other projects where they may apply. For example, the Transnet South Dunes lease site, currently undergoing EIA for the construction of infrastructure, has been included in the baseline study for marine and terrestrial ecology for the port expansion project (Marine &amp; Estuarine Research: Baseline Assessment For The Port of Richards Bay Expansion Programme, May 2013) and specific recommendations are given which apply to the South Dunes site but have not been considered in the South Dunes EIA. MER recommends, <i>inter alia</i>, that the South Dunes site “be given more detailed consideration during future port planning. A narrowing of the stabilised dune cordon has significant medium to long term effects on coastal processes”.</p>			
<p>4.B</p>	<p><b>PLANNING INITIATIVES</b></p> <p>The government’s Strategic Infrastructure Plan (SIP) is briefly discussed (SR 2.2 Need and Desirability). The proposed port expansion also needs to be considered in the context of other</p>	<p>Carolyn Schwegman – Coastwatch KZN.</p>	<p>Email received on the 5th May 2014 regarding comments on sections in the Draft Scoping Report</p>	<p>Comment has been noted. The uMhlathuze Spatial Framework Plan makes reference to existing and anticipated future</p>

	plans, including municipal strategic plans, zonation of development nodes, environmental planning initiatives, etc. Such information has not been provided.			developments in the Richards Bay Area.
4.C	<p><b>BASELINE STUDIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fatal Flaws Analysis</b></li> </ul> <p>The conceptual phase (FEL1) for the proposed port expansion was completed in July 2012. Engineering considerations were evaluated as well as an environmental fatal flaws analysis of all options for all aspects of the proposed expansion. FEL2 (pre-feasibility phase), commenced October 2012 and a Multi Criteria Analysis was done from which it was determined that Option 3A would be investigated further as the ‘preferred option’. The baseline studies cited in the SR were undertaken during 2013, <i>after</i> completion of the environmental fatal flaws analysis conducted during FEL1. What criteria, and studies, were used in the environmental analysis to identify fatal flaws?</p>	Carolyn Schwegman – Coastwatch KZN.	Email received on the 5th May 2014 regarding comments on sections in the Draft Scoping Report	
4 D.	<p><b>2.3.2: Air Quality</b></p> <p>Concern: “A dust monitoring program has been operational at the site from 2008 to <b>at least March 2012 (last available records).</b>” (emphasis added). It is with concern that we note that data from the past two years is unavailable. It erodes confidence in the operation of</p>	Carolyn Schwegman – Coastwatch KZN.	Email received on the 5th May 2014 regarding comments on sections in the Draft Scoping Report	<p>Comment has been noted. The records for the Air Quality Monitoring was the last record that was provided by Transnet when the baseline Studies were conducted.</p> <p>An Air Quality Impact</p>

	activities.			<p>Assessment will be conducted by Simon Gear of Kijani Green. The Air Quality Baseline Study compiled during 2013 will be used to report on the particulate matter for Option 3A.</p> <p>The Air Quality Impact Assessment (AQIA) is required to determine the impact of the proposed change in location of coal storage facilities on the ambient air quality</p>
4 E	<p><b>Air Quality Standards vs Ambient Levels</b></p> <p>Coastwatch considers that of equal value to achieving compliance with standards for air emissions is the consideration of any increase in levels of emissions from ambient levels where human health in particular may be affected.</p> <p>The recommendation that changes in operational activity be accurately assessed and the resultant increases in emissions be modelled, with specific reference to increased particulate and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions resulting from increased ship traffic into the port is supported (SR 6.1.3). Results of the modelling should be discussed in terms of the required standards/guidelines, as well as in</p>	Carolyn Schwegman – Coastwatch KZN.	Email received on the 5th May 2014 regarding comments on sections in the Draft Scoping Report	The comment has been noted.

	relation to ambient levels, even if exceedences are not anticipated.			
4 F.	<p><b>2.3.3 Baseline Heritage Study</b></p> <p>Although the formally protected landscape of Richards Bay Nature Reserve falls outside the study area for the port expansion potential impacts on the Protected Area and its Support Areas would need to be identified and avoided/mitigated. Offsite impacts on sensitive areas and systems would need to be considered.</p>	Carolyn Schwegman – Coastwatch KZN.	Email received on the 5th May 2014 regarding comments on sections in the Draft Scoping Report	<p>As determined by the Heritage Resources Baseline Study for the Port of Richards Bay, except for the likely presence of paleontological sites in the Bay, no structures older than 60 years are present in the study area as the port was only developed in 1973. A paleontological study is thus required for the capacity expansion.</p> <p>The Heritage Impact (including Paleontological) Assessment Report shall be compiled for Option 3A in fulfilment of Section 38(3) of the NHRA and will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An assessment of the impact of the development on heritage resources.</li> <li>• An evaluation of the impact of the development on heritage resources</li> </ul>



				<p>relative to the sustainable social and economic development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If heritage resources will be adversely affected by the proposed development, the consideration for alternatives will be determined.</li> <li>• Plans for mitigation of any adverse effects during and after completion of the proposed development will be stated in the Heritage Report.</li> </ul>
4 G.	<p><b>2.3.4 Turbidity and Suspended Solids</b></p> <p>Coastwatch supports the measures being taken to address the limited data available in respect of baseline turbidity and suspended solids ie the 6 month monitoring programme which commenced September 2013.</p>	Carolyn Schwegman – Coastwatch KZN.	Email received on the 5th May 2014 regarding comments on sections in the Draft Scoping Report	Comment has been noted.
4 H.	<p><b>2.3.5 Metal Contamination of Sediment and Implications of Dredging</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is still to be determined (decision by DEA/further testing with respect to copper and/or chromium concentrations) whether all dredged material can be disposed offshore. Coastwatch is interested in the</li> </ul>	Carolyn Schwegman – Coastwatch KZN.	Email received on the 5th May 2014 regarding comments on sections in the Draft Scoping Report	Comments have been noted, however it should be noted that TNPA will determine how sources of contamination will be identified and addressed for the current port

	<p>information on sediment contamination which will be made available from the EIA process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sources of Metal Contamination</li> </ul> <p>It appears that the most significant sources of contamination are associated with port activities (section 2.3.5 - probably spillage of metal ore fragments and scrap metal flakes during vessel loading in the Inner Basin Complex (600 and 700 series berths)).</p> <p>Coastwatch expectations are that sources of contamination will be identified and addressed and the organisation fully supports the requirement that this will be done as set out in this section of the SR. Will this requirement be fulfilled as part of the mitigation/management controls for the current port expansion project?</p>			<p>expansion project.</p>
<p>4 I.</p>	<p><b>2.3.6 Implications of a Basic Water Quality Survey</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing turbidity and total suspended solids concentration data for Richards Bay show that in areas (Inner Basins 1 and 3) an environment for eutrophic conditions exists due to restricted exchange of water. Coastwatch is pleased to find that the importance of avoiding the development of hypoxic</li> </ul>	<p>Carolyn Schwegman – Coastwatch KZN.</p>	<p>Email received on the 5th May 2014 regarding comments on sections in the Draft Scoping Report</p>	<p>Comments have been noted.</p>

	<p>(possibly even anoxic) conditions is recognised in that infrastructure design must aim to achieve the maximum possible water exchange between the 'dead-end' basins and the greater Richards Bay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water pH</li> </ul> <p>The low pH of the water column off the Bhizolo Canal shows clearly an anthropogenic source of contamination. Similarly, Coastwatch supports the infrastructure design phase adopting precautions to avoid exacerbating the existing ecological implications. This would possibly require the relevant authorities to undertake a separate exercise to identify the sources of contaminants in the canal catchment and implement control measures. It must, however, not be overlooked during the EIA for port expansion – cumulative impacts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surface Runoff – Stormwater management</li> </ul> <p>While surface water management forms an integral part of the design of the proposed port expansion, again - sources of and vectors for the entry of metal and other contaminants into Richards Bay need to be identified, reduced and controlled – an exercise involving all stakeholders.</p> <p>In light of the identified anthropogenic causes of water</p>			
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	contamination within Richards Bay and the potential of port expansion to exacerbate the situation it is a priority that the sources of contamination are addressed.			
4J.	<p><b>Study by Marine and Estuarine Research (MER)</b></p> <p>Section 2.3 lists the baseline studies done during the pre-feasibility phase of the proposed port expansion and discussion follows, however the baseline ecological assessment of terrestrial, wetland and estuarine environments in selected areas of Richards Bay is not included (MER report) in discussion in this section of the SR. While the findings of the baseline study provide information used in describing the receiving/affected environment (SR section 5) the MER report includes recommendations for inclusion in more detailed phases of port planning/development planning and implementation of port expansion projects. Further, taken from this baseline study report Coastwatch emphasises the following excerpt from the DAERD (2011) Environmental Management Framework Report:</p> <p><i>“The port estuary must function as a natural system and must complement port activities. Port operations must also secure the ecological-hydrological interrelationship between the port estuary and sanctuary estuary”.</i> It is noted, too, that the biodiversity richness of the</p>	Carolyn Schwegman – Coastwatch KZN.	Email received on the 5th May 2014 regarding comments on sections in the Draft Scoping Report	Comment has been noted. Section 5.9n Biological Environment of the SR addresses the comment that has been stated by CoastWatch.

	<p>estuary and its surrounding areas is of global significance and vulnerable to change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Habitat Loss. The SR, section 2.3, discusses the ecological implications pertaining to water quality (turbidity, contamination) however the loss of sensitive habitat which may result from the proposed expansion project as described in the MER report, section 3, has been overlooked.</li> </ul>			
<p>4 K.</p>	<p><b>ALTERNATIVES: SR SECTION 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental criteria used to assess alternatives</li> </ul> <p>Continuing with the sensitive habitats which have been identified in the MER report clarification is required on the Multi Criteria Analysis from which the preferred alternative – Option 3A – was identified. Fauna and Flora are given as ‘environmental criteria’ – what of habitat? This is particularly relevant with respect to the listed activities R546 12 and 13, described in the SR section 4.1, pertaining to the clearing indigenous vegetation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainability Alternatives</li> </ul> <p>The Sustainability Alternatives discussed in the SR 3.3 are supported.</p>	<p>Carolyn Schwegman – Coastwatch KZN.</p>	<p>Email received on the 5th May 2014 regarding comments on sections in the Draft Scoping Report</p>	<p>Comments have been noted.</p>

4 L.	<p><b>LEGAL FRAMEWORK</b></p> <p>Sections 4.9 (Other Applicable Legislation) and 4.10 (Guideline Documents)</p> <p>Provincial conservation and local planning tools and processes have relevance for the proposed port expansion. Provincial conservation planning initiatives and the uMhlatuze Environmental Services Management Plan, for example, would likely provide additional information to be considered in the port expansion project.</p>	Carolyn Schwegman – Coastwatch KZN.	Email received on the 5th May 2014 regarding comments on sections in the Draft Scoping Report	Comment has been noted. The uMhlatuze Municipality comments will be incorporated into the IRR once received.
4 M	<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS IDENTIFIED: SR SECTION 6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydrology</li> </ul> <p>A description of the hydrology of Richards Bay is given in the SR section 5.3 and 5.8.4, within section 5 which describes the affected environment. However, discussion on hydrology does not continue into section 6 which identifies environmental issues and potential impacts of the proposed port expansion.</p> <p>Has it been determined that the proposed port expansion will not impact the hydrology of Richards Bay?</p>	Carolyn Schwegman – Coastwatch KZN.	Email received on the 5th May 2014 regarding comments on sections in the Draft Scoping Report	Comment has been noted. Comment will be incorporated into the IRR when received from CSIR.
4 N	<p><b>6.1.1 Socio-Economic Issues</b></p> <p>The effect of the estimated project</p>	Carolyn Schwegman – Coastwatch KZN.	Email received on the 5th May 2014	Comment has been noted.

	<p>expenditure of the respective options, on employment, total output and value added were estimated and it is said that the capacity expansion project would have significant socio-economic impact on the province of KwaZulu-Natal as well as South Africa. It would, however, appear that during the exercise to determine the socio-economic impacts of the expansion project the value of the natural capital has been excluded. Considering that, from the terms of reference for studies, natural capital (ie ecosystems – habitat, goods and services) will be lost and offsets considered a value must be given to our natural capital (Coastwatch assumes that a 100 % success for offset rehabilitation is not guaranteed) and included in the determination of both positive and negative economic impacts of the project.</p>		<p>regarding comments on sections in the Draft Scoping Report</p>	
<p>4 O.</p>	<p>• <b>PLAN OF STUDY FOR EIA: SR SECTION 8</b></p> <p>8.4 Terms of Reference for the Marine and Land Based Ecological Impact Assessment:</p> <p>The terms of reference are outlined and a description of all the surveyed habitats, characteristics and current status will be provided. Coastwatch raises two issues with respect to this specialist study –</p> <p>- What is meant by “... and proposed layouts for the following habitats: estuary, freshwater ....” etc? The term <i>proposed layout</i> used in context of different habitats is not understood. Does it refer to the delineation (layout?) of each habitat? Is it the proposed development</p>	<p>Carolyn Schwegman – Coastwatch KZN.</p>	<p>Email received on the 5th May 2014 regarding comments on sections in the Draft Scoping Report</p>	<p>The comments have been noted.</p> <p>Peter please can you assist with this query....</p>

	<p>layout within each habitat? Please clarify this point.</p> <p>- Ecological Corridors / Connectivity</p> <p>In addition to potential impacts on each of the sensitive habitats described in the area it must also be assessed to what extent the proposed expansion project could affect connectivity between like habitats or interlinked ecosystems.</p>			
4 P	<p><b>CONCLUSION:</b></p> <p>The SR recommends, based on the identification of potentially significant issues, that further comprehensive studies are required for the proposed project in the EIA phase. Coastwatch accepts the recommendation provided that consideration is given to hydrology and ecological connectivity, in addition to any further requirements which the provincial conservation authority, Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife, may impose with respect to provincial conservation targets.</p>	<p>Carolyn Schwegman – Coastwatch KZN.</p>	<p>Email received on the 5th May 2014 regarding comments on sections in the Draft Scoping Report</p>	<p>Comment has been noted.</p>
5.	<p>Please register me as an I&amp;AP in your EIA process for the proposed expansion of the Richards Bay Port EIA. I am an estuarine ecologist and have an interest in the project.</p> <p>Please keep me informed of any and all information available throughout the EIA process</p>	<p>Russell Stow – GCS Water and Environment Consultants</p>	<p>Email received on the 31 January 2014.</p>	<p>Registered as an I&amp;AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014.</p>
6.	<p>Requested that the necessary information be forwarded so that his company can be involved in the</p>	<p>Brenden Chetty</p>	<p>Email received on the 31 January 2014.</p>	<p>Registered as an I&amp;AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014. All necessary</p>



	above stated.			information regarding the EIA process will be forwarded to Mr Chetty.
7.	Please would you be so kind as to email me the Background Information Document, or any other informative documentation that you may have for the proposed development	Leads to Business - Bianca Torr� Regional Content Researcher	Email received 3 February 2014	Registered as an I&AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014. All necessary information regarding the EIA process will be forwarded to the Ms Torre.
8.	As General Manager of NCT's wood chip business in Richards Bay, who use the finger jetty mentioned in the attached document, I declare NCT as an interested and affected party, and respectfully ask I be added to the list as NCT's representative in this matter.	Danny Knoesen GENERAL MANAGER – Richards Bay Chipping NCT Forestry Co-operative Limited	Email received on 10 February 2014	Registered as an I&AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014.
9.	<p>Further to the adverts in the Zululand Observer, I hereby wish to register my interest to be involved in the process forward on this extremely exiting development, and to be included as an IAAP for future engagement and inclusion in sharing of information, etc.</p> <p>I look forward to an objective process where all 3 legs of the EIA process, namely Environmental impact, Economic impact and Socio-economic impact, carries appropriate weights. I also look forward on receiving more information, including a development programme (from now until completion) and layout plans, etc. as and when they may become available.</p> <p>Requested a CD of the Draft Scoping Report to be posted to him.</p> <p>Requested that the documents be sent through via email or Dropbox as</p>	QS2000 Plus (Quantity Surveyors & Project Managers) – Frans van der Walt	<p>Email received on the 3 February 2014</p> <p>Email received on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014.</p> <p>Email received on the</p>	<p>Registered as an I&amp;AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014 Information will be provided to the I&amp;AP throughout the EIA Process.</p> <p>The CD was posted to Mr van der Walt on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014.</p> <p>The documents were</p>

	the quality of the scanned photo's and maps where of poor quality.		14 April 2014	sent in four (4) separate emails to Mr van der Walt.
10.	Request to register as an IAP.	Francois du Toit - ILIFA Africa Engineers (Pty) Ltd	Email received on the 7 February 2014.	Registered as an I&AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014.
11.	<p>Please register the following persons:                  Fanie Badenhorst, Manager Logistics, Tronox Mineral Sands, tel no 0873102788/ 0836091005                  Johan van der Walt, Superintendent Outbound Logistics, Tronox Mineral Sands, tel no 0359027095/ 0832801570</p> <p>Tronox Mineral Sands is a Heavy Mineral Sand Producer exporting product through Port of Richards Bay and will be affected by the proposed expansion programme of the Port of Richards Bay. Tronox also moves a large quantity of product from Saldanha Bay to Richards Bay which will be impacted by the said expansion programme.</p>	Johan Van Der Walt - EPG Marketing	Email received on the 10 February 2014.	Registered as an I&AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014.
12.	Requested to be registered as an I&AP and kept informed on the Project.	Silindile Nsibande	Email received on the 7 February 2014.	Registered as an I&AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014. Mr Nsibande will be kept informed throughout the EIA process.
13.	Request to register Samancor Chrome Ltd as an Interested and Affected Party.	Jan Greyling Logistics Specialist - Samancor	Email received on the 10 February 2014.	Registered as an I&AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March

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14.	<p>Request to register the PUC as an I&amp;AP</p> <p>Requested that a copy of the Draft Scoping report be sent on disk.</p>	R. Camminga – Port Users Committee – Richards Bay.	<p>Email received on the 10 February 2014.</p> <p>Email received on the 24 March 2014</p>	<p>Registered as an I&amp;AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014.</p> <p>The CD was posted to Mr Camminga on the 27 March 2014.</p>
15.	<p>Request to register with as an I&amp;AP.</p> <p>I am a local resident and ratepayer and have an interest in the planning and development of the port (having being involved in its planning and development since 1990) and in environmental issues</p>	Lynton Demont	Email received on the 8 February 2014.	Registered as an I&AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014. To be kept informed on the Port Expansion project.
16.	<p>Request to be registered as an Interested &amp; Affected Party for the proposal in the attachment found on Port of Richards Bay premises.</p> <p>We export woodchips via the 804 berth next to the seven series and also our product is easily contaminated by any carbon based products like coal, magnetite etc.</p> <p>Please keep us informed of all developments that will pertain to this notice as we feel they may all be relevant to our business.</p>	John Smith	Email received on the 10 February 2014.	Registered as an I&AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014. To be kept informed on the Richards Bay Port Expansion project.
17.	Request to register the THB Richards Bay as an I&AP	Zane Langley	Email received on the 10 February 2014.	Registered as an I&AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014
18.	Please would you place me on your circulation list of interested and affected persons as far as the EIA at the port of Richards Bay is concerned – ChromTech are port users.	Jacqui Buntting ChromTech Holdings (Pty) Limited	Email received on the 10 February 2014.	Registered as an I&AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014
19.	To be registered as an I&AP and to be kept informed on the proposed project.	Cindy Royale	Email received on the	Registered as an I&AP

			11 February 2014.	and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014
20.	To be included in your database to be included in all correspondence regarding the proposed developments of the port of Richards Bay	Morris Fox	Email received on the 11 February 2014.	Registered as an I&AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014. To be informed of the Port of Richards Bay Expansion programme.
21.	LBH South Africa is a ships agency / logistics company. Headquartered in Durban, we have office in Richards Bay / Cape Town / PE / East London / Saldhana Bay to facilitate the trade of and movement of coal / magnetite / mineral sands etc.  With the new developments expected to take place in Richards Bay, I would greatly appreciate it that I am kept updated	Jason Stewart	Email received on the 11 February 2014.	Registered as an I&AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014. To be kept updated on the proposed development.
22.	To be registered on the list of I&AP.  Stated that he was at the Library at 11:30am and that the document wasn't available. He requested that an electronic copy of the Draft Scoping Report be sent.	Lukas de Waal	Email received on the 11 February 2014.  Email received on the 26 March 2014.	Registered as an I&AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014.  Mr de Waal was contacted on the 27 <sup>th</sup> March and notified that the Draft Scoping Report was delivered to the library at 12pm on the day. The Draft Scoping Report was emailed to Mr de Waal in separate emails as requested.
23.	Request to be registered as an interested party in the Richards Bay port development	Michael Heads	Email received on the	Registered as an I&AP and the BID was sent

			18 February 2014.	out on the 14 March 2014.
24.	Columbus Stainless (Pty) Ltd are exporters and are presently housed in the 7 Series shed. Request to be registered and would like to be kept informed on the proposed project.	Mohamed Ali Abbubakur	Email received on the 18 February 2014.	Registered as an I&AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014. To be kept informed on the proposed project.
25.	Request to be registered as an I&AP.	Nicky Redigner	Email received on the 17 February 2014.	Registered as an I&AP and the BID was sent out on the 14 March 2014
26.	<p>Please note that the BID content is outdated.</p> <p>The slide indicating disposal of dredge spoil is not aligned to the “due diligence” report for linkages or offset areas, or the cities SDF or the ports PDFP.</p> <p>Should the dredge material be of usable quality, it needs to be stored for use, maybe also look at the lease site area within the RBCT rail in the South Dunes as an option.</p> <p>However, disposal on shore is however supported if it can be used for;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fill material</li> <li>2. Processed for agricultural use, brick making, etc especially mixed with gypsum from the Foskor gypsum slimes dams.</li> </ol>	Jimmy Hills Senior Planner: Physical Planning Transnet National Ports Authority	Email received on the 14 March 2014.	<p>Email to be sent out to Mr Hills to please refer to the Dredge Disposal Site Baseline Study and the relevant sections in the DSR that deals with the dredge disposal site. The South Dunes is not an environmentally acceptable option due to the ecological sensitivities – please can you refer to the Biodiversity Baseline Study that was conducted by Marine and Estuarine Research.</p> <p>It should also be noted that the Foskor Gypsum Slimes Dam is part of the Coal Terminal</p>

	Requested an electronic Copy of the Draft Scoping Report.		Email was received on the 28 March 2014	Development which does not form part of this EIA.  A copy of the Draft Scoping Report was emailed to Mr Hills on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of April 2014.
27	Requested that a Copy of the Draft Scoping Report be emailed in PDF format.	Mr Andrew Simpson – Intertek Commodities: Environmental testing Division.	Email received on the 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2014.	A copy of the Draft Scoping Report was emailed to Mr Simpson on the 1 April 2014. A CD was posted to Mr Simpson on the 1 April 2014.
28	Requested that a copy of the Draft Scoping Report to be posted to him.  Please confirm that he is registered as an I&AP on the database.	Mr Theuns van Tonder – Manger Port and Harbours – ArcelorMittal South Africa.	Email received on the 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2014.  8 May 2014.	A copy of the Draft Scoping Report was posted on the 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2014.  Mr van Tonder was called and notified that his details are on the I&APs database on the 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2014.
30	Requested that an electronic version of the Draft Scoping Report be sent to him.	Mr Muhammad Ali – Senior Manager: Foskor	Email received on the 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2014.	The Draft Scoping Report was sent via email on the 1 April 2014. A copy of the Report was also posted to Mr Ali on the 1 April 2014.
31	Requested that 4 disk copies of the Draft Scoping Report be emailed for distribution to their EIA Committee.  Confirmed receipt of the requested	Sandy Camminga – Richards Bay Clean Air Association	Email received on the 27 March 2014.	The disks were couriered on the 2 April 2014.  Ms Camminga was

	<p>Draft Scoping Report (4 disks), received on the 3 April 2014.</p> <p>It is concerning that the report is not accessible via a website.</p> <p>Also requested that since the report was received on the 3 April 2014, we kindly request that the 40 day comment period be accordingly extended.</p>		04 April 2014.	<p>contacted and notified that her comments via email have been noted.</p>
32	<p>Requested to be registered as an I&amp;AP. Requested that a copy of the Final Scoping Report to be sent to her.</p>	<p>Ms Sarah Watson – Golder Associates Africa (Pty) Ltd.</p>	<p>Email received on the 15 May 2014.</p>	<p>Ms Watson was notified via email on the 15 May 2014 that her details will be updated onto our database. The Draft Scoping Report comment period has ended. I will send through a copy of the Draft Scoping Report to your address if you would want. We are now in the process of finalising the Final Scoping Report to the DEA.</p>
33	<p>Stated that Grindrod does not have any comments at this stage but would like to remain as an 'interested and affected' party to this project. To please ensure that they stay on the contact list for updates to follow.</p>	<p>Mr Christo Coetzer – Grindrod Terminals - Executive – Terminals Richards Bay.</p>	<p>Received email on the 05 May 2014.</p>	<p>Mr Coetzer was contacted on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and notified that his details will remain on the database and that he will be informed and kept up-to-date on the project.</p>
34	<p>Requested an Electronic Copy of the Draft Scoping Report.</p>	<p>Mr Johan van der Walt - Tronox</p>	<p>Email was received on the 2 April 2014.</p>	<p>An email was sent to Mr van der Walt on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2014</p>

				that a CD will posted to him. A CD was posted to Mr van der Walt on the 3 April 2014.
35	<p>Requested an Electronic Copy of the Draft Scoping Report.</p> <p>I was recently sent the e-mail below presumably as a potential Interested &amp; Affected Party. However my company CRUZ-Environmental are specialists in aquatic ecosystems, particularly estuaries (including harbours) &amp; coastal lakes, their fauna, water quality &amp; ecotoxicology. In addition we have undertaken extensive work in these fields in the port of Richards Bay and the surrounding aquatic water bodies, recently having completed a major assessment of the potential impacts of the development of the Port of Richards Bay to 2050 (The Due Diligence Investigation).</p> <p>I have not had time yet to read through in detail the BID that was sent but already from Figure 2 I note that you are contemplating dumping dredger spoil right in the Zone of the Offset Development area identified as part of the Due Diligence study!! Secondly have you considered the potential impacts of dumping spoil containing high levels of salt into a freshwater ecosystem!!!</p> <p>I have attached a copy of our company Profile for your information, should your at any time require any expert input related to our fields of expertise and particularly our extensive background knowledge of the ecology and associated components in and around the port of Richards Bay we would be available to be brought in on you project. Should you require any further detail particularly related to our experience and past projects undertaken please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>	Mr Digby Cyrus – Cruz Environmental Consultants	<p>Email was received on the 28 March 2014.</p> <p>Email was received on the 01 April 2014.</p>	<p>A CD was posted to Mr Cyrus on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 as requested.</p> <p>Mr Cyrus was contacted and thanked for providing his Company profile should we require his assistance. He was also notified that the CSIR are in the process of compiling a Report regarding the Thresholds for dredging Compliance Monitoring in an around Richards bay area. Through this study the relationship between turbidity and suspended solids concentrations in the water column of Richards Bay under typical and simulated dredging conditions was defined. The combined relationship was used to define thresholds for compliance monitoring during the dredging phase of the Richards Bay Port</p>



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36	<p>The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) appreciates the opportunity given to comment on the DSR for the above mentioned development.</p> <p>The site for the proposed project has small pockets of both dune and swamp forest which are protected in terms of the National Forests Act, 84 of 1998. Therefore, DAFF requests that a Vegetation Specialist Report be compiled and included in the following Environmental Assessment document, detailing the extent that the development may have on the natural vegetation/natural forests or protected trees under the national Forests Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998), there after a site inspection will be conducted then further comments will be passed.</p>	Mrs T.N Belebese – DAFF – Forest Regulation and Support KZN	Fax was received on the 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	<p>Mrs Belebese was contacted on the 13 May 2014 to notify her of acknowledgement of Receipt of Fax.</p> <p>She was also notified that a Terrestrial Survey will be conducted to allow the detailed analysis of the vegetation communities in the development area. The information from this survey will be included in the Draft EIA Report that will be sent out for review and comment.</p>
37	Please be advised that according to GNR 543 Chapter 1 (4); where a prescribed timeframe is affected by one or more public holidays, the timeframe must be extended by the number of public holiday days falling within that time frame. in this timeframe there were 5 public holidays which are the 18th, 21, 28, 1 and the 7th; therefore regarding such holidays the 40 days for comments will elapse on the 12/05/2014.	Ms Mbali Luthuli – Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs	Email was received on the 6 May 2014.	Email was sent to notify Ms Luthuli, that the prescribed timeframe is noted.
38	The faxed had stated that Ms Mbali Luthuli is no longer in the EIA component, so for all other correspondences with regard to current and future projects to please direct them to Mr Muzi Mdamba-Assistant Manager EIA Component.	Ms Mbali Luthuli – Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Rural Development.	Fax was received on the 5 <sup>th</sup> of May 2014.	Mr Mdamba was contacted on the 6 May 2014, he requested an extension of time and stated that he will provide comments to

				me on the 20 May 2014.
38 A	The email stated that it is there view that due to the large scle of the proposed development, a number of significantly negative impacts are anticipated, particularly biophysical issues. However, the KZN DAEARD is satisfied that the Draft Scoping Report duly set out appropriate criteria for the identification and reporting of these impacts in the form of proposed specialist studies based on the baseline studies that have already been conducted. These will be expected to be comprehensive in terms of impacts mitigation as described in the Plan of Study for EIA.	Mr Muzi Mdamba - Assistant Manager EIA Component - Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Rural Development	Email was received on the 20 May 2014.	An email was corresponded to Mr Madamba on the 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 stating that the comments will be incorporated into the Final Scoping Report.
39	Ms Govender had stated that she had saved the CD containing the Draft Scoping report, but unfortunately cannot access the system. Requested that a link be sent where the reports can be downloaded. As they need to comment on this application from SDF and EMF perspectives.	Ms Sharin Govender – City of uMhlathuze – Projects Manager: Environmental Planning	Email received on the 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2014.	Emai was corresponded to Ms Govender requesting if she has access to Dropbox or Sendfiles as the Report can be sent through and that they would have to request an extension in time.  The documents where uploaded onto Dropbox and Ms Govender was notified that she can download them.  Still awaiting comments from the Municipality.
40	The Draft Scoping Report was reviewed by the Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (Ezemvelo) IEM Planning Committee.		Email was received from Mr Dominic Weiners on the 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2014.	An email was corresponded to Mr Weiners on the 15 May 2014 regarding the comment from

	<p>It is brought to your attention that the proposed port expansion development is located in a highly sensitive environment, flanked on the southern side by a Protected Area, and surrounded by future and proposed Nature reserves and areas of conservation significance. In addition, some areas earmarked for the development are also considered to be of conservation significance.</p> <p>While there are a number of concerns with the application as it currently stands, the Plan of Study is supported in as far as it will potentially provide the required information required to make an informed decision. Furthermore, the specialist studies recommended in the Plan of Study should identify additional fatal flaws not already identified in the baseline studies and initial feasibility studies.</p> <p>Ezemvelo look forward to engaging in this project through the final phases, and to considering whether there is potential for a way forward to ensure a sustainable port development in Richards Bay. Please note that this does not constitute final comment, but that final comment will be submitted upon review of the specialist reports as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Report.</p>			<p>Ezemvelo and that the comments have been noted.</p>
<p>41</p>	<p>As the Port Users Committee we declare that work priorities have unfortunately predetermined the required time and focus on the contents.</p> <p>Given the voluminous document (473 pages) to be studied, and the far</p>	<p>Mr Garth Wilson – Port Users Committee, Richards Bay</p>	<p>Emailed was received on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014</p>	<p>An email was corresponded to Mr Wilson on the 20 May 2014. A proposal was submitted for the</p>

	<p>reaching ramifications of its intended implementation, on behalf of the PUC I respectfully request an extension till <b>20.06.2014</b> for submission of comment.</p> <p>Furthermore it is our express opinion that an urgent PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUM is arranged at a suitably large enough venue for all I&amp;AP to be afforded the opportunity to get DSR properly presented and allow feed-back on the comments and questions the consultants may already have had to process.</p> <p>Pleased to hear your agreement to the above request....</p> <p>We hereby confirm that we accept the proposed extension date to the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014.</p> <p>With regards the proposed meeting date we request it be set for the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014. If in agreement we will then communicate this engagement to our membership to ensure maximum exposure.</p>			<p>extra review time that we would like to offer as well as a possibility for a focus group meeting.</p> <p>21 May 2014 an email was corresponded to Mr Wilson regarding the extension of the review period till the 30 May 2014 and a focus group meeting to be held during the week of 26 May 2014.</p>
<p>42</p>	<p>We hereby confirm that we accept the proposed extension date to the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014.</p> <p>With regards the proposed meeting date we request it be set for the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014. If in agreement we will then communicate this engagement to our membership to ensure maximum exposure.</p>		<p>Email was received on the 23 May 2014.</p>	<p>Mr Wilson was contacted on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2014, to confirm the meeting for the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Mr Wilson will provide the details of the meeting to Ms Naicker.</p>
<p>43</p>	<p>As indicated, the RBCAA would like to submit comment on the <b>Draft Scoping Report for the Port of Richards Bay Expansion Programme</b>, however due to work commitments, and the sheer volume of the report, we have been unable to give the report the required attention.</p> <p>We therefore respectfully request that we be afforded until <b>13 June</b></p>	<p>Sandy Camminga – Richards Bay Clean Air Association.</p>	<p>Email was received on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014.</p>	<p>Ms Camminga was contacted on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014 to notify her that we would like to incorporate her comments into</p>

	<p><b>2014</b> to submit our comments.</p> <p>The proposed project will have far reaching consequences for the environment and the citizens of uMhlathuze, which combined with the sheer magnitude of the project dictates the need for further public participation.</p> <p>We therefore <u>request</u> a <b>Public Participation Meeting</b>, and kindly request that the meeting be held at a suitable venue outside of the Port.</p> <p>A further comment period would have to be afforded to stakeholders following the public meeting.</p>			<p>the FSR and if she can provide us with her comments on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and she was also notified that a Focus Group Meeting will be held in August 2014 for all I&amp;APs to attend. Ms Camminga has agreed to provide comments and has agreed to the Focus Group Meeting in August 2014.</p>
44	<p>With reference to your letter dated 14 March 2014, in connection with the above mentioned proposed Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme Application, I have to inform you that the Minister as the Controlling Authority as defined in the Kwa-Zulu Natal Roads Act No.4 of 2001, has in terms of section 21 of the said Act, no objections to the proposal, as the property concerned is not affected by the Provincial Road Network.</p> <p>This correspondence does not grant authorization or exemption from compliance with any other relevant and applicable legislation.</p>	<p>Michèle Schmid - Chief Engineering Technician KZN Department of Transport</p>	<p>Email was received on the 27 May 2014</p>	<p>The comments have been noted.</p>
45	<p>Good afternoon Ms Naicker. – <b>(RESEND)</b></p> <p>First of all, on behalf of the Port Users Committee (Page 106, 7.3.1 b) and all our subscribers, we thank AECOM SA (Pty) on behalf of their client Transnet SOC Limited (Transnet Capital Projects), for their patience and understanding as more time was set aside for our comments to be submitted.</p> <p>It would be fair to say the PUC is unanimous in its thinking that the vision of Transnet SOC Limited, such as it is portrayed in the Executive Summary as well throughout this DSR, is if anything exciting and an early indicator that the Port of Richards Bay's potential clearly points to the coming of age of a young logistic focus point on the East</p>	<p>Mr Roelof Camminga - Port Users Committee, Richards Bay</p>	<p>Email received on the 30 May 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments have been noted. The following methods that are stated below where use to announce and create awareness of the Proposed Project:</li> <li>• The Newspaper adverts where placed in the Mercury Newspaper on the 31 January 2014 and the</li> </ul>

<p>African sea board. It is also noted that a lot of emphasis has been placed on the many environmental vectors which may be encountered throughout this envisaged growth phase, something which dovetails completely with the PUC's Declaration.</p> <p>While all of the environmental vectors are, in a broad sense, measured/controlled/governed by Legislation and/or Organs of State and therefore will provide most of the guidelines and direction as to the manner, magnitude and momentum of the expansion, it is noted that the most important economical drivers are little mentioned, if at all.</p> <p>The PUC understands from its contents that mention in the DSR of the FEL1 (July 2012) and FEL2 (October 2013), refer to an internal (Transnet SOC Limited) study, the findings and results of which have triggered this current phase under review (Draft Scoping in the EIA process). To the best of our knowledge no current established exporter or importer has been engaged with a view to discuss volume growth forecasts and/or specific needs in that regard. It would therefore be short sighted of Transnet SOC Limited to speculate on the needs and capacity growth requirements to the exclusion then of these vital components.</p> <p>If the legislated PPP (Public Participation Process) requirement is deemed to have been 'met' by the mere posting of an advert in the press, the placing of laminated notices in some random positions around the City of Umhlatuze to solicit I&amp;AP's registration, followed by a mere 40 day review period of a veritable 473 page DSR, we declare this to fall far short of the spirit of collective engagement.</p> <p>The PUC is of the view that, in consideration of the potential doubling of the harbour footprint over the next 10 to 20 years, a few specialist environmental studies alone will not suffice. With EIA processes well legislated and being a very fundamental component of any development envisaged, the sheer</p>			<p>Zululand Observer on the 30 January 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eleven site notices were placed in an around the Port area in Strategic Places on the 7 February 2014.</li> <li>• The BID documents were sent out to I&amp;APs on the 14 March 2014.</li> <li>• The I&amp;APs database for the Proposed Project was derived from the FEL1 meetings that were conducted by Transnet and the previous consultant.</li> <li>• I&amp;APs that would like to register for the Proposed Project can still provide their details to AECOM.</li> <li>• Lastly, a FOCUS Group Meeting will be held in during the EIA Phase of the Project, where all I&amp;APs and Stakeholders will be notified to attend.</li> </ul>
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	<p>magnitude and scale of the contemplated expansion demands closer collaboration with the entire industry.</p> <p>It should be possible that with the use of the contacts data base in the hands of TNPA / TPT and the PUC, between AECOM SA (Pty) Ltd and your client, this project should have reached many more than only 131 persons (some of whom are listed by legislation and should actually not be counted). Furthermore this meagre list of I&amp;AP, the 'identified stakeholders' (sic) as it were, is by no manner or means representative of the entire sociological and/or commercial demographic between the mineral and manufacturing belts in the hinterland via the eastern corridors to the Port of Richards Bay.</p> <p>In view of the above it is the submission of the PUC that this process is flawed in principle of execution and is thus rejected in its current form. It is our firm opinion that a new starting point has to be presented, inclusive of but not limited to, ALL users of the port and the City of Umhlatuze.</p>			
<p>46</p>	<p>The Comments are listed in Appendix 7 of this Report. The main comments are as follows:  <b>2.0 Comments on the Draft Scoping Report</b>                  2.1 Public Participation Process</p>	<p>Ms Sandy Camminga –                  EIA Committee                  Chairman – Richards bay                  Clean Air Association</p>	<p>Email received on the                  2 June 2014.</p>	<p>Comments have been noted.</p> <p>The following methods that are stated below where used to announce and create awareness of the Proposed Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Newspaper adverts where placed in the Mercury Newspaper on the 31 January 2014 and the Zululand Observer on the 30 January 2014.</li> </ul>

	<p>2.2. Scoping Phase</p> <p>2.3 Air Quality Baseline Study</p> <p>3.0 Terms of Reference for Air Quality Assessment</p> <p>4.0 General                  4.0.1 Clarification is required in terms of the appointed EAP (AECOM). Will AECOM also be used as the design engineers for any structures</p> <p>4.0.2. The impact and mitigation of on-land disposal of dredge material and associated fines must be incorporated in the EIA.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eleven site notices were placed in an around the Port area in Strategic Places on the 7 February 2014.</li> <li>• The BID documents were sent out to I&amp;APs on the 14 March 2014.</li> </ul> <p>The RBCAA was given the opportunity to identify issues and concerns regarding the DSR (Please refer to point 43 of the IRR). She was also granted an extension of time.</p> <p>Kijani Green had conducted the Baseline Study during the FEL1 Phase.</p> <p>The comment on this section is noted. Kijani Green will be available at the Focus Group Meeting to attend to any queries.</p> <p>AECOM is just the EAP on this Project and will not be used as the design engineers for this project.</p> <p>This will be incorporated into the</p>
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	<p>4.0.3 More information will be required on the Ports CO<sub>2</sub> footprint reduction strategy and energy efficiency program.</p> <p>4.0.4 There is no project implementation timeline.</p> <p>4.0.5 The report indicated that overflow from the surge dam will be discharged into the sea. It is not explained where and how this will occur</p> <p>4.0.6 Traffic Baseline Study: This study only looked at impacts within the Port. The traffic impacts of the proposed expansion will have far reaching effects beyond the Port boundary of the City. We therefore recommend that a <u>Specialist Traffic Study</u> be undertaken.</p> <p><b>5.0 .Conclusion</b>                  The RBCAA's primary aim is to facilitate improved air quality in the uMhlatuze area. The RBCAA believes that it has considerable experience and knowledge that could add value to this process.                  The RBCAA would like to be afforded an opportunity to meet with AECOM, and Kijani Green Energy, to discuss air quality issues and concerns relating to the proposed Port Expansion.</p>			<p>EIA.</p> <p>Comment has been noted.</p> <p>The comment has been noted and will be addressed in the EIA Phase.</p> <p>A Specialist Study is being undertaken during the EIA Phase of the Project.</p> <p>A focus group meeting will be held during the EIA Phase. Kijani Green Energy and AECOM will be present to address any concerns and queries regarding the Proposed Project.</p>
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#### 4.7 APPENDIX 7: I&AP CORRESPONDENCE DURING DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

**From:** Andrew Simpson Intertek [<mailto:andrew.simpson@intertek.com>]  
**Sent:** 24 March 2014 16:24  
**To:** RichardBayPortExpansion  
**Cc:** Thomas Andrews Intertek; Kudzai Mandaza Intertek  
**Subject:** RE: 14C00389 Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, Availability of the Draft Scoping Report

Dear Madam

Can the DSR be sent via email in pdf format (i.e. does file size permit or perhaps we can use DropBox or similar if it exceeds corporate email limits)?

Kind regards  
Andrew

**For Intertek Commodities: Environmental Testing Division**

**AJ Simpson M.Sc. Pr.Sci.Nat.**  
*Professional Natural Scientist: Earth & Environmental Sciences*

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**From:** Frans Van der Walt [<mailto:frans@qs2000plus.co.za>]  
**Sent:** 24 March 2014 16:30  
**To:** RichardBayPortExpansion  
**Subject:** RE: 14C00389 Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, Availability of the Draft Scoping Report





Hallo Ms. Maimane,

I would appreciate if a CD could be forwarded to myself. (refer address hereunder)

Regards,

**Frans van der Walt** (B.Sc (QS), Pr.QS (2167), PMAQS, MRICS)  
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	<b>Physical :</b>	22 Pompano Place, MEERENSEE, 3901
	<b>Skype :</b>	fransvanderwalt

**From:** Van Tonder, Theuns AMM [<mailto:Theuns.vanTonder@arcelormittal.com>]  
**Sent:** 25 March 2014 11:02  
**To:** [14C00389@aecomemd.co.za](mailto:14C00389@aecomemd.co.za)  
**Subject:** Re: CD copy of Report

Dear All

Please provide a CD copy of the report to:

**Theuns van Tonder**  
**ArcelorMittal RSA**  
**P.O.BOX 10110**  
**MEERENSEE**  
**3901.**

Thank you.

Best Regards.

**Theuns van Tonder** | Manager, Ports and Harbours  
**ArcelorMittal South Africa**  
Procurement and Logistics | Group Logistics I  
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**From:** Muhammad Ali [<mailto:MuhammadA@foskor.co.za>]  
**Sent:** 24 March 2014 17:32  
**To:** RichardBayPortExpansion; [14C00389@aecomemd.co.za](mailto:14C00389@aecomemd.co.za)  
**Subject:** RE: 14C00389 Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, Availability of the Draft Scoping Report

Please send me an electronic version.

Thanks

M. Ali



Muhammad Ali | Senior Manager: SHREQ

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From: Roelof Camminga - IVS RBAY [mailto:Roelofc@ivs-int.com]  
Sent: 24 March 2014 18:51  
To: [14C00389@aecomemd.co.za](mailto:14C00389@aecomemd.co.za)  
Subject: ELECTRONIC COPY DSR

Please send me a copy on disk.

Suite #2  
Marine Services Park  
Tenedos Av  
Richards Bay Harbour

Regards  
(Sent from my i5)  
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28\*47'05"S, 32\*03'11"E

**From:** RichardBayPortExpansion <14C00389@aecomemd.co.za>  
**Sent:** 31 March 2014 08:42 AM  
**To:** 'Muller, Marilyn (BHA)'  
**Cc:** Naicker, Deshni; Teurlings, Peter  
**Subject:** RE: 14C00389 Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, Availability of the Draft Scoping Report

Dear Mrs Muller

The CD will be posted to you.

Regards  
Mamokete

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**From:** Muller, Marilyn (BHA) [mailto:[marilyn.muller@bhpbilliton.com](mailto:marilyn.muller@bhpbilliton.com)]  
**Sent:** 26 March 2014 08:10  
**To:** [14C00389@aecomemd.co.za](mailto:14C00389@aecomemd.co.za)  
**Subject:** FW: 14C00389 Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, Availability of the Draft Scoping Report

To whom it may concern:

We would appreciate receiving a copy please.

How can we obtain one please?

Thanks and regards



**Marilyn Muller**  
Specialist Communications  
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**From:** Lukas de Waal [mailto:dewaal@ndcs.co.za]

**Sent:** 26 March 2014 09:43

**To:** 'RichardBayPortExpansion'

**Subject:** RE: 14C00389 Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, Availability of the Draft Scoping Report

Hi There,

I was at the library yesterday at 11h30 but there was no documents available for inspection. According to librarian, documents were not delivered. I also took up the matter with Mrs. Marti le Roux telephonically yesterday at 12h15.

Could you please forward me an electronic copy of the Draft Scoping Report.

Regards,

Lukas de Waal

083 447 8958

[dewaal@ndcs.co.za](mailto:dewaal@ndcs.co.za)

**From:** Sandy Camminga [mailto:camminga@iafrica.com]

**Sent:** 27 March 2014 10:41

**To:** 'RichardBayPortExpansion'

**Subject:** RE: 14C00389 Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, Availability of the Draft Scoping Report

**Importance:** High

Hi Marti

As per telecom, please could we request **4 disk copies** of the **DSR** for distribution to our EIA Committee.

Please could these be delivered to;

33 Heideheuvel  
Veldenvlei  
Richards Bay  
3900.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

*Sandy Camminga*

**Richards Bay Clean Air Association**

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🌐 Visit: [www.rbcaa.org.za](http://www.rbcaa.org.za)

**From:** RichardBayPortExpansion <14C00389@aecomemd.co.za>  
**Sent:** 31 March 2014 08:53 AM  
**To:** Naicker, Deshni  
**Subject:** FW: Port of Richards Bay - Proposed Expansion

Dear Carolyn

WESSA is registered on the database and you are the representative. My apologies if you did not receive communication to date. I will ensure that all you details are correct.

Regards  
Mamokete

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**From:** Carolyn [mailto:[afromatz@telkomsa.net](mailto:afromatz@telkomsa.net)]  
**Sent:** 27 March 2014 15:38  
**To:** [14C00389@aecomemd.co.za](mailto:14C00389@aecomemd.co.za)  
**Subject:** Port of Richards Bay - Proposed Expansion

Dear Martie and Deshni

**Coastwatch KZN** is a non-governmental organisation formed by volunteers and it operates with support of people interested and/or affected by issues relating to the coastal and marine environment. The organisation serves to ensure that development area is appropriate, sustainable and legally compliant. Coastwatch, in collaboration with WESSA KZN, has been active in the province for over a decade and although WESSA KZN no longer operates Coastwatch continues its interest and requests that it be included on the AECOM database for applications relating to the coastal and marine environment.

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Regards

Carolyn Schwegman  
For Coastwatch



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**From:** Jimmy Hills Transnet National Ports Authority RCB [mailto:[Jimmy.Hills@transnet.net](mailto:Jimmy.Hills@transnet.net)]  
**Sent:** 28 March 2014 08:20  
**To:** RichardBayPortExpansion  
**Subject:** RE: 14C00389 Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, Availability of the Draft Scoping Report

Pse mail me an copy of this DSR



Jimmy Hills  
Senior Planner: Physical Planning  
Transnet National Ports Authority

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**From:** Digby & Rose Cyrus [mailto:cyrus@iafrica.com]  
**Sent:** 28 March 2014 01:05  
**To:** RichardBayPortExpansion  
**Subject:** Re: 14C00389 Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, Availability of the Draft Scoping Report

Please can you supply me with an electronic copy of the Draft Scoping Report.

Thanks,

Prof D.P.Cyrus

**From:** Muller, Marilyn (BHA) <marilyn.muller@bhpbilliton.com>  
**Sent:** 31 March 2014 09:06 AM  
**To:** RichardBayPortExpansion  
**Cc:** Naicker, Deshni; Teurlings, Peter  
**Subject:** RE: 14C00389 Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, Availability of the Draft Scoping Report

Many thanks!

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**From:** RichardBayPortExpansion [mailto:14C00389@aecomemd.co.za]  
**Sent:** 31 March 2014 08:42  
**To:** Muller, Marilyn (BHA)  
**Cc:** deshni.naicker@aecom.com; peter.teurlings@aecom.com  
**Subject:** RE: 14C00389 Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, Availability of the Draft Scoping Report

Dear Mrs Muller

The CD will be posted to you.

Regards  
Mamokete

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**From:** Muller, Marilyn (BHA) [mailto:marilyn.muller@bhpbilliton.com]  
**Sent:** 26 March 2014 08:10  
**To:** 14C00389@aecomemd.co.za  
**Subject:** FW: 14C00389 Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, Availability of the Draft Scoping Report

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How can we obtain one please?

Thanks and regards

  
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**Marilyn Muller**  
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**From:** Digby & Rose Cyrus [mailto:cyrus@iafrica.com]  
**Sent:** 01 April 2014 08:22  
**To:** RichardBayPortExpansion  
**Subject:** Fw: 14C00389 Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme: Background Information Document

Hi Deshni,

I was recently sent the e-mail below presumably as a potential Interested & Affected Party. However my company CRUZ-Environmental are specialists in aquatic ecosystems, particularly estuaries (including harbours) & coastal lakes, their fauna, water quality & ecotoxicology. In addition we have undertaken extensive work in these fields in the port of Richards Bay and the surrounding aquatic water bodies, recently having completed a major assessment of the potential impacts of the development of the Port of Richards Bay to 2050 (The Due Diligence Investigation).

I have not had time yet to read through in detail the BID that was sent but already from Figure 2 I note that you are contemplating dumping dredger spoil right in the Zone of the Offset Development area identified as part of the Due Diligence study!! Secondly have you considered the potential impacts of dumping spoil containing high levels of salt into a freshwater ecosystem!!!

I have attached a copy of our company Profile for your information, should your at any time require any expert input related to our fields of expertise and particularly our extensive background knowledge of the ecology and associated components in and around the port of Richards Bay we would be available to be brought in on you project. Should you require any further detail particularly related to our experience and past projects undertaken please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Digby Cyrus

CRUZ Environmental

**From:** Lukas de Waal <dewaal@ndcs.co.za>  
**Sent:** 02 April 2014 12:20 PM  
**To:** Naicker, Deshni  
**Subject:** RE: 14C00389 Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, Availability of the Draft Scoping Report

Hi Deshni,

Thanks for Draft Scoping Report. Much appreciated.

Regards,

Lukas de Waal Pr. Tech (Eng) Pr. CPM MSAICE  
083 447 8958  
[dewaal@ndcs.co.za](mailto:dewaal@ndcs.co.za)

**From:** Naicker, Deshni [mailto:Deshni.Naicker@aecom.com]  
**Sent:** 02 April 2014 12:01 PM  
**To:** [dewaal@ndcs.co.za](mailto:dewaal@ndcs.co.za)  
**Subject:** FW: 14C00389 Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, Availability of the Draft Scoping Report  
**Importance:** High

Good Day Mr de Waal,

Please find attached a copy of the Draft Scoping Report. It excludes the appendices. I will send you all the reports in separate emails.

Kind Regards

**Deshni Naicker**

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**From:** RichardBayPortExpansion <14C00389@aecomemd.co.za>  
**Sent:** 03 April 2014 09:29 AM  
**To:** 'Johan Van Der Walt [EPG Marketing]'  
**Cc:** 'Fanie Badenhorst [Tronox Mineral Sands]'; Naicker, Deshni  
**Subject:** RE: 14C00389 Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, Availability of the Draft Scoping Report

Dear van der Walt

The CD will be posted to you.

Regards  
Mamokete

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**From:** Johan Van Der Walt [EPG Marketing] [<mailto:johan.vanderwalt@za.tronox.com>]  
**Sent:** 02 April 2014 08:57  
**To:** 14C00389@aecomemd.co.za  
**Cc:** Fanie Badenhorst [Tronox Mineral Sands]  
**Subject:** RE: 14C00389 Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, Availability of the Draft Scoping Report

Good Day Ms Naicker  
Hope this message finds you well.

Basis below notification, please advise on process to be followed to obtain Electronic copies of the DSR.

Thanks

Kind regards

Johan

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Fax: + 27 86 634 3487  
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**From:** Sandy Camminga [<mailto:camminga@iafrica.com>]  
**Sent:** 04 April 2014 06:14  
**To:** 'RichardBayPortExpansion'  
**Subject:** RE: 14C00389 Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, Availability of the Draft Scoping Report

Dear Marti

This serves to confirm receipt of the requested Draft Scoping Report (4 disks), received yesterday 3 April 2014.

It is concerning that the report is not accessible via a website.

Since the report was only received by the RBCAA on 3 April, we would kindly request that the 40 day comment period be accordingly extended.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

*Sandy Camminga*

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**From:** Sandy Camminga [<mailto:camminga@iafrica.com>]  
**Sent:** 27 March 2014 10:41 AM  
**To:** 'RichardBayPortExpansion'  
**Subject:** RE: 14C00389 Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, Availability of the Draft Scoping Report  
**Importance:** High

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🌐 Visit: [www.rbcse.org.za](http://www.rbcse.org.za)

**From:** Carolyn <afromatz@telkomsa.net>  
**Sent:** 08 April 2014 10:31 AM  
**To:** Naicker, Deshni  
**Subject:** RE: Port of Richards Bay - Proposed Expansion

Thanks!

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**From:** Naicker, Deshni [<mailto:Deshni.Naicker@aecom.com>]  
**Sent:** 08 April 2014 10:14 AM  
**To:** Carolyn  
**Subject:** RE: Port of Richards Bay - Proposed Expansion  
**Importance:** High

Hi Carolyn,

Thanks. I have already contacted the courier service and the document will be delivered on Thursday to you. I will also print out a copy of the Draft Scoping Report for you and send a CD as well.

Should you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks, and

Kind Regards

**Deshni Naicker**

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**From:** Carolyn [<mailto:afromatz@telkomsa.net>]  
**Sent:** 08 April 2014 09:56 AM  
**To:** Naicker, Deshni  
**Subject:** RE: Port of Richards Bay - Proposed Expansion

Hi Deshni

I was just leaving the post office when you called so perhaps there has been a problem. Thanks for the call and I'll look out for the delivery on Thurs. Just to confirm – street address:

4 Beefwood Road  
Pennington  
4184.

Many thanks  
Carolyn

**From:** Naicker, Deshni [<mailto:Deshni.Naicker@aecom.com>]  
**Sent:** 08 April 2014 09:28 AM  
**To:** [afromatz@telkomsa.net](mailto:afromatz@telkomsa.net)  
**Subject:** FW: Port of Richards Bay - Proposed Expansion  
**Importance:** High

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Thanks, and

Kind Regards

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**From:** Carolyn [<mailto:afromatz@telkomsa.net>]  
**Sent:** 07 April 2014 09:41  
**To:** [14C00389@aecomemd.co.za](mailto:14C00389@aecomemd.co.za)  
**Subject:** FW: Port of Richards Bay - Proposed Expansion

Good Day

I am concerned that Coastwatch may miss the opportunity to be involved in this project. Have you received the email below, please?

Regards  
Carolyn

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**From:** Carolyn [<mailto:afromatz@telkomsa.net>]  
**Sent:** 27 March 2014 03:38 PM  
**To:** '14C00389@aecomemd.co.za'  
**Subject:** Port of Richards Bay - Proposed Expansion

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Regards

Carolyn Schwegman  
For Coastwatch



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**From:** Fanie Joubert <Fanie@ivstorage.co.za>  
**Sent:** 08 April 2014 11:16 AM  
**To:** Naicker, Deshni  
**Subject:** Re: TNPA RB EIA

Hello Deshni

Thank you for the reply.

Our office address is:  
IVS  
Charter House  
13 Brand Road  
Glenwood

Regards

Fanie

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 8, 2014, at 9:26 AM, "Naicker, Deshni" <Deshni.Naicker@aecom.com> wrote:

Good Morning Mr Joubert,

Thank you for Registering onto the I&AP database.

Please can you provide me with a physical address so that I can get a CD delivered to you.

Should you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks, and

Kind Regards

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Dear Mrs Le Roux / Naicker

I want to register as an interested stakeholder for this Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme EIA.

Can I obtain the information applicable to the EIA from the internet?

Regards

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Good day

I would like to register as an I&AP for the EIA being conducted for the Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme (DEA REF NO: 14/12/16/3/3/3/103).

Please could you also provide me with a copy of the Final Scoping Report which has been prepared for the project.

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**PROPOSED RICHARDS BAY PORT EXPANSION PROGRAMME**

**COMMENT ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT (SR):**

The proposed project is described as one meeting the needs identified by Transnet to cater for the increase in general freight demand. The project comprises expansion and recapitalising existing facilities. Coastwatch KZN focuses its comments on the biophysical environment, and includes in its interest the aspects of surface water management, solid and liquid waste management and air quality.

Following concept and pre-feasibility studies Option 3A is proposed for further investigation, with the assurance that Transnet's sustainability principles are incorporated into planning, taking cognisance of local environmental priorities and proposing long term measures to address impacts.

• **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

Coastwatch is compelled to comment on the information provided in this section. Section 2.1 lists projects which have environmental authorisation, or are in the process of application for authorisation. It is said that the listed projects should not be confused with this project, the proposed port expansion. However, of concern to Coastwatch is that in some cases the individual EIAs overlook cumulative and synergistic impacts from, for example, the expansion project under review. Also, by undertaking these individual EIAs specialist recommendations, such as those provided in the port expansion baseline studies, are not adopted in other projects where they may apply. For example, the Transnet South Dunes lease site, currently undergoing EIA for the construction of infrastructure, has been included in the baseline study for marine and terrestrial ecology for the port expansion



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project (Marine & Estuarine Research: Baseline Assessment For The Port of Richards Bay Expansion Programme, May 2013) and specific recommendations are given which apply to the South Dunes site but have not been considered in the South Dunes EIA. MER recommends, *inter alia*, that the South Dunes site “be given more detailed consideration during future port planning. A narrowing of the stabilised dune cordon has significant medium to long term effects on coastal processes”.

Coastwatch states its concern with the fragmented approach to development of a sensitive area ie Richards Bay and its environs.

- **PLANNING INITIATIVES**

The government’s Strategic Infrastructure Plan (SIP) is briefly discussed (SR 2.2 Need and Desirability). The proposed port expansion also needs to be considered in the context of other plans, including municipal strategic plans, zonation of development nodes, environmental planning initiatives, etc. Such information has not been provided.

- **BASELINE STUDIES**

- **Fatal Flaws Analysis**

The conceptual phase (FEL1) for the proposed port expansion was completed in July 2012. Engineering considerations were evaluated as well as an environmental fatal flaws analysis of all options for all aspects of the proposed expansion. FEL2 (pre-feasibility phase), commenced October 2012 and a Multi Criteria Analysis was done from which it was determined that Option 3A would be investigated further as the ‘preferred option’. The baseline studies cited in the SR were undertaken during 2013, *after* completion of the environmental fatal flaws analysis conducted during FEL1. What criteria, and studies, were used in the environmental analysis to identify fatal flaws?

Coastwatch comments as follows on the baseline studies undertaken during the pre-feasibility phase (FEL2) of the port expansion project as discussed in the SR Section 2.3.

- **2.3.2: Air Quality**



Concern: “A dust monitoring program has been operational at the site from 2008 to at least March 2012 (last available records).” (emphasis added). It is with concern that we note that data from the past two years is unavailable. It erodes confidence in the operation of activities.

- Air Quality Standards vs Ambient Levels

Coastwatch considers that of equal value to achieving compliance with standards for air emissions is the consideration of any increase in levels of emissions from ambient levels where human health in particular may be affected. The recommendation that changes in operational activity be accurately assessed and the resultant increases in emissions be modelled, with specific reference to increased particulate and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions resulting from increased ship traffic into the port is supported (SR 6.1.3). Results of the modelling should be discussed in terms of the required standards/guidelines, as well as in relation to ambient levels, even if exceedences are not anticipated.

- 2.3.3 Baseline Heritage Study

Although the formally protected landscape of Richards Bay Nature Reserve falls outside the study area for the port expansion potential impacts on the Protected Area and its Support Areas would need to be identified and avoided/mitigated. Offsite impacts on sensitive areas and systems would need to be considered.

- 2.3.4 Turbidity and Suspended Solids

Coastwatch supports the measures being taken to address the limited data available in respect of baseline turbidity and suspended solids ie the 6 month monitoring programme which commenced September 2013.

- 2.3.5 Metal Contamination of Sediment and Implications of Dredging

- o It is still to be determined (decision by DEA/further testing with respect to copper and/or chromium concentrations) whether all dredged material can be disposed offshore. Coastwatch is interested in the information on sediment contamination which will be made available from the EIA process.
- o Sources of Metal Contamination  
It appears that the most significant sources of contamination are associated with port activities (section 2.3.5 - probably spillage of metal ore fragments

and scrap metal flakes during vessel loading in the Inner Basin Complex (600 and 700 series berths)).

Coastwatch expectations are that sources of contamination will be identified and addressed and the organisation fully supports the requirement that this will be done as set out in this section of the SR. Will this requirement be fulfilled as part of the mitigation/management controls for the current port expansion project?

- 2.3.6 Implications of a Basic Water Quality Survey

- o Existing turbidity and total suspended solids concentration data for Richards Bay show that in areas (Inner Basins 1 and 3) an environment for eutrophic conditions exists due to restricted exchange of water. Coastwatch is pleased to find that the importance of avoiding the development of hypoxic (possibly even anoxic) conditions is recognised in that infrastructure design must aim to achieve the maximum possible water exchange between the 'dead-end' basins and the greater Richards Bay.
- o Water pH  
The low pH of the water column off the Bhizolo Canal shows clearly an anthropogenic source of contamination. Similarly, Coastwatch supports the infrastructure design phase adopting precautions to avoid exacerbating the existing ecological implications. This would possibly require the relevant authorities to undertake a separate exercise to identify the sources of contaminants in the canal catchment and implement control measures. It must, however, not be overlooked during the EIA for port expansion – cumulative impacts.
- o Surface Runoff – Stormwater management  
While surface water management forms an integral part of the design of the proposed port expansion, again - sources of and vectors for the entry of metal and other contaminants into Richards Bay need to be identified, reduced and controlled – an exercise involving all stakeholders.

In light of the identified anthropogenic causes of water contamination within Richards Bay and the potential of port expansion to exacerbate the situation it is a priority that the sources of contamination are addressed.

- Study by Marine and Estuarine Research (MER)

Section 2.3 lists the baseline studies done during the pre-feasibility phase of the proposed port expansion and discussion follows, however the baseline ecological assessment of terrestrial, wetland and estuarine environments in selected areas of Richards Bay is not included (MER report) in discussion in this section of the SR. While the findings of the baseline study provide information used in describing the receiving/affected environment (SR section 5) the MER report includes recommendations for inclusion in more detailed phases of port planning/development planning and implementation of port expansion projects. Further, taken from this baseline study report Coastwatch emphasises the following excerpt from the DAERD (2011) Environmental Management Framework Report:

*“The port estuary must function as a natural system and must complement port activities. Port operations must also secure the ecological-hydrological interrelationship between the port estuary and sanctuary estuary”.* It is noted, too, that the biodiversity richness of the estuary and its surrounding areas is of global significance and vulnerable to change.

- o Habitat Loss. The SR, section 2.3, discusses the ecological implications pertaining to water quality (turbidity, contamination) however the loss of sensitive habitat which may result from the proposed expansion project as described in the MER report, section 3, has been overlooked.

• ALTERNATIVES: SR SECTION 3

- Environmental criteria used to assess alternatives

Continuing with the sensitive habitats which have been identified in the MER report clarification is required on the Multi Criteria Analysis from which the preferred alternative – Option 3A – was identified. Fauna and Flora are given as ‘environmental criteria’ – what of habitat? This is particularly relevant with respect to the listed activities R546 12 and 13, described in the SR section 4.1, pertaining to the clearing indigenous vegetation.

- Sustainability Alternatives

The Sustainability Alternatives discussed in the SR 3.3 are supported.

- **LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

- **Sections 4.9 (Other Applicable Legislation) and 4.10 (Guideline Documents)**

Provincial conservation and local planning tools and processes have relevance for the proposed port expansion. Provincial conservation planning initiatives and the uMhlatuze Environmental Services Management Plan, for example, would likely provide additional information to be considered in the port expansion project.

- **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS IDENTIFIED: SR SECTION 6**

- **Hydrology**

A description of the hydrology of Richards Bay is given in the SR section 5.3 and 5.8.4, within section 5 which describes the affected environment. However, discussion on hydrology does not continue into section 6 which identifies environmental issues and potential impacts of the proposed port expansion.

Has it been determined that the proposed port expansion will not impact the hydrology of Richards Bay?

- **6.1.1 Socio-Economic Issues**

The effect of the estimated project expenditure of the respective options, on employment, total output and value added were estimated and it is said that the capacity expansion project would have significant socio-economic impact on the province of KwaZulu-Natal as well as South Africa. It would, however, appear that during the exercise to determine the socio-economic impacts of the expansion project the value of the natural capital has been excluded. Considering that, from the terms of reference for studies, natural capital (ie ecosystems – habitat, goods and services) will be lost and offsets considered a value must be given to our natural capital (Coastwatch assumes that a 100 % success for offset rehabilitation is not guaranteed) and included in the determination of both positive and negative economic impacts of the project.

- **PLAN OF STUDY FOR EIA: SR SECTION 8**

**8.4 Terms of Reference for the Marine and Land Based Ecological Impact Assessment:**

The terms of reference are outlined and a description of all the surveyed habitats, characteristics and current status will be provided. Coastwatch raises two issues with respect to this specialist study –

- What is meant by "... and proposed layouts for the following habitats: estuary, freshwater .... " etc? The term *proposed layout* used in context of different habitats is not understood. Does it refer to the delineation (layout?) of each habitat? Is it the proposed development layout within each habitat? Please clarify this point.
  
- Ecological Corridors / Connectivity  
In addition to potential impacts on each of the sensitive habitats described in the area it must also be assessed to what extent the proposed expansion project could affect connectivity between like habitats or interlinked ecosystems.

**CONCLUSION:**

The SR recommends, based on the identification of potentially significant issues, that further comprehensive studies are required for the proposed project in the EIA phase. Coastwatch accepts the recommendation provided that consideration is given to hydrology and ecological connectivity, in addition to any further requirements which the provincial conservation authority, Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife, may impose with respect to provincial conservation targets.

Thank you for the information.

Yours faithfully



On behalf of Coastwatch KZN

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Thank you for the email. It is noted.

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Regarding the Draft Scoping Report for the proposed Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme within UMhlathuze Local Municipality in Kwa-Zulu Natal Province DEA REF NO: 14/12/16/3/3/3/103

Please be advised that according to GNR 543 Chapter 1 (4); where a prescribed timeframe is affected by one or more public holidays, the timeframe must be extended by the number of public holiday days falling within that time frame. In this timeframe there were 5 public holidays which are the 18th, 21, 28, 1 and the 7th; therefore regarding such holidays the 40 days for comments will elapse on the 12/05/2014.

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Thankyou

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Thankyou  
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**PROPOSED RICHARDS BAY PORT EXPANSION PROGRAMME WITHIN UMHLATHUZE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN KWA-ZULU NATAL PROVINCE**

Thank you for affording the Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Rural Development (DAEARD) an opportunity to comment on the submitted draft Scoping Report for the aforementioned development.

It is our view that due to the large scale of the proposed development, a number of significantly negative impacts are anticipated, particularly biophysical issues. However, the KZN DAEARD is satisfied that the draft scoping report duly set out appropriate criteria for the identification and reporting of these impacts in the form of proposed specialist studies based on the baseline studies that have already been conducted. These will be expected to be comprehensive in terms of impacts mitigation as described in the Plan of Study for EIA.

We are looking forward to the review of the EIA report.

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Good Day Mr Cyrus,

Please find attached a copy of the Draft Scoping Report for the Proposed Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme.

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Thanks, and

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**ATTENTION: MMATLALA RABOTHATA**

Dear Mr Rabothata

**PROPOSED PORT OF RICHARDS BAY EXPANSION PROGRAMME, UMHLATUZE  
District Municipality: Uthungulu**

The Draft Scoping Report (DSR) for the abovementioned application has been reviewed by the Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (Ezemvelo) IEM Planning Committee.

It is brought to your attention that the proposed port expansion development is located in a highly sensitive environment, flanked on the southern side by a Protected Area, and surrounded by future and proposed Nature reserves and areas of conservation significance. In addition, some areas earmarked for the development are also considered to be of conservation significance.

While there are a number of concerns with the application as it currently stands, the Plan of Study is supported in as far as it will potentially provide the required information required to make an informed decision. Furthermore, the specialist studies recommended in the Plan of Study should identify additional fatal flaws not already identified in the baseline studies and initial feasibility studies.

Ezemvelo look forward to engaging in this project through the final phases, and to considering whether there is potential for a way forward to ensure a sustainable port development in Richards Bay. Please note that this does not constitute final comment, but that final comment will be submitted upon review of the specialist reports as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

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Date: 27 May 2014

Dear Madam,

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED RICHARDS BAY PORT EXPANSION PROGRAMME: SITUATE ON PORTIONS 45, 21 AND 157 OF ERF 5333 AND LOT 223 RICHARDS BAY: SITUATE IN THE UMHLATUZE MUNICIPALITY: SITUATE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL.**

1. With reference to your letter dated 14 March 2014, in connection with the abovementioned proposed **RICHARDS BAY PORT EXPANSION PROGRAMME** application, I have to inform you that the Minister as the Controlling Authority as defined in the KwaZulu-Natal Roads Act No. 4 of 2001, has in terms of section 21 of the said Act, no objections to the proposal, as the property concerned is not affected by the Provincial Road Network.
2. This correspondence does not grant authorization or exemption from compliance with any other relevant and applicable legislation.

Yours faithfully,

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COMMENTS ON DSR - RCB PORT EXPANSION - REPORT 14C00389

Good afternoon Ms Naicker. - (RESEND)

First of all, on behalf of the Port Users Committee (Page 106, 7.3.1 b) and all our subscribers, we thank AECOM SA (Pty) on behalf of their client Transnet SOC Limited (Transnet Capital Projects), for their patience and understanding as more time was set aside for our comments to be submitted.

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It would be fair to say the PUC is unanimous in its thinking that the vision of Transnet SOC Limited, such as it is portrayed in the Executive Summary as well throughout this DSR, is if anything exciting and an early indicator that the Port of Richards Bay's potential clearly points to the coming of age of a young logistic focus point on the East African sea board. It is also noted that a lot of emphasis has been placed on the many environmental vectors which may be encountered throughout this envisaged growth phase, something which dovetails completely with the PUC's Declaration.

While all of the environmental vectors are, in a broad sense, measured/controlled/governed by Legislation and/or Organs of State and therefore will provide most of the guidelines and direction as to the manner, magnitude and momentum of the expansion, it is noted that the most important economical drivers are little mentioned, if at all.

The PUC understands from its contents that mention in the DSR of the FEL1 (July 2012) and FEL2 (October 2013), refer to an internal (Transnet SOC Limited) study, the findings and results of which have triggered this current phase under review (Draft Scoping in the EIA process). To the best of our knowledge no current established exporter or importer has been engaged with a view to discuss volume growth forecasts and/or specific needs in that regard. It would therefore be short sighted of Transnet SOC Limited to speculate on the needs and capacity growth requirements to the exclusion then of these vital components.

If the legislated PPP (Public Participation Process) requirement is deemed to have been 'met' by the mere posting of an advert in the press, the placing of laminated notices in some random positions around the City of Umhlatuze to solicit I&AP's registration, followed by a mere 40 day review period of a veritable 473 page DSR, we declare this to fall far short of the spirit of collective engagement.

The PUC is of the view that, in consideration of the potential doubling of the harbour footprint over the next 10 to 20 years, a few specialist environmental studies alone will not suffice. With EIA processes well legislated and being a very fundamental component of any development envisaged, the sheer magnitude and scale of the contemplated expansion demands closer collaboration with the entire industry.

It should be possible that with the use of the contacts data base in the hands of TNPA / TPT and the PUC, between AECOM SA (Pty) Ltd and your client, this project should have reached many more than only 131 persons (some of whom are listed by legislation and should actually not be counted). Furthermore this meagre list of I&AP, the 'identified stakeholders' (sic) as it were, is by no manner or means representative of the entire sociological and/or commercial demographic between the mineral and manufacturing belts in the hinterland via the eastern corridors to the Port of Richards Bay.

In view of the above it is the submission of the PUC that this process is flawed in principle of execution and is thus rejected in its current form. It is our firm opinion that a new starting point has to be presented, inclusive of but not limited to, ALL users of the port and the City of Umhlatuze.

Regards

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**DATE** 2 June 2014

**TO** Ms Deshni Naicker  
AECOM SA (Pty) Ltd

**REVIEW OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED RICHARDS BAY PORT  
EXPANSION PROGRAMME:**

**DEA REF NO: 14/12/16/3/3/103**

**1.0 BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION**

The Richards Bay Clean Air Association (RBCAA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on the Draft Scoping Report for the Proposed Richards Bay Port Expansion Programme, as prepared by AECOM, including the Air Quality Baseline Study undertaken by Kijani Green Energy as prepared by Simon Gear.

**2.0 COMMENTS ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT**

**2.1 Public Participation Process**

The Richards Bay Clean Air Association (RBCAA) has not been kept informed or adequately consulted.

Prior to receiving the Background Information Document (BID) on 14 March 2014, and notification of the Draft Scoping Report on 24 March 2014, the only communication we received regarding this project was an invitation from Transnet Capital Projects (TCP), dated 23 November 2012, to attend a stakeholder meeting on 3 December (refer Appendix A). At the time no information was provided.

The RBCAA was unable to attend the meeting, and informed TCP as follows (refer Appendix A);

*"Without having been provided with any information, we would assume that any expansion would result in an increase of open stockpiles. Dust pollution within the Port has proven to be a significant issue, and any expansion that would increase dust emissions could not be supported by the RBCAA.*

Registration Number 96/13031/08

Directors: Mr H. Mahommed (Managing Director), Ms S. Camminga, Mr M. Ali, Mr F. Schmidt,  
Mr D. Barton-Hobbs, Mr J. Franco, Ms M Boshoff, Mr A. Roberts

*Not with-standing the above, we request that we be provided with the relevant information, together with minutes of the meeting, so that we may make an informed comment.”*

No information or minutes were made available to the RBCAA, despite assurances from (TCP) that the RBCAA would be kept informed (refer Appendix A).

The RBCAA requests AECOM to make available the minutes of the Focus Groups meetings, and that these be included as appendices in the Final Scoping Report.

The RBCAA was not notified of the commencement of the Environmental Impact Assessment Process.

## **2.2 Scoping Phase**

The RBCAA was not afforded the opportunity to identify issues and concerns, and the RBCAA has therefore had no input into the DSR.

## **2.3 Air Quality Baseline Study**

The RBCAA has not been afforded the opportunity to identify issues and concerns relating to Air Quality.

In the absence of any Terms of Reference, the purpose of the Air Quality Baseline Study, as undertaken by Kijani Green Energy, is not understood.

We have the following comments;

- We question the use of SAWS data from the Richards Bay Airport for 2011, when there is more suitable data available for the area from the RBCAA, of which TPT and TNPA are members.
- Comment seems to focus on fuel emissions from ship traffic, when in fact based on the proposed projects the focus should be on dust emissions.
- Dust Complaints are attributed to poor house-keeping or spills. We would argue that the dust complaints recorded by the RBCAA relate to stockpiles, transfer stations, and loading\discharging of vessels.
- Section 3.3: It is stated that "*Following comparison to the Arboretum weather station situated at Harbour West (RBCAA 2012)*" This statement is incorrect – The RBCAAs' Arboretum station is not located at Harbour West. Arboretum and Harbour West are 2 separate stations. **The RBCAA requests Kijani Green Energy to correct the report accordingly.**
- Section 3.3: Conflicting references are made regarding the sourcing of weather data. It is stated that SAWS 2013 data was identified for Richards Bay, following comparison to 2012 RBCAA data – why was data for 2 different years compared? The wind rose (figure 4) then references SAWS 2011 data. Please clarify what data set has been used?
- Section 4.3 Dust fall: The RBCAA notes with concern that no monitoring data is available after March 2012.
- Figure 11, page 15: The RBCAA monitoring station is referenced as "Bayside" – this is incorrect. This is the RBCAAs' HARBOUR WEST Station. **The RBCAA requests Kijani Green Energy to correct the report accordingly.**

- **Section 4.4 Sulphur Dioxide:** The author states that “An SO<sub>2</sub> study was undertaken for Richards Bay which included SO<sub>2</sub> monitoring at Bayside.” What SO<sub>2</sub> study is being referred to? As above, the RBCAA station is called HARBOUR WEST and not Bayside. **The RBCAA requests Kijani Green Energy to correct the report accordingly.**  
The RBCAAs’ Harbour West station cannot be used to quantify SO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the Port, because of its location in relation to the Port and prevailing winds. Harbour West was established to measure downwind sulphur dioxide concentrations from Foskor and Hillside during north to north easterly winds. Under conditions of westerly winds the station would measure the impact of emissions from Bayside.
- **Section 5.1 Dust Monitoring:** In the absence of a basis for selection, the RBCAA does not support the three (3) areas recommended for monitoring.  
On a point of correction there is no such area as “Brackendowns” – the suburb is called “BRACKENHAM”. **The RBCAA requests Kijani Green Energy to correct the report accordingly.**
- **Section 5.2 Modelling:** Modelling needs to be undertaken for current Port operations, future Port operations (including projects in the process of application), and cumulative impacts of ALL sources within uMhlatuze. The Air Quality Buffer Zones as defined by the City of uMhlatuze must be included in the assessment. The assessment should further seek to quantify impacts of dust emissions from open stockpiles, conveyors, transfer stations and loading\discharge of vessels.
- **Monitoring:** The report is silent on how the current monitoring system will be expanded to include new sites, monitored, measured, mitigated and reported on.

### 3.0 Terms of Reference for Air Quality Assessment

The Terms of Reference (ToR), as they appear on page 114, Section 8.5, are not supported by the RBCAA, as they only speak to the model that will be used. Clarification is required on whether the proposed model is accepted by the regulatory authorities, and why CALPUFF isn’t being used?

A comprehensive Terms of Reference is required for this study. We would suggest that this be prepared in consultation with the RBCAA.

### 4.0 General

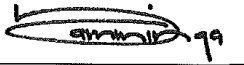
- Clarification is required in terms of the appointed EAP (AECOM). Will AECOM also be used as the design engineers for any structures?
- The impact and mitigation of on-land disposal of dredge material and the associated fines must be incorporated in the EIR.
- More information will be required on the Ports’ CO<sub>2</sub> footprint reduction strategy and energy efficiency program.
- There is no project implementation time line?
- The report indicates that overflow from the surge dam will be discharged into the sea. It is not explained where and how this will occur?
- Traffic Baseline Study: This study only looked at impacts within the Port. The traffic impacts of the proposed expansion will have far reaching effects beyond the Port boundary for the City. We therefore recommend that a Specialist Traffic Study be undertaken.



### 3.0 CONCLUSION

The RBCAA's primary aim is to facilitate improved air quality in the uMhlathuze area. The RBCAA believes that it has considerable experience and knowledge that could add value to this process.

The RBCAA would like to be afforded an opportunity to meet with AECOM, and Kijani Green Energy, to discuss air quality issues and concerns relating to the proposed Port Expansion.



**MS S CAMMINGA**  
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## APPENDIX A

**From:** Yolandi Robbetze Transnet Capital Projects JHB [mailto:Yolandi.Robbetze@transnet.net]  
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Dear Sandy

I'll insure we send through any documents and keep you in the loop.

I'll also send the Agenda even though your apology is noted.

Kind regards  
Yolandi Robbetze

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Dear Bianca

Thank you for the invitation.

Unfortunately I have a clash of meetings, so I will not be able to attend.

Please extend my apology to the meeting.

Without having been provided with any information, we would assume that any expansion would result in an increase of open stockpiles. Dust pollution within the Port has proven to be a significant issue, and any expansion that would increase dust emissions could not be supported by the RBCAA.

Not with-standing the above, we request that we be provided with the relevant information, together with minutes of the meeting, so that we may make an informed comment.

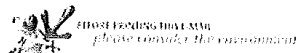
Thank you.

Kind Regards,

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Good afternoon

Please find attached an invitation to the Transnet Port Expansion Stakeholder Meeting on the 3<sup>th</sup> of December 2012.

Kind regards,

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