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**RE: SCOPING REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT, WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION AND BORROW PIT APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED NEW LEPHALALE RAILWAY YARD AT STEENBOKPAN WITHIN LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**

1. The Scoping Report (SR) with regards to the above mentioned proposed project received by the Department on 15 January 2019 refers.
2. The SR contains responses to comments raised by the Department clarifying details of the proposed project not clearly understood at the time of consultation.
3. The Department would like to enquire whether it is feasible to investigate the use of wasterock from mine dumps as alternative to establishing a borrow pit in the application to the Department of Mineral Resources.
4. The Department has no objection to the approval of the SR.

Please do not hesitate to contact this Department should you have any queries in this respect.

Yours faithfully

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
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DATE: 7/2/19

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## COMMENT SHEET FOR FINAL SCOPING REPORT

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS AND WATER USE LICENSE (WULA) APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF LEPHALALE RAILWAY YARD, TRANSNET'S PROPOSED NEW LEPHALALE RAILWAY YARD, STEENBOKPAN, LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WATERBERG DISTRICT, LIMPOPO PROVINCE.  
**DEA reference number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1116**

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| <b>COMMENTS/ISSUES / CONCERNS raised on the Final Scoping Report (Please use separate sheet, if required)</b>   |   |                       |                      |
| <p>Railway lines are managed by Transnet. Transnet is considered as a statutory body; as such Act 70/1970 is not applicable. However it is advised that the line refrain from affecting high potential agricultural land and therefore there should be a servitude agreement for those farms that will be affected.</p> |   |                       |                      |

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## Interim Comment

### In terms of Section 38(8), 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Transnet SOC

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Richards Bay  
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### **Proposed Lephalale Railway Yard, Steenbokpan, Lephalale Local Municipality, Waterberg District Municipality of Limpopo Province**

Transnet (SOC) Ltd is proposing to establish two borrow pits that will supply aggregate for the construction of a new railway yard that will be 8.72 ha in extent, along the existing Thabazimbi-Lephalale single railway line, and a diesel storage area. The yard will be located on Portion 1 and the remainder of the farm Geelhoutkloof 359 LQ, Enkeldraai 319 LQ and Kringgatspruit 318 LQ and the borrow pits will be located on Buffelsjagt 317 LQ, in Lephalale Local Municipality of Limpopo Province.

Naledzi Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd is undertaking a Basic Assessment (BAR) process on behalf of their client, Transnet SOC Ltd in respect of listed activities in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2017, the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA), Act No. 28 of 2002, as amended.

A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) report by Millenium Heritage Group (Pty) Ltd has been submitted to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) for commenting, in order to meet the requirements of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999.

*Mathoho, N. July 2018. Archaeological Impact Assessment Relating to the Proposed Development of Lephalale Railway Yard and Associated Two Borrow Pits Near Steenbokpan, Lephalale Local Municipality, Waterberg District of The Limpopo Province, South Africa*

The author undertook a field assessment of the proposed development and did not identify any heritage resources within the proposed development area. The author recommends no further mitigation measures.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot provide comments because the HIA report submitted to the case does not comply with the 2007 SAHRA Minimum Standards for the archaeological component of a Heritage Impact Assessment report and it does not contain a tracklog. Furthermore, a desktop palaeontological assessment was not undertaken even though the development area is in a moderately palaeontological sensitive zone as seen on the SAHRIS palaeo-map. Although the commenting period has ended, heritage has not been fully assessed as per section 38(3) of the NHRA and the developer must ensure that it is before development goes ahead.

Therefore, SAHRA requires the HIA be amended to adhere to the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards and the HIA must be submitted to the case once it has been amended. Also, a desktop Palaeontological Assessment must be undertaken by a suitably qualified palaeontologist and the report submitted to SAHRA.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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