

Date: 20 December 2019

Dear Stakeholder,

**REFUSAL TO GRANT ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION –  
DEA/DEFF REF. 14/12/16/3/3/2/1133**

**APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998: GN R. 982/983/985 FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE TRANSNET LEPHALALE RAILWAY YARD, AT STEENBOKPAN, LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WATERBERG DISTRICT, LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF), former Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), has decided to reject Transnet SOC Limited's application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) to expand the Lephalale Railway Yard.

Date of issuance of rejected Environmental Authorisation: 18 December 2019

The National Environmental Management Regulations (GNR 982 of 2014 as amended) require that the EA and reasons for reaching the decision be made available to stakeholders and interested and affected parties within 14 days from the date of issuance. To this end, please note that a copy of the rejected EA is attached for your review.

The EA provides detail on the outcome of the application, reasons for DFF's decision including the process to follow should you wish to lodge an appeal against the decision.

**APPEAL PROCEDURE:**

Parties wishing to formally appeal the decision must, in accordance with Regulation 4 (1) under Chapter 2 of the National Appeal Regulation of 2014 (see attached Appeal Regulations), submit the appeal to the administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party, organ of state with interest in the matter **within 20 days from the date of this notification - on or before 27 January 2020..**

Since the decision has been issued within the public holiday period, the period of 19 December 2019 to 5 January 2020 is excluded from the reckoning of days.

**APPEALS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING IN THE PRESCRIBED FORM TO:**

An appellant must submit the appeal in writing and on an official appeal form obtainable from the DEFF. The appeal form and for guidance, visit [www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal\\_authorisations](http://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations) or request a copy of the documents at [appeals@environment.gov.za](mailto:appeals@environment.gov.za).

The appeal must be submitted either by post, fax, and email or hand delivery to the following address:

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review

Email: [appeals@environment.gov.za](mailto:appeals@environment.gov.za)

By Hand: Environmental House, 473 Steve Biko Street, Arcadia, PRETORIA, 0083 ; or

By Post: Private Bag X 447, Pretoria, 0001

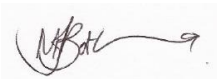
The appeal form must be accompanied by a:

- (i) Statement setting out the grounds of appeal
- (ii) Supporting documentation and a statement by the appellant to confirm compliance with Regulation 4 (1) of the National Appeal Regulations of 2014.

Please note that the lodging of an appeal will suspend the environmental authorisation.

Should you have any enquiries do not hesitate to contact the undersigned

Sincerely,



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