

NOTICE OF A BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR A WASTE LICENCE APPLICATION

PROPOSED REMEDIATION OF ASBESTOS CONTAMINATED LAND ON NSESE RAILWAY STATION IN KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

DEA Ref Numbers: 12/9/11/L689/4

Project Name: Remediation of Asbestos Contaminated Land on Nseese Railway Station in KwaZulu-Natal Province

Applicant: Transnet Freight Rail

Proposed Activity: Transnet Freight Rail (TFR) plans to embark on a country-wide clean-up and remediation of asbestos contaminated land along their operational footprint. The asbestos clean-up initiative is proposed in order to remediate the impacts of historical pollution caused by incidental spillage of asbestos-containing products during earlier transportation of processed asbestos and asbestos ores from mines to harbours for export (note that TFR no longer transports asbestos in South Africa since the banning of Asbestos in 2008).

Location: This waste licence is being applied for the Nseese Railway Station near Richards Bay in KwaZulu Natal.

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Savannah Environmental has been appointed as the independent Environmental Consultant responsible for undertaking the required environmental assessment and public participation process. To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest / concerns on the project to:

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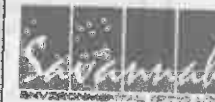
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- Encapsulation of the remediated areas (affected areas shall be sprayed/ covered with an approved encapsulating agent that is capable of ensuring long-term binding of asbestos fibres)
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Draft Basic Assessment Report Available for Review: A Draft Basic Assessment Report has been prepared by Savannah Environmental and is available for public review from **07 October 2011 to 15 November 2011**. You are invited to review the report at one of the following locations:

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Please submit written comment by the 15 November 2011

Invitation to attend Public Open Day: All interested and Affected parties are invited to an open day meeting on the 25 October 2011 from 12:00 - 17:00 at the Imbizo Conference Centre, Empangeni.

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