INVITATION TO COMMENT ON PROPOSED SOLAR DESALINATION PLANT IN PORT OF EAST LONDON

ISIMEMO SOKUNIKA IZIMVO MALUNGA NESIPHAKAMISO SOKWAKHIWA KWESITYALO SOKUSUSA ITYUWA EMANZINI NGAMANDLA ELANGA ECHWEBA KUGOMPO

Notice in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, National Environmental Management Act (107 of 1998) (NEMA) and National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act (24 of 2008) (ICMA).

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national ports authority

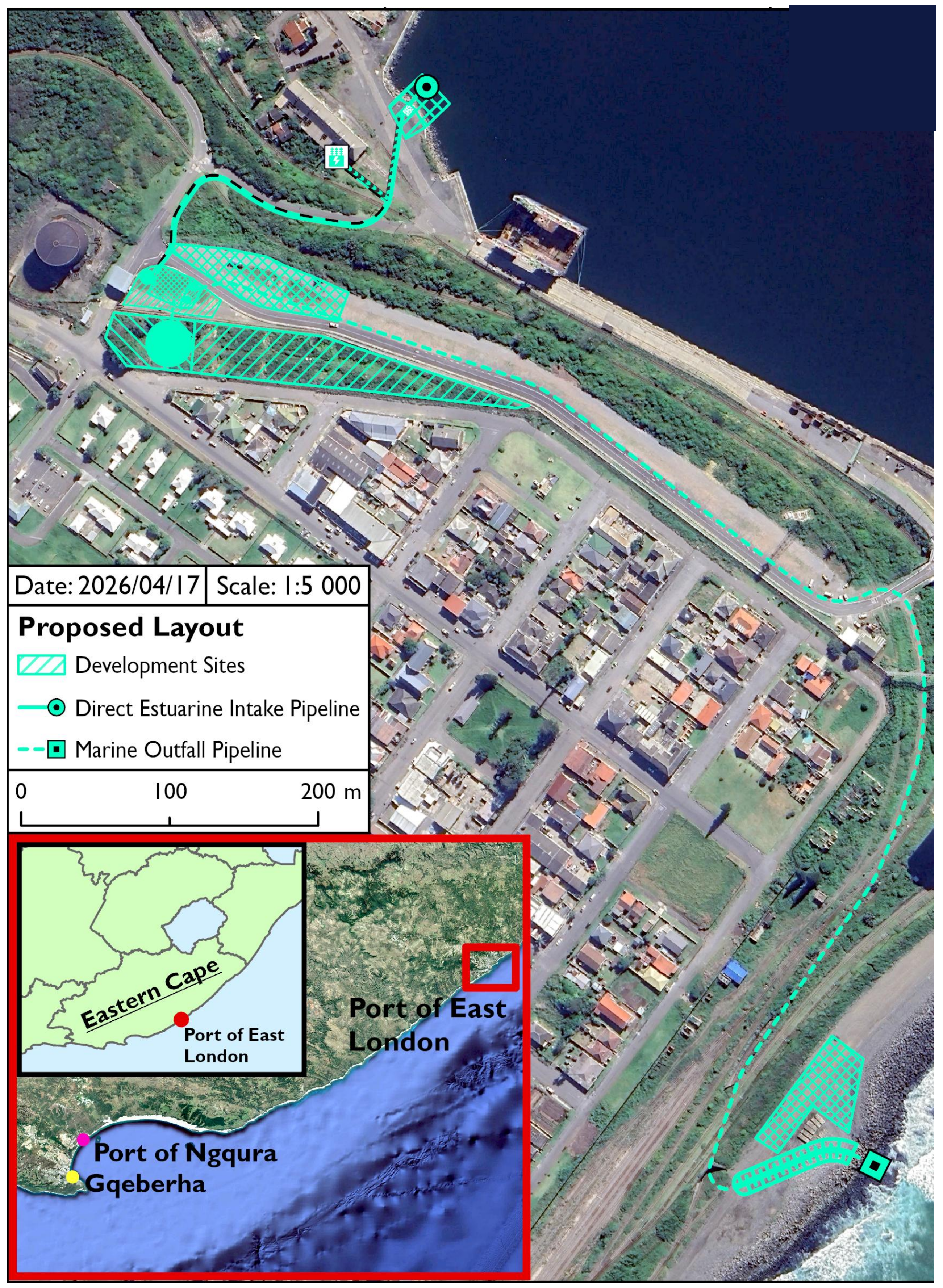
Isaziso ngokwemiqathango yeZiqulatho zoVavanyo lweMpakamiseko kokuSingqongileyo (EIA), 2014, uMthetho kaZwelonke woLawulo lokuSingqongileyo (Amthetho 107 ka-1998) (NEMA), kunye noMthetho kaZwelonke woLawulo Oluhlangeneyo Lwemimandla yoNxweme (Amthetho 24 ka-2008) (ICMA).

Project Details: Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) proposes a solar-powered seawater desalination plant in the Port of East London, Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality. Water will be abstracted from the estuary and desalinated to produce 2 million litres of fresh water per day for port operations, including drinking water, reducing reliance on municipal supply. The brine by-product will be discharged into the ocean.

Environmental Authorisation (EA) is required from Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations for:

- **Listing Notice 1** (GN R983 of 2014): Activities 14, 16, 17, 19A, 25, & 27
- **Listing Notice 2** (GN R984 of 2014): Activities 6 & 14
- **Listing Notice 3** (GN R985 of 2014): Activities 2, 4 & 12

A Scoping & EIA process is required to assess potential environmental, social and other impacts before the project may proceed. A Coastal Waters Discharge Permit (CWDP) is also required under ICMA for the marine discharge of brine. Anchor Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd has been appointed to undertake the S&EIA. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAr), summarising results of the assessment, will be available for public review and comment.



IinKcukacha zeProjekthi: I-Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) iphakamisa ukwakhiwa kwesityalo sokususa ityuwa emanzini olwandle ngokusebenzisa amandla elanga kwiZibuko lakuGompo, kuMasipala Omkhulu waseBuffalo City. Amanzi aya kutsalwa kumlambo ongena elwandle (estuary) aze asuswe ityuwa kuwo ukuze kuveliswe iilitha ezizigidi ezi-2 zamanzi amatsha ngosuku aza kusetyenziselwa imisebenzi yezibuko, kuquka nokubonelela ngamanzi okusela. Oku kuya kunciphisa ukuxhomekeka kubonelelo lwamanzi lukamasipala. Ulwelo olunetyuwa eninzi (ibrine), oluveliswa njengemveliso eseleyo kwinkqubo yokususa ityuwa emanzini, luya kukhutshelwa elwandle.

UGUNYAZISO LOKUSINGQONGILEYO (ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION – EA) luyafuneka kwiSebe lezaMahlathi, ezoLoba nokuSingqongileyo (Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment – DFFE) ngokwemiqathango yeZiqulatho zoVavanyo lweMpembelelo kokusiNgqongileyo (EIA Regulations) phantsi koMthetho kaZwelonke woLawulo lokuSingqongileyo (NEMA), kwezi zenzo zilandelayo:

- **ISaziso soLuhlu 1** (GN R983 ka-2014): Imisebenzi 14, 16, 17, 19A, 25, & 27
- **ISaziso soLuhlu 2** (GN R984 ka-2014): Imisebenzi 6 & 14
- **ISaziso soLuhlu 3** (GN R985 ka-2014): Imisebenzi 2, 4 & 12

Inkqubo yoVavanyo lokuQala (Scoping) kunye noVavanyo lweMpembelelo kokusiNgqongileyo (Environmental Impact Assessment – EIA) iyafuneka ukuze kuhlolwe iimpembelelo ezinokubakho kokusingqongileyo, kwezentlalo nakwezinye iinkalo phambi kokuba iprojekthi iqhubeke. I-Anchor Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd iqeshwe ukuba iqhube inkqubo yoVavanyo lokuQala (Scoping) kunye noVavanyo lweMpembelelo kokusiNgqongileyo (S&EIA). INgxelo yoVavanyo lweMpembelelo kokusiNgqongileyo (Environmental Impact Assessment Report – EIAr), eshwankathela iziphumo zovavanyo, iya kufumaneka ukuze uluntu luyiphononongе luze lunike izimvo zalo.

Invitation to review the Draft EIAr and Comment during 30-day public participation:
From 18 July 2026 to 23:59 on 18 August 2026

To submit comments or questions, or to register for project updates, contact:
Ukungenisa izimvo okanye imibuzo, okanye ukubhalisela ukufumana uhlaziyo ngeprojekthi, qhagamshelana no:

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Isimemo sokuPhononongа uYilo lweNgxelo yoVavanyo lweMpembelelo kokusiNgqongileyo (Draft EIAr) nokuNika iziMvo ngexesha leentsuku ezingama-30 zoThatho-nxaxheba loLuntu:
Ukususela ngomhla we-18 Julayi 2026 ukuya kutsho ngo-23:59 ngomhla we-18 Agasti 2026.

Documents are available as follows:

- **Online:** https://anchorenvironmental.co.za/public-documents
- **Hardcopy:** West Bank Library (Hood St, West Bank Village, East London)

Notice Date: 17 July 2026

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- **Kwi-intanethi:** https://anchorenvironmental.co.za/public-documents
- **Ikopi eprintiweyo:** Ithala leeNcwadi laseWest Bank (Hood Street, West Bank Village, KuGompo).

Umhla wesiSaziso: 17 Julayi 2026