

Comments AND RESPONSE REPORT

CLIENT : Transnet Capital Projects
PROJECT : Locomotive Testing Shed Basic Assessment
PROJECT No : J33001
PURPOSE : Collation of all the comments and summary of all the issues raised by Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) on the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR); and GIBB's response to the issues raised. All I&APs listed below were registered on the I&AP database for the project.
COMMENTS PERIOD : 10 May 2013 to 19 June 2013
DATE OF REPORT : 27 June 2013
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Acronymns	:	BA	Basic Assessment
		BAR	Basic Assessment Report
		BID	Background Information Document
		DAEA	Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs
		DAFF	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
		DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs
		DoT	KZN Department of Transport
		DWA	Department of Water Affairs
		EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
		EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
		EMPr	Environmental Management Programme Report
		GIBB	GIBB (Pty) Ltd
		I&AP	Interested and Affected Party
		KZN	KwaZulu-Natal
		NEMA	National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998, as amended
		NWA	National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998
		SDCEA	South Durban Community Environmental Alliance
		TCP	Transnet Capital Projects
		WESSA	Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa

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1	Department of Water Affairs (DWA) Ms. K. P Methula/Neo Leburu Environmental Officer Production	Email: <u>10 May 2013</u>	<p>“This Department would like to request a hard copy of the Basic Assessment Report.</p> <p>Thank you.”</p>		GIBB hand delivered a hard copy of the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and associated appendices to DWA on 13 May 2013. Ms Kate signed on behalf of Khetiwe Methula. The document delivery note is attached in Appendix E2 .
		Email: <u>24 June 2013</u>	<p><u>RE: DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A STEEL SHED OVER AN EXISTING LOCOMOTIVE TESTING AREA IN DURBAN, ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL.</u></p> <p>Reference is made to the above-mentioned document received by this office on 17 May 2013. This Department has no objection to the proposed construction activities, subject to the following conditions:</p> <p>1. WATERCOURSES AND WATER USES</p> <p>1.1. With reference to the uMhlatuzana canal, it should be noted that although this is not defined as a watercourse in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA), the part of the river which has not been canalized is considered a watercourse. Should the proposed project impact only to the extent of the canal and not on the watercourse then Section 21 (c) and (i) water uses of the NWA will not be applicable.</p> <p>1.2. The prevention and remedying of the effects of pollution as contemplated under Section 19 of the NWA are still applicable thereto. No wastewater may be discharged into uMhlatuzana canal during construction</p> <p>1.3. It is understood that no water will be abstracted from water resources for the proposed project as water supplied by the municipality will be used for this purpose.</p> <p>2. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT</p> <p>2.1. All waste areas must be demarcated and stored within a designated waste collection/storage area. Access control to this area must be properly managed and the removal and disposal of the waste to a permitted waste disposal site must be carried out by a certified waste contractor or the</p>	<p>This Department has no objection to the proposed construction activities, subject to the following conditions:</p> <p><i>Watercourses and Water Uses</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should the proposed project impact only to the extent of the canal and not on the watercourse then Section 21 (c) and (i) water uses of the NWA will not be applicable. No wastewater may be discharged into uMhlatuzana canal during construction. It is understood that no water will be abstracted from water resources for the proposed project as water supplied by the municipality will be used for this purpose. <p><i>Solid Waste Management</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All waste areas must be demarcated and stored within a designated waste collection/storage area. Access control to this area must be properly managed and the removal and disposal of the waste to a permitted waste disposal site must be carried out by a certified waste 	<p>Noted.</p> <p>It should be noted that the proposed locomotive shed will not have an impact on the Umhlatuzana Canal. The site is already provided with hardstanding (tarred surface) and runoff is currently directed to the existing stormwater system of the Transnet Engineering Premises. The section of the Umhlatuzana canal which borders the proposed site is canalised with concrete infrastructure.</p> <p>Noted. No wastewater will be discharged into the uMhlatuzana Canal. Note also that rainwater from the roof of the new shed will tie into the existing storm water system which has no discharge to the uMhlatuzana Canal that borders the proposed site.</p> <p>Yes this is correct. No water will be abstracted from water resources.</p> <p>Refer to Materials Management and Waste Management in Section 8.4.7 and 8.4.8 of the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).</p> <p>The contractor is required to develop and implement a detailed on-site Waste Management Plan, prior to the relevant waste generating activities commencing, covering inter alia:</p>

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			<p>eThekwini Municipality</p> <p>2.2. Should the applicant wish to make use of a private contractor to dispose of the waste generated from the development, the following would apply:</p> <p>2.2.1. The details of the contract must be made available to this Department.</p> <p>2.2.2. Safe disposal certificates from a permitted waste disposal site must be kept on hand and must be furnished to this Department when requested.</p> <p>2.3. Contaminated hazardous materials are to be disposed of at a permitted hazardous landfill site that is authorised to accept such waste material.</p> <p>2.4. All solid waste generated at the proposed development as well as electrical related waste must be segregated and be removed for disposal as a permitted landfill site authorized to accept such waste stream.</p> <p>2.5. The recycling of suitable material (i.e. glass, paper, plastic, etc.) is encouraged by this Department provided it is properly managed.</p>	<p>contractor or the eThekwini Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the applicant wish to make use of a private contractor to dispose of the waste, the following would apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The details of the contract must be made available to this Department. ○ Safe disposal certificates from a permitted waste disposal site must be kept on hand and must be furnished to this Department when requested. • Contaminated hazardous materials are to be disposed of at a permitted hazardous landfill site. • All solid waste generated at the proposed development as well as electrical related waste must be segregated and be removed for disposal as a permitted landfill site authorized to accept such waste stream. • The recycling of suitable material (i.e. glass, paper, plastic, etc.) is encouraged by this Department provided it is properly managed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification, classification and keeping of a register of type of waste generated • Planning for the construction / establishment / operation / decommissioning of a centralised waste management facility and/or designated waste management areas • Procedures to be followed for waste separation at source as well as reduce, re-use, recycle, recover and treatment of waste prior to the disposal option • Waste management procedures for waste disposal, e.g. storage, disposal, keeping of waste consignment certificates, etc. suitably registered/licensed municipal or privately owned disposal facility. <p>The disposal of waste will be undertaken by the eThekwini Municipality, however should a private contractor be used, the details of the contract will be made available to the Department by Transnet Engineering.</p> <p>Safe disposal certificates will also be kept on hand and given to the Department.</p> <p>As noted in the EMPr Section 8.4.8, contaminated hazardous waste will be appropriately removed and disposed of at a permitted landfill.</p> <p>The appointed contractor will provide for appropriate recycling of waste, e.g. disposal of waste oils to a suitably qualified external oil recycler. Re-usable / recyclable material will be segregated for re-use to an appropriately licensed recycler / recycling facility, where feasible. Note: Minimal e-waste will be generated on site.</p> <p>Noted. See comment above.</p>

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			<p>3. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT</p> <p>3.1. It is important that stormwater is managed on site both during and after the construction activities. The development and implementation of a stormwater management plan will facilitate this. It is understood that the existing stormwater system will be improved to accommodate stormwater generated by the project.</p> <p>3.2. The stormwater drainage network system must be kept separate from the waste water (water containing waste) system.</p> <p>3.3. After construction, the site should be contoured to ensure free flow of runoff and to prevent ponding of water.</p> <p>3.4. Drainage must be controlled to ensure that runoff from the site will not culminate in off-site pollution or result in damage to properties downstream of any stormwater discharge.</p> <p>3.5. It is understood that the water flowing across the site will be channelled to the oil/water separator prior to discharge to the municipal stormwater system. Please note that any water containing waste should be directed to the municipal sewer system. Please contact the eThekweni Municipality with regard to their requirements for discharges into the municipal sewer and stormwater systems.</p> <p>4. EROSION</p> <p>4.1. Soil erosion onsite must be prevented at all times i.e. pre, during and post construction activities. Extra precautions must be taken in areas where soils are deemed as highly erodible. If soil erosion cannot be prevented, it must be minimized.</p>	<p><i>Stormwater Management</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development and implementation of a stormwater management plan will facilitate stormwater management. It is understood that the existing stormwater system will be improved to accommodate stormwater generated by the project. The stormwater drainage network system must be kept separate from the waste water (water containing waste) system. After construction, the site should be contoured to ensure free flow of runoff and to prevent ponding of water. Drainage must be controlled to ensure that runoff from the site will not culminate in off-site pollution or result in damage to properties downstream of any stormwater discharge. It is understood that the water flowing across the site will be channelled to the oil/water separator prior to discharge to the municipal stormwater system. Please contact the eThekweni Municipality with regard to their requirements for discharges into the municipal sewer and stormwater systems. <p><i>Erosion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soil erosion onsite must be prevented at all times. Extra precautions must be taken in areas where soils are deemed as highly erodible. If soil erosion cannot be prevented, it must be minimized. 	<p>Refer to Stormwater Management in Section 8.4.9 of the EMPr</p> <p>Yes this is correct; the existing permanent stormwater system for the Locomotive Testing shed will be maintained and upgraded/improved. Rainwater from the roof of the new shed will tie into the existing storm water system.</p> <p>Noted. The EMPr was updated to include this point. See Section 8.4.9, point 5.</p> <p>The site is currently flat and hard surfaced and will remain an industrial hard surfaced site for many years.</p> <p>The site is already provided with hardstanding (tarred surface) and runoff is currently directed to the existing stormwater system of the Transnet Engineering Premises. The clean water will also be kept separate from any waste water to minimise any impact on downstream users.</p> <p>No oil will be released into the existing stormwater system. This project entails housing an existing locomotive testing area. Rainwater from the roof of the new shed will tie into the existing storm water system. See EMPr, Section 8.4.9.</p> <p>The eThekweni Municipality Coastal Stormwater and Catchment Management Department were given an opportunity to comment on the Draft BAR and had no comment (see Item 6 below).</p> <p>In reference to the EMPr, Section 8.1.1, Hydrology, Erosion and Sedimentation and Surface Water Quality, the contractor is required to engineer proper management solutions (e.g. slopes shaped at a natural angle of the repose, discharge rates, discharge quality, scouring minimisation) to the flow of surface runoff to minimise erosion of stockpiles and contamination of the canal, most notably from hardened surfaces such as roads and buildings. Note: The site is already provided with hardstanding (tarred surface) and runoff is currently directed to the existing stormwater</p>

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			<p>4.2. Erosion control measures must be implemented during site preparation to mitigate siltation and sedimentation of the stormwater system and uMhlatuzana Canal.</p> <p>5. SPILLAGES</p> <p>5.1. A Spill Contingency or Emergency Response Plan must be drawn up for the construction phase and should include the following actions that need to be taken into account in the event of a spill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Stop the source of the spill ➤ Contain the spill ➤ All significant spills must be reported to this Department and other relevant authorities ➤ Remove the spilled product for treatment or authorized disposal ➤ Determine if there is any soil, groundwater or other environmental impact ➤ If necessary, remedial action must be taken in consultation with this Department ➤ Incident must be documented <p>6. SEWAGE AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT</p> <p>6.1. The use of temporary chemical toilets during the construction phase of the development must not cause any pollution to water resources as well as pose a health hazard. The contents of these toilets must be emptied and safely disposed of.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erosion control measures must be implemented during site preparation to mitigate siltation and sedimentation of the stormwater system and uMhlatuzana Canal. <p><i>Spillages</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Spill Contingency or Emergency Response Plan must be drawn up for the construction phase, including the following actions in case of a spill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop the source of the spill • Contain the spill • All significant spills must be reported to this Department and other relevant authorities • Remove the spilled product for treatment or authorized disposal • Determine if there is any soil, groundwater or other environmental impact • If necessary, remedial action must be taken in consultation with this Department • Incident must be documented <p><i>Sewage and Wastewater Management</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of temporary chemical toilets during the construction phase of the development must not cause any pollution to water resources as well as pose a health hazard. The contents of these toilets must be emptied and safely disposed of. 	<p>system of the TE Premises therefore soil erosion will not be of great concern.</p> <p>Also see the EMPr, Section 8.5.2 Soil Stockpiling for further mitigation measures applicable to soil erosion.</p> <p>Noted. See comment above. The existing site is hard surfaced and no soil will be exposed during the construction. The contractor will however be required to adopt adequate soil conservation measures where required and applicable.</p> <p>Refer to Section 8. 4.14 of the EMPr which stipulates the following: “Develop and/or implement an Emergency Preparedness Plan consisting of appropriate emergency procedures and information prior to commencing with any work that may potentially result in an emergency; which includes but is not limited to fires, spills, and contamination of the Umhlatuzana Canal, accidents to employees and damage to services.”</p> <p>The EMPr, Section 8.4.13 was updated to include the listed actions.</p> <p>Noted, the site has existing infrastructure and ablution facilities, however should toilets (porta loos) be utilised during the construction, they will be located outside the 1:100 year floodline and preferably away and/or hidden from public roads, residential areas and other public places. Toilets (porta loos) will be firmly secured to prevent them from toppling over due to wind or any other cause.</p> <p>A service provider will be appointed to remove sewage from the chemical toilets and will ensure this sewage / sewage sludge is to be disposed of at a municipal sewage treatment plant.</p> <p>Refer to the EMPr, Section 8.4.5.</p>

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			<p>6.2. It is also this Department's experience that projects of this nature may result in the generation of small volumes of water containing waste being generated during the construction phase. In this instance, the following is applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water containing waste must not be discharged into the natural environment' Measures to contain the water containing waste and safely dispose of it must be implemented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water containing waste must not be discharged into the natural environment' Measures to contain the water containing waste and safely dispose of it must be implemented 	<p>Noted. Water containing waste will not be discharged into the natural environment. All polluted water, including contaminated stormwater (if applicable), will be removed immediately from an area or system where such polluted water could spill or wash into the uMhlatuzana Canal or onto open ground; and transferred to an impermeable tanker, sump or container for safekeeping before transportation for treatment and/or disposal to an appropriate wastewater treatment facility or alternatively to an appropriately licensed landfill site.</p>
			<p>6.3. This Department must be notified on how sewage emanating from the ablution facilities of the proposed development will be managed during the operational phase. In the event that an on-site wastewater collection and/or treatment plant is to be contracted for this purpose, all relevant authorisations must be applied for prior to construction of such a facility.</p> <p>6.4. No unacceptable health hazards or impacts must arise from the disposal of sewage and waste water.</p> <p>7. GENERAL</p> <p>7.1. The storage of materials, chemicals, fuels etc to be used during the construction phase must not pose a risk to the surrounding environment. Temporary bunds must be constructed around chemical or fuel storage areas to contain possible spillages.</p> <p>1.1. Measures must be in place to minimize surface and groundwater pollution</p> <p>7.2. No forms of secondary pollution should arise from the disposal of sewage and refuse. Any pollution problems arising from the above development are to be addressed immediately by the applicant.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This Department must be notified on how sewage emanating from the ablution facilities of the proposed development will be managed during the operational phase. No unacceptable health hazards or impacts must arise from the disposal of sewage and waste water. <p><i>General</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The storage of materials, chemicals, fuels etc to be used during the construction phase must not pose a risk to the surrounding environment. Temporary bunds must be constructed around chemical or fuel storage areas to contain possible spillages. Measures must be in place to minimize surface and groundwater pollution. No forms of secondary pollution should arise from the disposal of sewage and refuse. Any pollution problems arising from the above development are to be addressed immediately by the applicant. 	<p>A service provider will be appointed to remove sewage from the chemical toilets and/or sewage sludge from package plants on a regular basis; and provide and ensure for this sewage / sewage sludge to be disposed of at a municipal sewage treatment plant or alternatively on an appropriately designed on-site sewerage treatment plant.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Refer to the EMPr Section, 8.4.7 which stipulates that the contractor is required to design, construct and allocate bunded areas (i.e. concrete platforms with bund walls or inward slopes) to accommodate hazardous liquid substances (such as e.g. fuel, oil, paint, bitumen, herbicide and insecticides) to guard against infiltration of hazardous substances into the soil, groundwater or surface water.</p> <p>Noted. The Umhlatuzana Canal will not be impacted on; however the EMPr outlines numerous measures for environmental management and control particularly to minimize pollution.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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			<p>7.3. The draft impact assessment report entitled “Basic Assessment for the Proposed Construction of a Steel Shed Over the Existing Locomotive Testing Area in Durban (Appendix F, dated May 2013) has been noted. The recommendations therein made by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner are supported by this Department.</p> <p>7.4. The conditions and responsibilities as highlighted in the draft Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) (Appendix G, reference J33001 dated May 2013) are acknowledged. Compliance to the final approved EMPr must be audited regularly by the designated Environmental Control Officer.</p> <p>7.5. Notwithstanding the above, the responsibility rests with the applicant to identify any sources of potential sources of pollution from his undertaking and to take appropriate measures to prevent any pollution of the environment. Failure to comply with the requirements of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) could lead to legal action being instituted against the applicant.</p> <p>This reply does not grant any exemption from the requirements of any applicable Act, Ordinance, Regulation or By-Law.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact this office should you have any concerns, comments or queries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft impact assessment report (Appendix F, dated May 2013) has been noted. The recommendations therein made by the EAP are supported by this Department. The conditions and responsibilities as highlighted in the EMPr are acknowledged. Compliance to the final approved EMPr must be audited regularly by the designated Environmental Control Officer. The responsibility rests with the applicant to identify any sources of potential sources of pollution from his undertaking and to take appropriate measures to prevent any pollution of the environment. <p>This reply does not grant any exemption from the requirements of any applicable Act, Ordinance, Regulation or By-Law.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted, compliance to the EMPr will be audited regularly by an Environmental Control Officer (ECO).</p> <p>Noted. An ECO will also be monitoring compliance which will also assist in identifying potential sources of pollution.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
2	<p>Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs (DAEA)</p> <p>Sinethemba Mtolo</p>	<p>Email: <u>16 May 2013</u></p> <p>Fax: <u>18 June 2013</u></p>	<p>“Good Day</p> <p>The Department has received the application with the reference: 14/12/16/3/3/1/839. Official comments will be provided once the department has reviewed the BAR. My name is Sinethemba Mtolo and I will be reviewing and assessing the report.”</p> <p>COMMENTS ON THE BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A STEEL SHED OVER AN EXISTING LOCOMOTIVE TESTING AREA FOR TRANSNET IN DURBAN; KWAZULU NATAL.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Basic Assessment report for the above-mentioned activity, submitted by you in terms of Regulation 23 of the EIA Regulations, June 2010, received by the Department on 13 May 2013 refers. This application is currently being assessed by the National Department of Environmental Affairs and therefore the KZN Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs (eThekweni District) is the commenting authority. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The application is currently being assessed by the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) and DAEA are a commenting authority. 	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Noted. Transnet is a parastatal therefore DEA is the competent authority.</p>

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			<p>3. This department has no objection to the proposed construction of a steel shed over an existing locomotive testing area for Transnet in Durban.</p> <p>4. This department is satisfied that the requirements of a Basic Assessment Process have been met as per regulation 22 of the EIA Regulations.</p> <p>5. The applicant is responsible for compliance with the provisions of Duty of care and Remediation of Damage in accordance with Section 28 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), Act 107 of 1998, as amended, where the determination of environmental degradation and the need for remediation will be decided by this Department.</p> <p>6. Please note that the activity/ies applied for may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the National Department of Environmental Affairs.</p> <p>Please contact this Department if you have any queries regarding this correspondence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No objection to the proposed project. The requirements of a Basic Assessment Process have been met as per regulation 22 of the EIA Regulations. The applicant is responsible for compliance with the provisions of <i>Duty of Care and Remediation of Environmental Damage</i> in accordance with Section 28 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), Act 107 of 1998, as amended. Activity/ies applied for may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by DEA. <p>Please contact this Department if you have any queries regarding this correspondence</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted. The applicant will ensure compliance with the provisions of the <i>Duty of Care and Remediation of Environmental Damage</i> in accordance with Section 28 of NEMA.</p> <p>Noted. Construction of the Locomotive Shed will only commence once an authorisation has been received from DEA.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
3	<p>Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)</p> <p>Ms Carolyn Schwegman EIA Co-ordinator</p>	<p>Email: <u>21 May 2013</u></p>	<p>“Dear Katherine</p> <p>On the 31 May 2013 I will cease to be employed by WESSA’s KZN Region and I have not been advised of WESSA’s intentions thereafter with regard to its involvement in development and land use change applications. However, as the full extent of this application will go beyond the end of May I will not submit comment on the draft Basic Assessment Report.”</p>	<p>WESSA will no longer submit comment on the Draft BAR.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
4	<p>Department of Environmental Affairs</p> <p>Constance Musemburi, Integrated Environmental Authorisations</p>	<p>Email: <u>07 June 2013</u></p>	<p>“<u>To give effect to Section 24O(2) and (3) of the National Environmental Management Amendment Act, (as amended), the EAP is required to inform this Department in writing upon submission of the draft report to the relevant State Departments and state which State Departments were consulted. Upon receipt of this confirmation, this Department will in accordance with Section 24O(2) & (3) of NEMA inform the relevant State Departments of the commencement date of the 40 day commenting period.</u></p> <p>Good day Katherine</p> <p>It is noted that the Draft BAR dated 10 May 2013 and</p>	<p><i>Request for a list of State Departments contact details’ that were consulted for commenting on the proposed project</i></p>	<p>GIBB had previously provided a list of the State Departments on page 44 of the Draft Basic Assessment Report which was sent to the Department on 10 May 2013. Ms de Jong confirmed in a telephone call on 7 June 2013 that GIBB had provided contact details of the State Departments.</p> <p>Ms Musemburi confirmed this and then sent out the following email to the relevant State Departments (DWA, DAEA and eThekweni Municipality):</p>

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			<p>received by this Department on 13 May 2013 did not provide a list of the State Departments that were consulted for commenting. No contact details were provided in this regard. You are required to submit the contact details (correct contact names, email addresses, postal address and fax numbers of the relevant State Department which were provided with the DBARs for commenting purposes as a matter of urgency.”</p>		<p>“Dear All,</p> <p>The abovementioned application refers;</p> <p>NOTIFICATION OF COMMENTING PERIOD ON THE DRAFT BASIC REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A STEEL SHED OVER AN EXISTING LOCOMOTIVE TESTING AREA IN DURBAN, KZN PROVINCE.</p> <p>The above-mentioned document submitted to your organisation on 10 May 2013 by Ms. Katherine De Jong Gibb Environmental Consultants refers.</p> <p>To give effect to Section 24O(2) and (3) of the National Environmental Management Amendment Act, (as amended), you are hereby advised that you have 40 days from the date the DBAR was submitted to you Department (10 May 2013) to submit any comments on the above-mentioned report. Such comment must be submitted directly to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (“EAP”) and copied to this Department.</p> <p>Please be further advised that since your organisation is a registered Interested and Affected Party you may be requested by the EAP to comment on subsequent reports or documentation.</p> <p>Should comments not be received within the prescribed timeframes, it would be assumed no comments are forthcoming and this Department will continue to process the application in the absence of your comments.</p> <p>Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.”</p>
5	<p>Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife</p> <p>Phindile Langazane Planning Intern</p>	<p>Email: 13 June 2013</p>	<p>“Dear Ms de Jong</p> <p>PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A STEEL SHED, DURBAN</p> <p>District Municipality: EThekwini</p> <p>The Draft Basic Assessment Report for the above-mentioned application was recently reviewed, by Ezemvelo's IEM Planning staff and the comments for the application can be found attached. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if any further biodiversity concerns are discovered during the remainder of the process, or if you have any questions with regards to the content of the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please do not hesitate to contact this office if any further biodiversity concerns are discovered during the remainder of the process, or if you have any questions with regards to the content of the response. 	<p>Noted.</p>

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			<p>response.</p> <p>Kindly acknowledge receipt of this correspondence.”</p> <p>“Thank you for forwarding the Draft Basic Assessment Report for the abovementioned application to Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (Ezemvelo) for review and comment. Based on the information supplied, and the interrogation of Ezemvelo’s biodiversity databases, Ezemvelo does not anticipate that the proposed activity would result in significant negative impacts upon local biodiversity, provided that best practice mitigation measures are implemented during the construction and operational phase.</p> <p>Please be informed that Ezemvelo does not require additional documentation with regards to this project, except when additional biodiversity information becomes available and/or additional biodiversity impacts are identified which are not presented in the abovementioned report. In this regard, it is respectfully requested that the new biodiversity information is highlighted in the cover letter for any further reports.</p> <p>We trust that all the appropriate measures to safeguard the ecological integrity of the receiving environment will be implemented in accordance with the sustainable development principles of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998.</p> <p>Should any biodiversity issues arise, please do not hesitate to contact this office.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindly acknowledge receipt of this correspondence Ezemvelo does not anticipate that the proposed activity would result in significant negative impacts upon local biodiversity, provided that best practice mitigation measures are implemented during the construction and operational phase. Ezemvelo does not require additional documentation with regards to this project, except when additional biodiversity information becomes available and/or additional biodiversity impacts are identified EKZNW trust that all the appropriate measures to safeguard the ecological integrity of the receiving environment will be implemented in accordance with the sustainable development principles of NEMA. Should any biodiversity issues arise, please do not hesitate to contact this office.” 	<p>GIBB sent an acknowledgment of receipt to Ms. Phindile Langazane on 13 June 2013.</p> <p>Noted. The Umhlatuzana Canal will not be impacted on.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
6	<p>Development Planning, Environment and Management Unit</p> <p>Diane van Rensburg</p>	<p>Email: <u>14 June 2013</u></p>	<p>“RE: DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR TRANSNET ENGINEERING, PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A STEEL SHED OVER EXISTING LCOMOTIVE TESTING AREA AT 311 SOLOMON MAHLANGU DRIVE, BLUFF</p> <p>With reference to the above-mentioned Draft Basic Assessment Report, please be advised that various Municipal Department have had sight of the proposal and the following comments are submitted for your attention:-</p> <p>1. eThekweni Electricity Department.</p> <p>The Electricity Department has no objection, however please note:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No objection 	<p>Noted.</p>

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			<p>(1) The applicant must consult eThekweni Electricity's mains records (held in the drawing office at eThekweni Electricity Headquarters, 1 Jelf Taylor Crescent, for the presence of underground electrical services. In addition should any overhead line and/or servitude be affected, the specific permission of the Head: Electricity must be sought regarding the proposed development.</p> <p>(2) The relocation of MV/LV electrical services, if required in order to accommodate the proposed development, will be carried out at the expense of the applicant.</p> <p>2. Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department</p> <p>This Department has no biodiversity objection to the steel shed. The shed is located outside D'MOSS and is located in and already transformed area. The report adequately mitigates the environmental impacts.</p> <p>3. Land Use Management Branch</p> <p>The site is zoned "Harbour" and therefore the locomotive shed use would be allowed as part of the primary uses allowed on the site. There is no objection from a Land Use Management point of view.</p> <p>4. Framework Planning Branch</p> <p>The Framework Planning Branch (FPB) has noted the Draft Basic Assessment Report for the proposed construction of a steel shed over the existing Locomotive Testing area at Transnet Engineering.</p> <p>Whilst no major concerns are raised at this stage, it would be appreciated if you could please continue to keep the FPB informed on this matter</p> <p>5. eThekweni Transport Authority</p> <p>No Comment</p> <p>6. Environmental Health Department</p> <p>This Department has no objection to the proposed construction of the steel shed as all potential impacts have been identified and have mitigation measures in place.</p> <p>7. Geotechnical Engineering Branch</p> <p>No geotechnical objection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Applicant must consult eThekweni Electricity's mains records. The Applicant must obtain permission of the Head: Electricity, should any overhead line and/or servitude be affected The relocation of MV/LV electrical services will be carried out at the expense of the applicant. No biodiversity objection, the shed is outside D'MOSS and the report adequately mitigates environmental impacts The locomotive shed use is allowed as part of the primary uses allowed on the site. There is no objection from a Land use management point of view. No major concerns are raised at this stage, however request that FPB be informed further No comment No objection, all potential impacts have been identified and have mitigation measures in place. No geotechnical objection 	<p>Refer to EMP Section 8.2.2</p> <p>Refer to EMP Section 8.2.2</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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			<p>8. Coastal, Stormwater and Catchment Management</p> <p>No Comment</p> <p>9. eThekweni Water and Sanitation Department – amended comment</p> <p>No objections. However, the proposed work is in close proximity to an existing sewer line, caution should be exercised during construction of foundations of the shed.</p> <p>10. Durban Solid Waste</p> <p>Please liaise with John Parkin, 031-3118820, from Durban Solid Waste to determine their requirements regarding this application.</p> <p>11. Disaster Management</p> <p>No comment from Disaster Management</p> <p>Should you seek clarification on any of the above issues, please contact the writer on telephone: 031 – 3117136 or via e-mail: diane.vanrensburg@durban.gov.za. In addition, the Department requests that a copy of the Environmental Authorisation be emailed to the same address.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment • No objections. However, the proposed work is in close proximity to an existing sewer line, caution should be exercised during construction of foundations of the shed. • Please liaise with John Parkin, 031-3118820, from Durban Solid Waste to determine their requirements regarding this application. • No comment from Disaster Management 	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted. Caution will be undertaken when working in close proximity to the sewer line.</p> <p>Ms de Jong confirmed with Mr Parkin in a telephone call on 19 June 2013 that Durban Solid Waste have no further requirements at this time.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>