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Department:
Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

REF: 06/2025 MAINTENANCE

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Permission is hereby granted in terms of section 71(1)(a) of the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008 (Act No. 24 of 2008) ("ICM Act") and regulation 9(1)(a) of the Dumping at Sea Regulations, 2017, to the **Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA)**¹ for the disposal at sea of up to **2 600 000 m³** of dredged material from maintenance dredging at the Port of Richards Bay.

This permit is subject to the terms and conditions set forth in Sections B and C further below.

SECTION A: PERMIT GRANTED

Permit number : **General Permit Number 06/2025**
Applicant : **Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA)**¹
Activity : **Disposal of maintenance dredged material**
Dumping material : **Dredged material**
Volume : **2 600 000 m³**
Depth range : **13 - 22 m**
Contractor / Transporter : **Dredging Services**

- **MV Italeni (Grab Dredger);**
- **MV Ilembe (Trailer Suction Dredger) and;**
- **MV Isandlwana (Trailer Suction Dredger).**

Period of validity : **01 April 2025 to 31 March 2027**

CHIEF DIRECTOR (Acting)
INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT

28/03/2025
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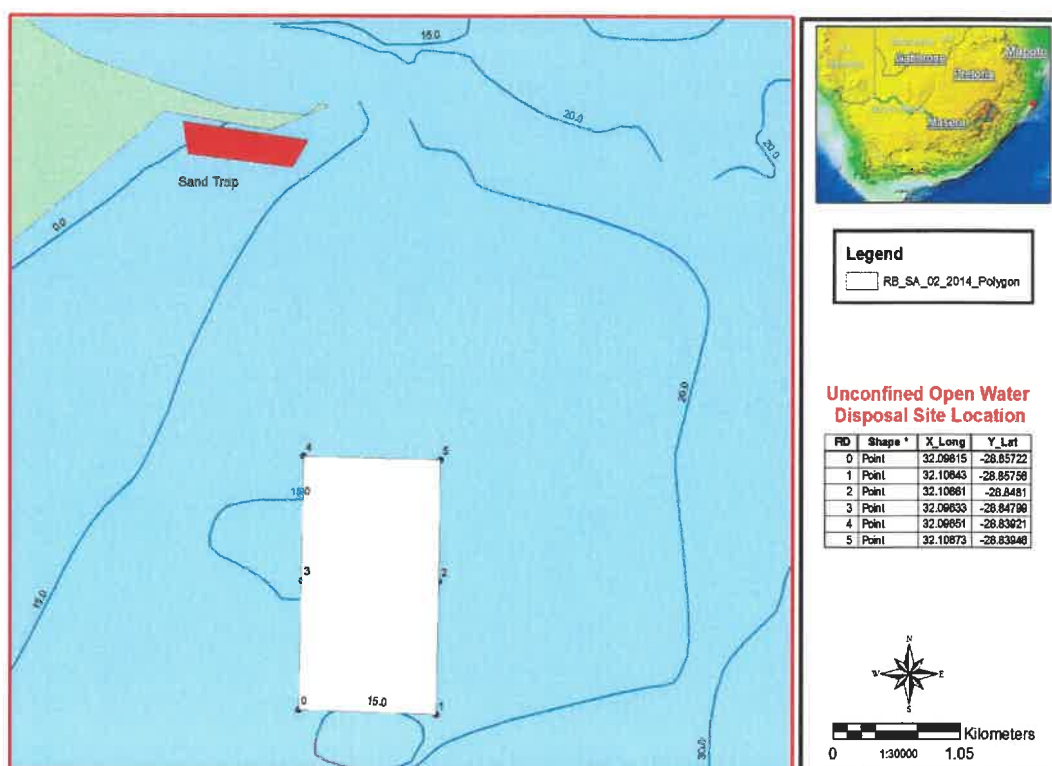
¹ Once incorporation takes place (estimated 30 April 2025), permit holder will be National Ports Authority (NPA)

SECTION B: SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

The Permit Holder is required to adhere to the following specific conditions under which this permit is granted:

1. Dumpsite

- 1.1 Dumping shall take place within the following coordinates and at a distance of no less than 150 meters from the boundaries of the dumpsite:



Site Corner	East	South
A	32° 05' 47" E	28° 50' 35" S
B	32° 06' 23" E	28° 50' 36" S
C	32° 06' 21" E	28° 51' 25" S
D	32° 05' 45" E	28° 51' 23" S

2. Materials, dredging and disposal methodology

- 2.1 Volumes dumped may not exceed 1 300 000 m³ per year. Should the applicant need to exceed this restriction, a motivation must be submitted detailing the reasons for such an exceedance.
- 2.2 The Permit Holder shall develop and implement measures within and beyond the validity period of this permit to reduce heavy metal contamination of the port sediment, especially by chromium and copper. The measures are to address the spillage into the water during cargo loading at berth 600 and 700 and must be submitted to the Department by 31 October 2025.
- 2.3 Vessels authorised to transport the dredged material shall avoid spillages at places other than the permitted disposal site. In the event of a spillage occurring outside the designated dumping area, an incident report must be compiled and submitted to the Department immediately.
- 2.4 This permit must, in its complete form, be made available on board the dredger(s) for inspection purposes.
- 2.5 The Permit Holder shall notify the Department in writing at least 48 hours before the commencement of the dredging and disposal operations.
- 2.6 Dumping of any materials not specifically identified, or in excess of the volume authorised under this permit shall constitute an offense in terms of Section 79 (1), (2) and (3) of the Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008 (Act No. 24 of 2008).

3. Reporting requirements

- 3.1 The applicant shall maintain a database of records capturing routes followed by the vessel(s) responsible for disposal. These records must be made available to the Department as requested.
- 3.2 The exact volume of the sediment dumped shall be reported to the Department on an annual basis (by August every year, in line with IMO requirements).
- 3.3 The Department requires the applicant to undertake heavy metal sediment quality assessment of the proposed dredging sites annually. The results of the sediment testing must be submitted to

the Department. The Department may further request the applicant to implement mitigation measures to reduce contamination levels, based on the sediment testing results, prior to the disposal of the sediment into the Unconfined Open Water Disposal Site.

SECTION C: GENERAL CONDITIONS

The permit-holder is required to adhere to the following general conditions:

1. This permit does not exempt the applicant from complying with any other applicable legislation.
2. The Permit-holder must allow any enforcement officer or other official designated pursuant to the ICM Act access to any vessel or structure involved in the loading or disposal at sea referred to under this permit, at any reasonable time for the duration of this permit.
3. This permit may not be transferred or assigned to any other person or organisation, except with written permission from the Department.
4. In accordance with section 68 of the ICM Act, The Department reserves the right to amend, revoke, suspend or cancel this permit if—
 - (a) the holder of the permit contravenes or fails to comply with a condition subject to which the permit was issued;
 - (b) it is in conflict with a coastal management programme or will significantly prejudice the attainment of a coastal management objective;
 - (c) changes in circumstances require such amendment, revocation, suspension or cancellation; or
 - (d) it is necessary to meet the Republic's international obligations.

The Permit-holder will, however, be granted an opportunity to make representations prior the decision to revoke, cancel or suspend this permit, in accordance with section 68 of the ICM Act.

The Permit-holder's attention is specifically drawn to section 68(6), which empowers the Minister or an issuing authority, in circumstances where they have reason to believe that it is urgently necessary to amend, revoke, suspend or cancel this permit in order to protect the coastal

environment or human health and well-being, the Minister or issuing authority may, by notice to the Permit-holder, temporarily suspend this permit and then follow the procedure referred to in section 68(3).

5. **Emergency situations:** In the event of an emergency that poses an unacceptable risk to the environment or to human health or safety and where there is no other feasible solution other than dumping of dredged material outside the disposal site specified in this permit, permission from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Branch Oceans and Coasts must be granted for such emergency dumping. In such incidences the Permit-holder must contact **The Director: Coastal Pollution Management (083 530 3127)**. If such emergency dumping occurs with or without the requisite permission of the Department, the Permit-holder shall report the incident immediately to the Department providing full details of the cause of the emergency, the measures taken to mitigate the incident, other alternatives considered other than dumping the material, the amount of material dumped, the location of the material and any other information required by the Department. The Permit-holder must also comply with the requirements of section 30 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998).
6. This permit is granted on the assumption and condition that all information submitted by the applicant in connection with the granting of this permit is complete, true and correct in all material respects. **The Permit-holder is specifically reminded that in terms of section 79(1)(i) of the ICM Act, a person is guilty of an offence for making any false statement or report for the purpose of obtaining an authorisation.**
7. A breach of the provisions of the ICM Act, Dumping at Sea regulations or these permit conditions by the Permit Holder may result in the initiation of legal proceedings (civil or criminal).
8. An application for a future permit may be refused if the conditions of this permit are not adhered to and/ or if the applicant is under criminal investigation for an offence in terms of the ICM Act or any other environmental legislation.
9. The Permit Holder shall store at their/its registered place of business/residence the original permit issued.

10. All reports and correspondence to the Department under this permit shall be submitted to: **The Director: Coastal Pollution Management, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment; Email: jemans@dfre.gov.za**
11. Any reference to the Permit-holder in these permit conditions includes the entity or person to whom this permit is issued, his/her or its employees (whether permanent, full-time or part-time), his/her or its contractors, agents or advisers and shall in the case of an entity include the directors.
12. Vessels used for the purposes of this permit must comply with all South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) regulations.
13. This permit may only be utilised by the individual/entity whose name appears on the permit. If the Permit-holder or its employees are personally utilising the permit, he/she must be in possession of a certified copy of this permit and proof of identity including documentation identifying them as employees of the Permit Holder.
14. If the permit is being utilised by an individual/skipper/company/organisation, authorised by the Permit-holder, he/she must be in possession of a certified copy of this permit, proof of identity and a letter of authorisation signed by the permit-holder.
15. This permit is valid for the period **01 April 2025 to 31 March 2027.**