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**Subject:** BID Forskor Rock Phosphate Storage Expansion

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Dear Gisela

Foskor Rock Phosphate Storage Facility, Richards Bay

(Ptns 55 and 56 of Erf 5333)

Background Information Document:

Please register WESSA and Coastwatch as in I&AP in the application to extend the rock phosphate storage facility for Foskor (Pty) Ltd in Richards Bay. We comment on the background information as follows -

- The storage facility will be constructed on Ptns 55 and 56 of Erf 5333. While, as per this application, it is not proposed to transform Ptn 57 of Erf 5333 it is likely to be affected by the activities, being the receiving environment for storm water runoff thus being at risk of contamination. We note that there are existing drains on the project site which will need to be rerouted. WESSA would like the studies undertaken to include the impact on Ptn 57;
- Listed Activities GN R544 11 and 18. The cumulative impact of the proposed activities on the wetland systems of Richards Bay is of interest to WESSA and Coastwatch. Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife in respect of other developments has raised this as a concern.
- Air Quality Impacts. The studies should consider what the impact of the settling and accumulation of particulate matter on vegetation and wetlands habitat will have;
- Enclosed Pipe Conveyor. An existing conveyor depicted as the Hillside Conveyor is shown on the aerial photograph. An existing conveyor? Will any changes or new pipes be required which could increase the development footprint outside Ptns 55 and 56?

Thank you for the invitation to comment.

Regards

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