

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

## AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS:

UNITAINER ORE (NEWLYN) STORAGE & CONVEYOR FACILITY WITHIN ZONES 2, 5 & 8 OF THE COEGA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE, NELSON MANDELA BAY MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE

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## PURPOSE OF THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide stakeholders with additional information, the opportunity to register as Interested and Affected Parties and to obtain their comments on the proposed amendments to the Environmental Authorisation (ECm1/C/LN2/M/20-2020) and Provisional Atmospheric Emissions Licence [AEL] (NMBM AEL 20/63) issued for the Newlyn Manganese Storage and Conveyor Facility.

If you would like to participate in the process please register yourself and/or your organization as an Interested and Affected Party. Submit issues or comments that you feel need to be addressed by completing the response form or in a letter or by email to:

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**REGISTRATION AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY AND ALL COMMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE.**

**DATE OF NOTICE – 21 JANUARY 2022**

**CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENTS – 21 FEBRUARY 2022**

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## 1. THE PROPOSED PROJECT

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### 1.1. Introduction and Background

Unitainer (Pty) Ltd (previously trading as Newlyn Manganese Terminal) received an Environmental Authorisation (ECm1/C/LN2/M/20-2020) and Provisional Atmospheric Emissions Licence [AEL] (NMBM AEL 20/63) in 2021 for the manganese storage and conveyor facility.

### 1.2. Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendments relate to including both manganese and iron ore for storage and export, replacement of the term “manganese” to “mineral ore” and to amend the trading name from “Newlyn Manganese Terminal” to “Unitainer Ore Storage Facility”.

The proposed amendment will not change the scope nor the level of impact as assessed in the EIA. This is due to the scope being the storage of ore in silos and the transporting of the ore via conveyor to the Port of Ngqura for export. There are no additional EIA listed activities triggered with the inclusion of iron ore for storage and export. The process of delivery, storage and conveyor system will remain as presented in the EIA. The dust control measures presented in the EIA remain unchanged. The mineral ores will use the same conveyor system, and there will be a cleaning process between the change of mineral ore to prevent cross contamination of ores.

The amendment application to the Environmental Authorisation will be undertaken in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, and will be submitted to the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT).

The amendment application to the Provisional AEL will be undertaken in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (Act No. 39 of 2004), and will be submitted to Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality Environmental Health Sub-Directorate.

### 1.3. Locality

The proposed storage facility will be located on Erf 226 Coega, in Zone 2 of the Coega Special Economic Zone (SEZ). The conveyor facility traverses a number of erven within Zones 2, 5 and 8 of the Coega SEZ, located in Wards 60 and 53, in the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, Eastern Cape.

Refer to **Figure 1**.

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## 2. HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE

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Register as an Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) in order to comment on the proposed application and raise issues or concerns that you feel needs to be considered during the process.

Complete the attached registration form and submit it to the contact details as reflected. Upon submission of the registration form to CEN IEM Unit, you will be registered as an I&AP, and be included on an I&APs database which will ensure that you receive future project notifications.

**If you intend to register as an I&AP or forward comments regarding the proposed application, please submit your completed registration form to CEN IEM Unit by 21 February 2022.**

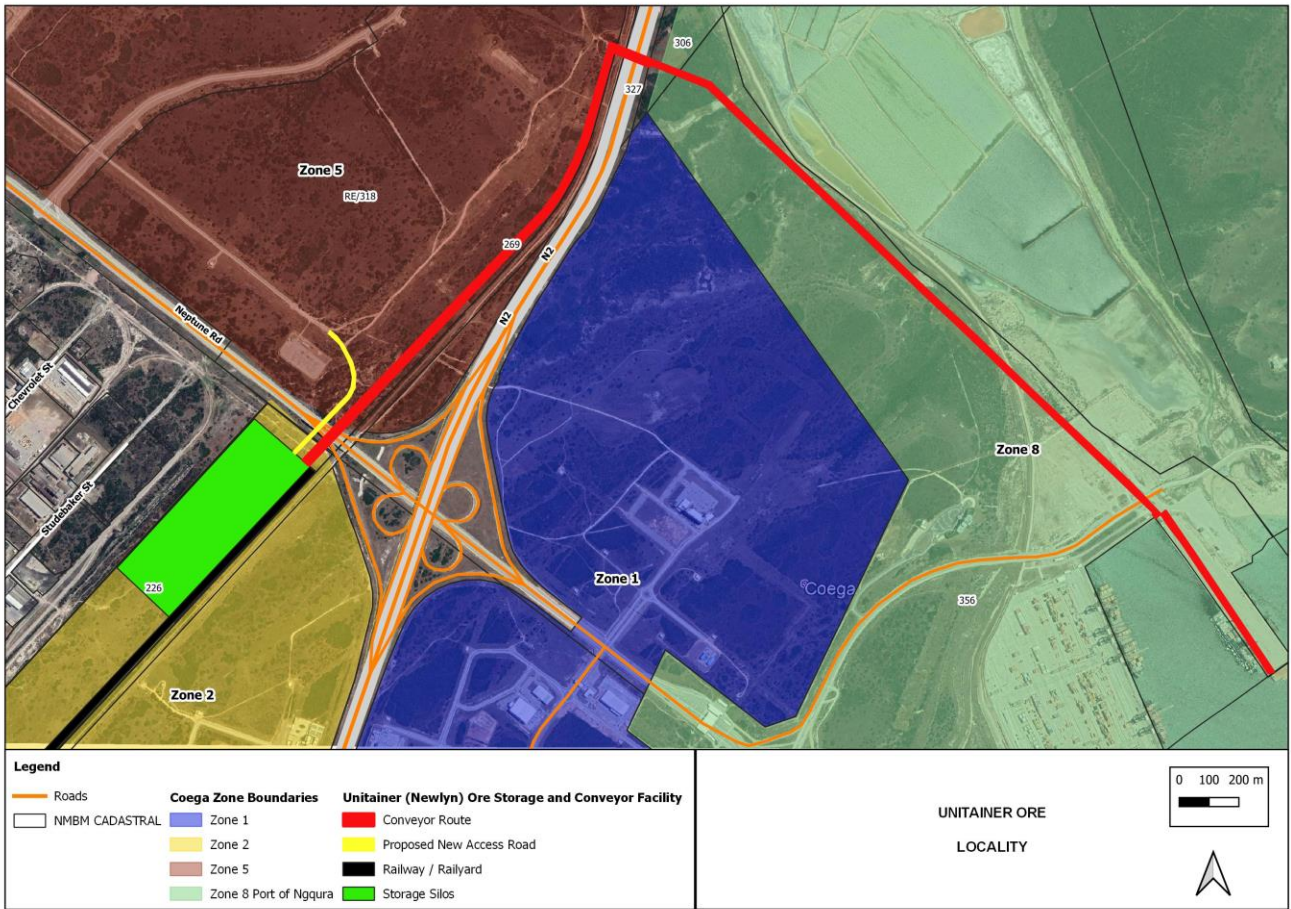


Figure 1: Locality Map

