

07 September 2011

Dear Stakeholder

**PROPOSED REMEDIATION OF ASBESTOS CONTAMINATED LAND AT THE
NSESE RAILWAY STATION IN KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCE
DEA Ref No. 12/9/11/L689/4**

**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS
FOR A WASTE LICENCE**

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 spillage of asbestos-containing products by rail during TFR's past 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). Prior to undertaking the asbestos cleanup, TFR is required to obtain a waste license from the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) in line with the requirements of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act of 2008. Therefore, an Environmental Basic Assessment (BA) Process is underway for the Nseso Railway Station site in Richards Bay

NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

TFR requires a waste licence from National DEA (in consultation with the relevant local and provincial municipalities as a commenting authority) for the undertaking of the proposed asbestos remediation initiative. In order to obtain the waste licence for the various sites, independent environmental studies (basic level of environmental assessment) must be undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations of June 2010.

In terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act 59 of 2008) (NEM:WA) the need for a waste licence is triggered by Schedule A, Activity 12 - "The remediation of contaminated land". In this regard, the EIA Regulations of June 2010 applies (i.e. Basic Assessment process and report).

A waste licence application has been lodged for the Nseso railway station as approved by DEA, under the project reference numbers 12/9/11/L689/4 (to be used by any I&AP when referring to this site or BA process):

In this regard, Transnet have appointed **Savannah Environmental** to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment process to identify and assess potential environmental impacts that might arise as a result of the proposed project. Savannah Environmental in its own capacity will also be undertaking the public

participation process and facilitation, which forms part of the overall BA process. You and/or the organisation/department which you represent have been identified as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP). Should you have an interest in this project, please register yourself as an I&AP and note your formal comments by sending written correspondence in this regard. All comments received will form part of the Comments and Response Report that will be included in the BA report which will be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA). By submitting your details and comments to Savannah Environmental, you are ensured that your comments, concerns or queries will be noted.

To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to the contact person below.

Comments can be made as written submission via fax, post or e-mail.

Please submit your comments to
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***AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT
FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND OPEN DAYS***

A draft Basic Assessment report will be made available for public review for a 40-day period in October 2011 and public open days will also be held during this time for members to the public to participate in the process. Details of the public review period for the report and open days will be circulated to registered I&APs and the general public. To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to the contact person above.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the proposed project. Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Yours sincerely,

Deshnee Gounden
(not signed sent via email /fax)

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Subject: Notification of a Draft Basic Assessment Report and Open Day's for Transnet railway stations - Kwazulu Natal

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Dear Sir Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached the notification of a Draft Basic Assessment Report and Open Day's for the following project: **Proposed remediation of asbestos contaminated land on Nseso railway station in Kwazulu Natal Province.**

Please feel free to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind Regards

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Please find attached the notification for the following project: **Proposed remediation of asbestos contaminated land on the Nsese railway station in Kwa-zulu Natal Province.**

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