

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR GRINDROD TERMINALS RICHARDS BAY (PTY) LTD: SECTION 24 G APPLICATION FOR THE SEA MUNYE TERMINAL ON PORTION 001, ERF 1854, RICHARDS BAY, KING CETSHWAYO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

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PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this background information document (BID) is to provide Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with more information about Grindrod's intention to undertake a Section 24G regularisation process for their Sea Munye Terminal. In addition, we would like to encourage stakeholders to register as I&APs and invite them to contribute comments, ask questions and raise issues of concern or suggestions for enhanced benefits.

Stakeholders are invited to register as I&APs and to participate in the process by commenting on the proposed applications as follows:

- Completing the enclosed Registration and Comment Sheet either in writing, via email or the online link provided here.
- Providing comments on the application by contacting the Public Participation Office telephonically; by email or via the abovementioned Registration and Comment Sheet.

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BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

Grindrod Terminals Richards Bay (Pty) Ltd. (Grindrod) owns and operates the Sea Munye Terminal, an *ad hoc* bulk materials storage and handling operation/facility. The materials stored on site could include anthracite, iron ore, clinker, copper concentrate, sulphur, fertilizer, chromium, manganese ore, heavy minerals, copper concentrate, granite, ilmenite, salt and coal (different grades), amongst others. The facility has been used for this purpose since 2001.

Since the Sea Munye Terminal has the capacity to store in excess of 100 000 tons of ore and coal, the facility requires an atmospheric emission licence (AEL), in terms of the National Environmental Management Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act 39 of 2004) (NEM:AQA), and environmental authorisation (EA) in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, published under the NEMA.

Golder Associates (now a member of WSP) has been appointed as the independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) to undertake the AEL application and Section 24G regularisation processes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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PROJECT LOCATION

The Sea Munye Terminal is located within the industrial area of Richards Bay on 32 Alugang, Alton South, Richards Bay, 3900, approximately 6 km from the Port of Richards Bay (Figure 1 and Figure 2). The property on which the Sea Munye Terminal is located is Portion 001, ERF 1854, which is approximately 12.4 ha in extent; this is inclusive of all the associated storage areas and railway lines for the transfer of commodities.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Terminal was acquired by Grindrod (Kusasa Logistics) in 2005; at this time, the facility was already being used as a bulk storage and transfer terminal. The facility is used to store commodities (bulk materials) which are either imported or exported via the Port of Richards Bay.

The current volume of materials stored on site is less than 100 000 tons, however, the facility's design capacity is intended to handle up to 250 000 tons. The materials stored on site, at an *ad hoc* basis, include anthracite, iron ore, clinker, copper concentrate, sulphur, fertilizer and coal (different grades).

AEL APPLICATION

Grindrod must submit an application for an AEL in terms of the National Environment Management: Air Quality Act (Act No. 39 of 2004) (NEM:AQA), for the storage and handling of ore and coal not situated on the premises of a mine or works as defined in the Mines Health and Safety Act (Act No. 29 of 1996).

The application is being made in respect of the following listed activity:

- Category 5: Mineral Processing, Storage and Handling
- Subcategory 5.1: Storage and Handling of Ore and Coal

An air quality impact assessment (AQIA) will be conducted to support the application. I&APs will be afforded an opportunity to review the AQIA report, for a period of 30 days. Registered I&AP's will be notified of the availability of the report, once it has been completed.

The AEL application will be submitted to the King Cetshwayo District Municipality.

SECTION 24 G APPLICATION

Grindrod must submit an application for the regularisation of a listed activity which commenced without an EA in terms of Section 24G of the NEMA. The application is being made in respect of the following listed activity:

- GN R 1182 (1998), promulgated in terms of the Environmental Conservation Act (Act No. 73 of 1989) (ECA), Activity 9: Scheduled processes listed in the Second Schedule to the Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Act

The Section 24G application will be submitted to the KZN Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (EDTEA).

Registered I&AP's will be notified of the availability of the environmental impact assessment (EIA) report, once it has been completed.

INVITATION TO COMMENT

Stakeholders are invited to register as I&APs and to lodge written comments regarding the project in any of the following ways:

- By completing the Registration and Comment Sheet enclosed with this BID
- By writing a letter or providing additional written submissions
- By email, fax or telephone to the Public Participation Office

In terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act (Act No. 4 of 2013) (POPIA), personal information provided by I&APs will only be used for the sole purposes of this project and will only be shared with the relevant Government Departments as per the regulatory requirements and will not be shared with anyone else without their consent.

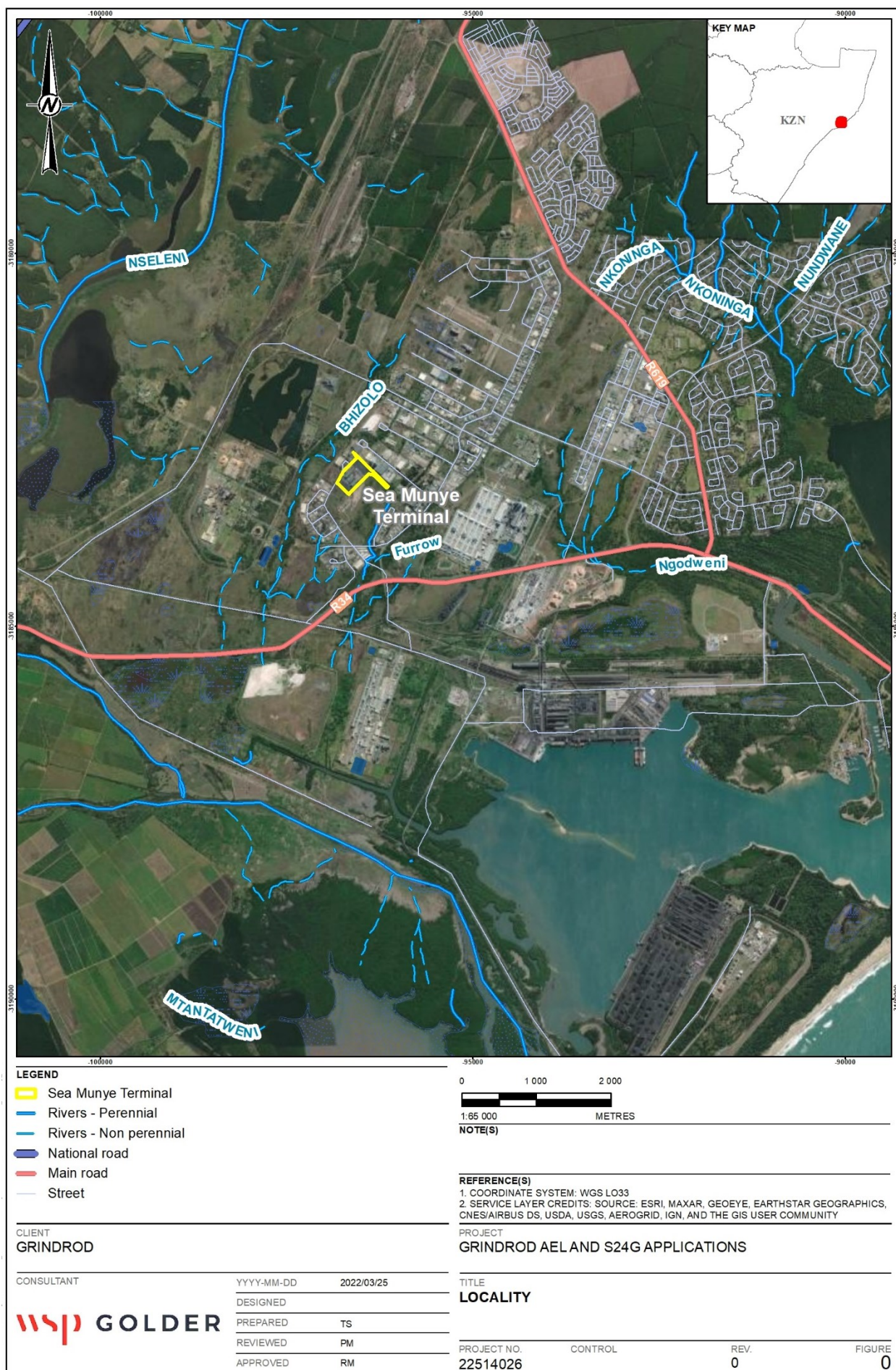


Figure 1: Regional site locality

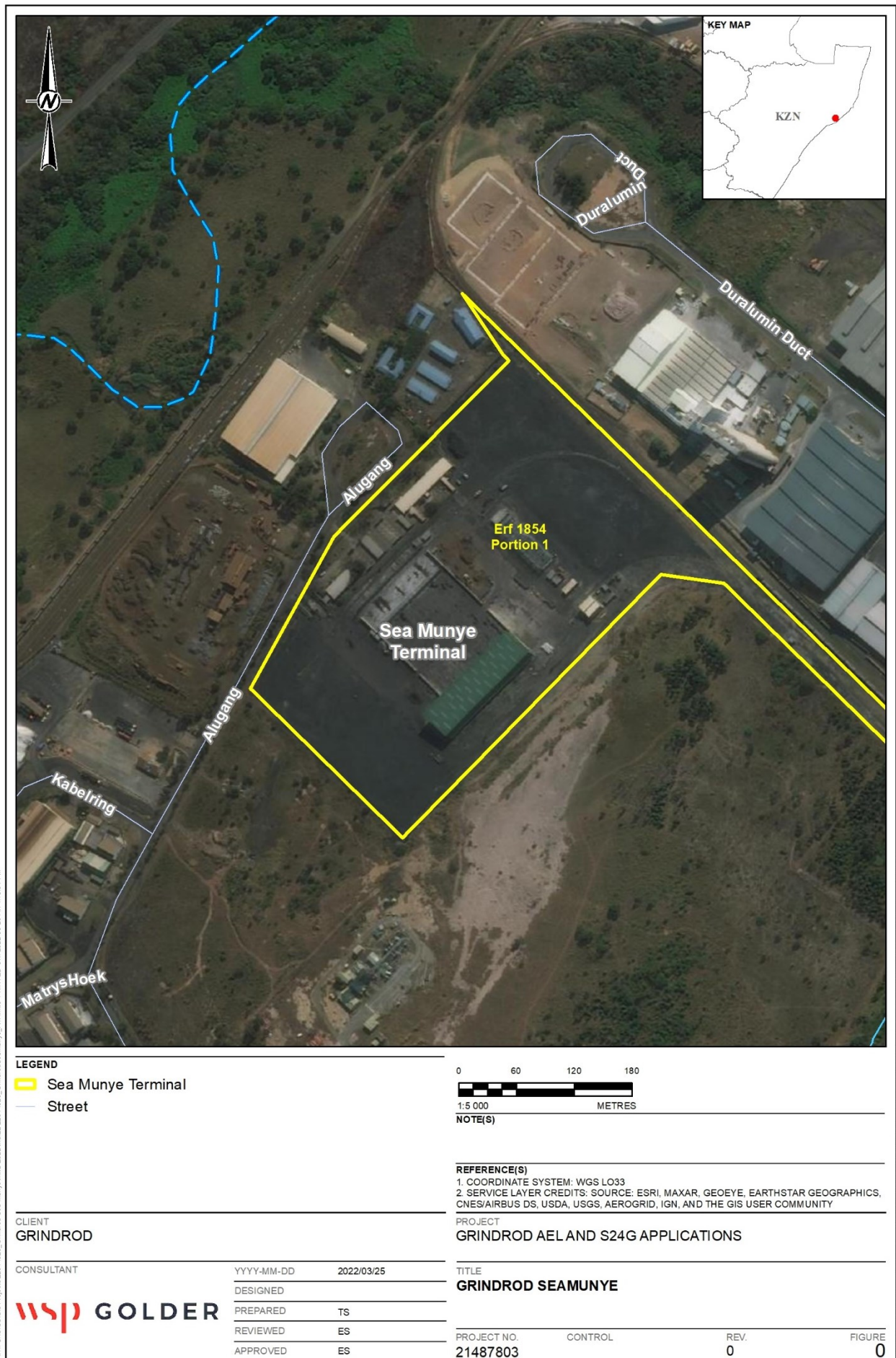


Figure 2: Site Locality