



21 November 2022

Dear Stakeholder

## **Notification of an Application for an Integrated Environmental Authorisation for the Port Durnford Mining Operation in KwaZulu Natal Province**

### **Notice is given in terms of:**

- Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (7 April 2017) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for submission of application for environmental authorisation (EA) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983, 984 and 985 (7 April 2017)
- Section 47(3) of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008) (NEM:WA) and the list of waste management activities (GN 921), requiring submission of a waste management license (WML) application
- Section 49(f) of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA).

### **DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION**

Tronox KZN Sands (Pty) Ltd (Tronox) is applying for a mining right over the following tenements:

- A renewed prospecting right (KZN 30/5/1/1/2/10708 PR) covering the following farms: Remainder of the farm Richards 16802, Remainder of the farm Birkett 16832 and Ruth 16833 (known as the Port Durnford lease area),
- Waterloo prospecting right (DMRE Ref: KZN30/5/1/1/2/296 PR) located on the following farms: Portion 1,2 and Rem of Lot 131 uMlalazi 14098; Rem of Lot 103 uMlalazi 13880 and Rem of Lot 104 uMlalazi 13853, and
- Penarrow located on the following farms: Remainder of Lot 132 uMlalazi 13602 and Portion 1 of Lot 132 uMlalazi 13602.

Environmental authorisation is required to support this. A Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) Process is required to support this project in terms of the legislation detailed above.

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The Prospecting Rights area is situated in the uMhlathuze Local Municipality and the King Cetshwayo District Municipality. It is located approximately 15km south-west of Richards Bay and is adjacent to the following settlements/towns at different points along the boundaries:

- Mtunzini
- Port Dunford
- Esikhawini
- Gobandlovu
- KwaDlangezwa

## ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

The legislative context which applies to this project for the proposed applications includes the following key legislation:

- MPRDA;
- NEMA;
- NEM:WA.

Various activities have been identified as triggering in terms of GNR 983, GNR 984, GNR 985 and GNR921 (as amended), as detailed below:

Listing notice	Activity Number
<b>NEMA</b>	
Listing Notice 1 (GN R. 983, as amended by GNR 327)	Activity 9,10,11,12,13,14, 16,19,24,25,28,45 and 56
Listing Notice 2 (GN R. 984, as amended by GNR 325)	Activity 6, 15,16 and 17
Listing Notice 3 (GN R. 985, as amended by GNR 324)	Activity 2, 3, 10, 12, 14, and 18
<b>NEM:WA</b>	
GN921 of 2003, Category A	Activity 1
GN921 of 2003, Category B	Activity 1, 7, 11

## REGISTRATION

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Tronox, to manage the S&EIR process. Parties wishing to formally register as stakeholders in order to offer their comment on the Proposed Project are requested to forward their contact details to the public participation office as detailed below. Electronic copies of the background information document and registration and comment sheet for the project are available for download at the following website: <https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>. Registered stakeholders will receive all future correspondence and be notified of additional opportunities to participate in the process.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

**Public Participation Office; WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd;**

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**PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The following public meetings are currently scheduled for this project as part of the Scoping Phase of the EIA. These meetings are open to the public and interested stakeholders are invited to attend.

Location	Venue	Date and time
Richards Bay	BON Hotel Waterfront Richards Bay	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2022, 17h30

**DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD**

The Draft Scoping Report will be made available at the following venues for review and comment for 30 days from 21 November 2022 to 12 January 2023.

- Umhlathuze Municipal Office, Civic Centre, Central Business, 5 Mark Strasse Street, Richards Bay, 3900
- Mkhwanazi Tribal Authority, Kwa Dlangezwa
- Esikhawini Library, H2 Inhlakohloko Street, Esikhawini, 3887
- Felixton Library, 1West End, Felixton, Empangeni, 3875
- Mtunzini SAPS, 1 Clarke Avenue, Mtunzini, 3867
- <https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>

Kindly ensure that all comments on the proposed project or requests to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party are submitted to the contact details provided herewith, by 9 January 2023. Should you have any queries/comments, please do not hesitate to contact the EAP.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Kind regards,

Nadia Mol

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