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**RE: NOTICE OF AMENDED PROJECT SCOPE: Provision of Landside Structures and Infrastructure to service the Bulk Liquid Storage and Handling Facility in the Port of Ngqura, Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality (DEA Reference No: 14/12/16/3/3/1/675 and NEAS Reference No: DEA/EIA/0001386/2012)**

The CSIR has been appointed by Eastern Cape Infrastructure Joint Venture, on behalf of Transnet SOC Ltd, as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAP) to undertake the Basic Assessment Process for the proposed Provision of Landside Structures and Infrastructure to service the Bulk Liquid Storage and Handling Facility (hereinafter referred to as a tank farm) in the Port of Ngqura. Public Process Consultants have been appointed to manage the Public Participation for the project.

The Basic Assessment Process has commenced and the progress made to date is detailed below:

- The Application Form for Environmental Authorisation was submitted to the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) on 10 August 2012 and the DEA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Reference Number was received on 24 August 2012 (see project reference numbers above).
- Project information was presented at the Coega Environmental Liaison Committee (ELC) meeting on 23 August 2012.
- The Background Information Document was sent to all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APS) on the project database for a 30 day comment period extending from 7 September 2012 to 8 October 2012. In order to notify I&APS of the proposed project, to invite comments and to enable registration of interest, the following actions were undertaken during the project initiation phase:
  - Newspaper advertisements were placed in The Herald and Die Burger on 7 September 2012;
  - An electronic notice board was also placed at the offices of the Coega Development Corporation on 7 September 2012;
  - Letter 1 and a comment form were sent to all I&APS on the project database on 7 September 2012; and
  - All project related information was placed on the project website: [www.publicprocess.co.za](http://www.publicprocess.co.za).
- The findings of the Draft Basic Assessment Report were presented at the Coega ELC meeting on 22 November 2012.
- Notification of the 40 day comment period on the Draft Basic Assessment Report was sent to all I&APS via Letter 2. The comment period extended from 4 February 2013 to 15 March 2013. In order to notify I&APS of the release of the Draft Basic Assessment Report, to invite comments and to enable registration of interest, the following actions were undertaken during the basic assessment phase:
  - Letter 2, dated 4 February 2013, was sent to all I&APs on the project database, which included a comment form and an executive summary of the Draft Basic Assessment Report; and
  - Copies of the Draft Basic Assessment Report were placed on the project website ([www.publicprocess.co.za](http://www.publicprocess.co.za)) and at the Motherwell Library and Govan Mbeki Avenue Main Library.

As detailed in the Draft Basic Assessment Report, the proposed project will include the construction of the following:

- A new entrance facility towards the east of the Port of Ngqura;
- An access road extending from the entrance facility to the proposed tank farm and towards the berth in the Port of Ngqura;
- Water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure (within the road reserve);

- Servitude and service road for Bulk Liquid pipelines;
- Pipeline servitude for proposed tank farm users;
- Boundary fencing; and
- Electrical services.

Based on the expansion of the Port of Ngqura and Coega Industrial Development Zone, as well as the significant increase in demand by investors to make use of the proposed tank farm, Transnet (as the responsible landowner) is now required to provide potential users of the tank farm with:

- an additional fuel reserve (approximately 1100 m long and 30 m wide) extending from the port boundary in the north east to the tank farm (Refer to Appendix A of this notification for a map showing the proposed location of the additional fuel reserve in green); and
- the widening of the proposed fuel reserve extending from the tank farm to the eastern bank of the Coega River from 10 m to 30 m (the 10 m fuel reserve has been assessed in the Draft Basic Assessment Report). Refer to Appendix A of this notification for a map indicating the proposed location of the widened fuel reserve in orange.

In light of Transnet's holistic planning exercises, as well as the recent increased investor demand, these additional fuel reserves are now regarded as critical components in the provision of the landside structures and infrastructure to service the proposed tank farm project. It is also important to note that these additional fuel reserves tie into the Port of Ngqura Development Framework Plan. The environmental impacts of the proposed additional fuel reserves will therefore need to be assessed as part of the Basic Assessment.

The additional fuel reserve will be provided to allow potential users of the tank farm to install their pipelines within and transfer products from their facilities to the tank farm. Furthermore, the additional fuel reserve will enable industries located east of the Port of Ngqura to connect to the tank farm, which is not allowed for by the pipeline servitude from the N2 National Road to the tank farm (as assessed in the Draft Basic Assessment Report).

At this stage of the planning process, it is expected that bulk fuels, biofuels and similar materials will be transferred in the pipelines installed within the additional reserves. It is important to note that the impacts associated with the construction of the additional fuel reserves will be assessed in the Final Basic Assessment Report. However, the impacts associated with the construction and operation of pipelines (within the additional fuel reserves) will be addressed separately in requisite EIAs undertaken by each potential user of the tank farm. Each user of the tank farm (making use of the proposed fuel reserves) will therefore be responsible for ensuring that their pipelines are authorised in terms of the EIA Regulations promulgated in terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998), where required.

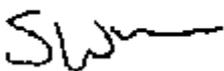
The specialist studies carried out as part of the proposed project will be updated to include an assessment of the potential impacts of the additional fuel reserves, where required. At this point, it is anticipated that the proposed fuel reserves will mainly result in impacts on the terrestrial ecology. It is important to note that the additional fuel reserves will tie into the existing pipeline servitudes proposed in the Draft Basic Assessment Report, and it will occur within the same habitat type thus potentially having a similar environmental impact and requiring similar mitigation measures to those fuel reserves previously assessed. Please note that the updated specialist studies and project description (detailing the additional fuel reserves) will be included in the Final Basic Assessment Report.

As a registered I&AP on the database for this project you will be notified in writing, via Letter 4, of the 30 day comment period on the Final Basic Assessment Report. This correspondence will indicate where and to whom any comments on the Final Basic Assessment Report are to be submitted.

The above approach has been discussed and approved by the National DEA. The National DEA requested that a notification letter (this letter) be provided to all I&APS on the project database informing stakeholders of these amendments to the project description.

Should you have any queries regarding the project, please contact Sandy Wren or Marisa Jacoby (Public Process Consultants) using the contact details provided above.

Sincerely,



**SANDY WREN**