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RE: Notice of Joint Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment, Proposed Manganese Export Facility, Zone 8, 9 and 11 of the Coega Industrial Development Zone and Port of Ngqura, including a Remainder of Farm Tankatara Trust 643, Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality (DEA Reference No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/319 and NEAS Reference No: DEA/EIA/0001141/2012).

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act no 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA), referred to as the NEMA EIA regulations 2010, published in Government Notice R 543, 544, 545 and 546 on the 18 June 2010 in Government Gazette 33306, notice is hereby given that a full Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process is required for the project described hereunder. In terms of the NEMA EIA regulations, 2010 you have been identified as an interested and/ or affected party (I&AP) for the above project and have been included on the project I&AP database.

Transnet SOC Ltd is proposing to develop a Manganese Export Facility in Zone 8, 9 and 11 of the Coega Industrial Development Zone (IDZ) and Port of Ngqura, including the Remainder of Farm Tankatara Trust 643, Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, Eastern Cape Province. The proposed project would consist of a manganese stockyard and handling facility in Zones 8 and 9 of the Coega IDZ and Port of Ngqura; as well as a rail compilation yard in Zone 11 of the IDZ and Remainder of Farm Tankatara Trust 643.

In terms of the NEMA EIA regulations, 2010 (as amended) a full Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required, as the project includes, amongst others, the following activity listed in GN R 545;

15. "Physical alteration of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land for residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use where the total area to be transformed is 20 hectares or more."

The enclosed Background Information Document provides an overview of the listed activities, which form part of the Scoping and EIA process and require environmental authorisation from the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA).

Notice of Atmospheric Emissions Licence Application

In terms of Section 38 (3) of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, Act 39 of 2004, (NEM:AQA) the project requires a new Atmospheric Emissions Licence (AEL). The proposed facility is classified under Category 5: Minerals Processing, Storage and Handling, Sub-Category 5.1: Storage and handling of ore and coal, a listed activity in terms of Section 21 of NEM:AQA. The licensing authority for the AEL is the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality.

Notice of a Waste Licence Application

The project also requires a Waste Licence in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008) in terms of GN R 718 published on 3 July 2009. The activities that may trigger the need for a waste licence are Category A listed activities, numbers 2, 11 and 18. The licensing authority is the National Department of Environmental Affairs.

The CSIR has been appointed by Transnet SOC Ltd to undertake the Joint Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) required for the project and Public Process Consultants will manage the public participation component of the EIA.

In order to ensure that you are placed on the project database as well as to raise issues and/ or concerns for inclusion in the Draft Scoping Report, you are requested to submit any comments you may have to the participation consultant at the address details indicated above, by no later than **6 June 2012**.

To assist you in the submission of any issues or concerns you may have with regards to the environmental authorisation, waste license and Atmospheric Emissions License, we have enclosed with this correspondence a Background Information Document (BID) on the project as well as a comment form. Available information on the project can be downloaded from the website www.publicprocess.co.za. Additional issues and concerns may be raised once the Draft Scoping Report is released for a 40 day I&AP review period. As a registered I&AP on the project database you will be notified of this comment period in writing.

Should you have any queries or require additional information please contact Sandy Wren, Paul-Pierre Steyn or Wandile Junundu using the contact details provided above.

Yours sincerely



SANDY WREN