

Date: 26 October 2018

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS

EIA PROCESS, WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION AND BORROW PIT APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED NEW LEPHALALE RAILWAY YARD, AT STEENBOKPAN, LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WATERBERG DISTRICT, LIMPOPO PROVINCE (DEA reference: pending)

Notice is hereby given that the Transnet SOC Limited intends to apply for an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA), and a Water Use License (WUL) in terms of the National Water Act 36 of 1998 (NWA), and a Mining Permit (Borrow Pit Application) for the development of its new Lephale Railway Yard.

Transnet intends to develop a new railway yard along the existing single track Thabazimbi-Lephale railway line on Portion 1 (remaining extent) of the farm Geelhoutkloof 359LQ, Remainder of the farm Geelhoutkloof 359LQ, Enkeldraai 314LQ and Kringgatspruit 318LQ (now Pontes Estates 712LQ). Two borrow pits will also be established Borrow area 1 will be located on the farm Buffelsjagt 317LQ and Borrow area 2 will be located on the farm Kringgatspruit 318LQ (now Pontes Estates 712LQ). It will go beyond Transnet servitude and requires 22 hectares of land to be acquired. The yard will include four new service tracks and numerous ancillary infrastructures to enable more trains to enter and exit Lephale, switching of crew including service and maintenance of diesel locomotives.

The study site is situated approximately 30km west of Lephale town (Ellisras) in the game farming area of Steenbokpan. It falls within the jurisdiction of Lephale Local Municipality in the Waterberg District of Limpopo Province.

Transnet has submitted its application for environmental authorisation to the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) during October 2018. The submission of applications for the WUL and Borrow Pits will soon follow. As part of the environmental authorisation application documentation, Transnet must submit a Scoping Report, Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) to DEA, which has been subjected to a public participation process.

Naledzi Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd is the independent environmental practitioners, appointed to obtain the relevant authorisations and to facilitate the EIA Study. We are still in the first round of public engagement for the project, where the Scoping Report is made available for public review and comment to solicit views and comment on the applications. This letter serves as notification of the development and we draw your attention to the following:

- Availability of the draft Scoping Report for public review and comment until 27 November 2018;
- Two public meetings scheduled during the public review period, on 13 November 2018;
- Way forward

DRAFT SCOPING REPORT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The draft Scoping Report will be made available for public comment from Monday 29 October 2018 until Tuesday 27 November 2018. An electronic version of the report and comment sheet will be available on the following website: <http://www.naledzi.co.za/public-documents-naledzi.php> . Hard copies of the report and comment sheet will be available at the following public venues for public review and comment:

- Lephallale Public Library
- Marapong Public Library
- Lesedi Tshukudu Thusong Centre

If you wish to comment on the draft Scoping Report, you can:

- Complete the enclosed Comment Sheet and submit it to NEC;
- Write a letter; or any additional written submission by email or fax; or
- Contact NEC at the below given contact details.

Please submit your comments together with your name and contact details to Ms. Marissa Botha at the following details: Tel: 015 296 3988 / 084 226 5584 or send us your comments by email to botham@naledzi.co.za or either by fax number to 015 296 4021. Please ensure to submit your comments on or before Tuesday, 27 November 2018.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETINGS

Two public meetings have been scheduled to facilitate comments on the draft Scoping Report. Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will have the opportunity to meet the project team, obtain clarity and provide comments on the applications. You are invited to attend any of the following public meetings for the project:

| Venue | Date | Time |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Lephallale, Mogol Golf Club | Tuesday, 13 November 2018 | 2pm - 4pm |
| Grootgeluk Conference Room | Tuesday, 13 November 2018 | 6pm - 8pm |

What's next?

The draft Scoping Report will be made available for public review for 30 calendar days until 27 November 2018 at the above stated public venues and on the Naledzi website. Two public meetings will take place on 13 November 2018 in the project area to facilitate comments. NEC will record and consolidate all the comments and issues raised at the public meetings and received during the public review period on the draft Scoping Report. The Scoping Report will be finalised and the Issues and Response Report will be updated to incorporate public inputs received and subsequently will be submitted to DEA for approval.

Next, NEC will prepare a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPR). The DEIR & EMPR would also be made available for public review for 30 calendar days at the same public venues used in the first round of engagement and on the Naledzi website. Public meetings will again be scheduled in the project area, at the same public venue as the first round, to facilitate comments. These details will be communicated to I&APs at a later stage.

Thank you for your participation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Botha', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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