

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS

Proposed Re-engineering of the Durban Container Terminal in the Port of Durban

Application for Authorisation through Exemption

Proponent: Transnet Limited

The re-engineering of the Durban Container Terminal (DCT) project aims to improve the efficiency of container throughput operations to meet the projected demand of at least 2.9 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) per annum by 2009/2010. In order to achieve these targets, the terminal layout will undergo significant changes to make provision for the required stacking slots, including the relocation of existing service infrastructure from the Durban Container Terminal to Y-site.

Y-site is located to the south of the DCT and covers an area of approximately 5 ha and consists of old paved surfaces, railway tracks and levelled gravel areas used for temporary container storage. The proposed development will involve the erection and construction of service infrastructure at Y-site, which will be dismantled from its present location at the DCT.

Environmental Authorization Process

Preliminary investigations into the potential environmental impacts of this project suggest that no significant negative impacts on the biophysical, social and economic environment are expected. It is for this reason that Transnet Limited is applying for authorisation through exemption. Exemption will be requested from complying with the provisions of sections 22 and 23, as well as sections 27 to 29 of Regulation R385, in terms of Section 24 (5) (b) (iv) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (as amended) together with sections 51 to 55 of Regulation R385. ACER (Africa) Environmental Management Consultants (ACER) has been appointed to undertake the application process, which includes an environmental assessment with public participation.

Invitation to Participate

To register as an Interested and/or Affected Party and to obtain further information related to the proposed development, please contact the Public Participation Office by no later than **x x 2008**:

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