

# Background Information Document

## PRE-APPLICATION NOTICE

Proposed Expansion to Tradekor North Ore Storage and Handling Facility,  
Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, Eastern Cape

1 July 2026

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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 initial comments on the proposed activities for Tradekor North, Markman Industrial in the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, Eastern Cape.

The Applicant, **Tradekor PE (Pty) Ltd**, will be applying for an **Environmental Authorisation** in terms of the **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014**, as amended for proposed expansion activities. This application will be done in terms of activities listed in Government Notice R.327 of April 2017, published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, as amended. The proposed activities require that a **Basic Assessment** process be undertaken and the relevant authority is the **Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT)**.

The Applicant will also apply for an **Atmospheric Emissions Licence (AEL)** as required for air quality listed activities (Category 5, Subcategory 5.1: Storage and Handling of Ore and Coal) in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (Act No. 39 of 2004). The application for the AEL will be submitted to the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality.

If you would like to participate in the public participation process, please register yourself and/or your organization as an interested and affected party. In participating in the EIA process, your consent is provided for your information to be added to the Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) Database as required by the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended. Submit issues that you feel need to be addressed in the assessment by completing the response form or in a letter or by email to:

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**DATE OF NOTICE: 1 JULY 2026**

**CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENTS: 31 JULY 2026**

## 1. THE PROPOSED PROJECT

### 1.1 Introduction

CEN IEM Unit has been appointed by Tradekor PE (Pty) Ltd to undertake the EIA process as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for the proposed activities for Tradekor North.

### 1.2 Proposed Activity

Tradekor PE (Pty) Ltd currently operates a storage and handling facility for manganese ore at the Tradekor North site. The facility receives ore from mines in the Northern Cape and stores the ore until a vessel is ready to receive the ore for export.

The proposed expansion activities relate to the expansion of the Tradekor North warehousing to increase storage capacity and handling of ore.

**Table 1: Current and proposed ore types and quantities**

	Current / Existing	Proposed Increase
Storage Volume / Quantity	95 000 tons	125 000 tons (expanding the facility's capacity to 220 000 tons)
Throughput / Handling Capacity	2 million tons per annum	2 - 3 million tons per annum
Types of Ore	Manganese	Manganese, Chrome, Iron

An Atmospheric Emissions Licence (AEL) will be applied for to accommodate the increase in storage and handling of ore on site.

### 1.3 Locality

The Tradekor North site is located on Erven 6570 and 6571 Wells Estate, in Ward 60 in Markman Industrial, Gqeberha, of the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality. **Refer to Figure 1: Locality Map.**

The geographic coordinates of the central point is: 33°48'4.71"S, 25°37'55.99"E

The SG 21 digit code is: C07600120000657000000 and C07600120000657100000, respectively.

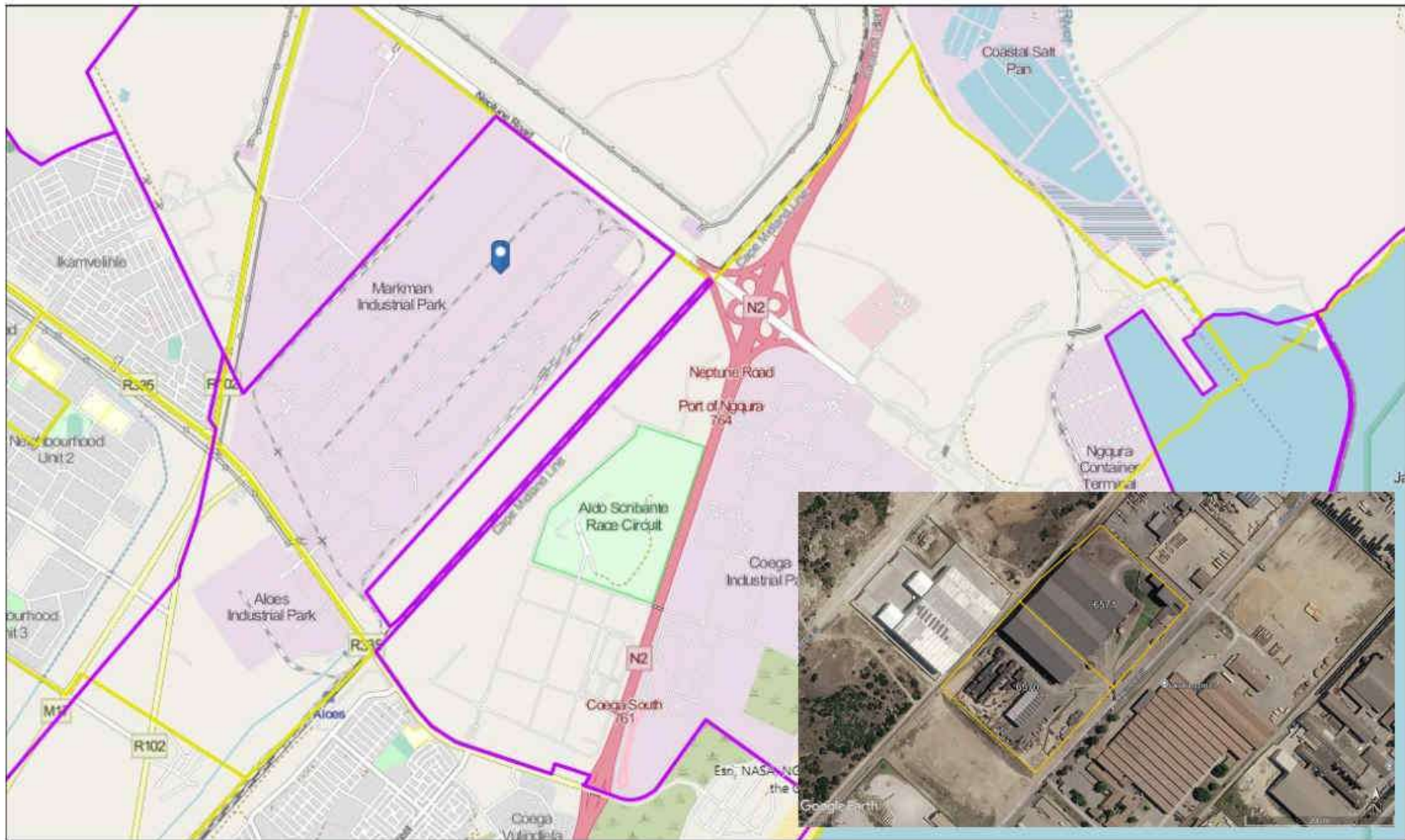


Figure 1 Locality Map

## 2. Environmental Assessment Process

### 2.1 National Environmental Management Act and EIA Regulations

The Minister of Environmental Affairs has in terms of sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998, NEMA), listed the activities that require an environmental assessment.

The purpose of the environmental assessment is to identify potential impacts associated with the development and to recommend measures to avoid or reduce adverse impacts and enhance beneficial or positive impacts.

The following activities are subject to a Basic Assessment process in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, made under section 24(5) and 44 of the National Environmental Act and published in Government Notice No. R. 327, 324 of 2017. Additional listed activities may be identified as the process is undertaken. The competent authority is the Eastern Cape Provincial Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT).

Listed Activity	Description
<b>GNR327 Listing Notice 1: Activity 34</b> The expansion of existing facilities for any process or activity where such expansion will result in the need for a permit or licence or an amended permit or license in terms of national or provincial legislation governing the release of emissions, effluent or pollution.	This activity is applicable for the proposed expansion activities to the existing storage and handling of ore at the Tradekor North site.  The proposed expansion requires an AEL.

### 2.2 National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act and Activities

The Applicant will also apply for an Atmospheric Emissions Licence (AEL) as required for air quality listed activities in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (Act No. 39 of 2004).

The relevant air quality listed activities relate to:

Category 5 Mineral Processing, Storage and Handling,

Sub-category 5.1: Storage and handling of ore - capacity of more than 100 000 tons

The application for the AEL will be submitted to the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality by the Air Quality Specialist, Lethabo Air Quality Specialists (Pty) Ltd (LAQS).

## 3. Identified issues / impacts

As we progress with the environmental investigations, we will identify potentially beneficial and adverse impacts. All identified issues will be subjected to an assessment to determine if they are significant and if they require additional

investigation. Possible mitigation measures will also be provided to reduce the anticipated adverse impacts. Based on our preliminary investigations, together with the DFFE Screening Tool, we have identified the following specialist assessments:

- Air quality impacts
- Traffic impacts
- Aquatic impacts
- Health Impacts
- Noise Impacts

#### **4 Description of Tasks in Basic Assessment Process**

- Public participation starts announcing the proposed project. Newspaper advertisements are placed and site notices are placed, and notifications are also sent to identified stakeholders. Registration of Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) begins. (We are here in the process)
- An application for Environmental Authorisation is submitted to the competent authority, namely the DEDEAT for this project.
- A Basic Assessment Report is compiled that considers inputs from stakeholders, I&APs and specialists, in terms of:
  - Potential impacts of the activity on the environment;
  - Whether the impacts can be mitigated, and if so to what extent; and,
  - Whether there are any other significant issues/impacts to be investigated.
- Once the Draft Basic Assessment Report is compiled, it is then submitted for a 30 day review period to potential and registered I&APs and stakeholders. This enables you to comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report and accompanying Draft Environmental Management Programme.
- Your comments are incorporated and the reports are then finalised.
- These final reports are submitted to the DEDEAT for consideration.
- The DEDEAT reviews the documents and decides whether the project can proceed or not, their decision is known as an Environmental Authorisation (EA).
- A copy of the EA is made available to you to consider, along with the reasons for the decision made. If you disagree with the decision, you are provided with information on how to lodge an appeal.

#### **5 How do You Participate**

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.

Regulation 42 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended, requires a register of interested and affected parties to be opened and maintained throughout an EIA process. This register must contain the names, contact details and addresses of (a)

all persons who, as a consequence of the public participation process conducted, have submitted written comments or attended meetings; (b) all persons who have requested in writing, for their names to be placed on the register.

In participating in the EIA process, your consent is provided for your personal information (names, contact details and addresses) to be added to the Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) Database as required by the EIA Regulations, 2014.

Please note the I&AP database is required to be included in any draft or final EIA reports, however CEN IEM Unit will endeavour to not make your personal information (contact details or addresses) available in reports that are provided in the public domain.

If a commenting party has any objection to his or her name, or the name of the represented company / organisation being publicly available such objection is to be highlighted as part of the comments submitted.

CEN IEM Unit will maintain the I&AP database until the end of the EIA Process, and will not wilfully or intentionally distribute this information to a 3rd party.

In certain circumstances, e.g. appeals of Environmental Authorisations, CEN IEM Unit may be required to provide the I&AP database to the Applicant on closure of the EIA Process.

Please note if you do not want to be included in the I&AP database, please advise us in order for your details to be removed. Otherwise it is deemed that you consent for your details to be included, in terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act (No. 4 of 2013 (POPIA)).

**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 31 July 2026.**

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## Registration / Comment Sheet Proposed Expansion Tradekor North, Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality

**Date of Notice: 1 July 2026**

I wish to register as an Interested and / or Affected Party and request that the following issues receive attention during the assessment process

In participating in the EIA process, my consent is provided for my personal information (names, contact details and addresses) to be added to the Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) Database as required by the EIA Regulations, 2014.

If a commenting party has any objection to his or her name, or the name of the represented company / organisation being publicly available such objection is to be highlighted as part of the comments submitted.

**Closing date for registration / comments: 31 July 2026**

Name of Respondent	
Organisation / Company	
Address	
Fax Number	
Telephone Number	
Email	

Please use additional sheets as necessary

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_