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1. OBJECTIVES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Pieterse Namibia Steel cc appointed Gea Source Investment cc to conduct an environmental risk assessment of their operational activities which are scrap recycling, flame cutting and salvage operations in Walvis Bay. Pieterse Namibia Steel cc requires an updated Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the relocation of scrap recycling, flamecutting and salvage operations in Walvis Bay in accordance with the Environmental Management Act (7 of 2007). The proponent relocated to Erf 4499 and Erf 4500, Langer Heinrich Crescent Road, Extension 12 in Walvis Bay's new industrial area. The premises at the new industrial area are more appropriate for scrap recycling, flame cutting and salvage operations considering their health and safety risks to their neighbours. The new facility will adhere to the standards and requirements associated with scrap recycling, flame cutting and salvage operations to ensure environmental protection. The EMP provides management options to ensure impacts of the normal operations are minimised. Pieterse Namibia Steel cc operational activities require an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) in terms of Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations for the following activities:

- the import, processing, use and recycling, temporary storage, transit or export of waste and,
- the manufacture, storage, handling or processing of a hazardous substance defined in the Hazardous Substances Ordinance, 1974.

An EMP is a tool used to take pro-active action by addressing potential problems before they occur. This should limit the corrective measures needed, although additional mitigation measures might be included if necessary. The EMP acts as a stand-alone document, which can be used during the various phases (planning, construction, operational and decommissioning) of any proposed activity or development. The main aim of this EMP is to ensure that the project complies with the goals of the Namibian Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental ImpactAssessment Regulations.

The objectives of the EMP are:

- to include all components of the various activities;
- to prescribe the best practicable control methods to lessen the environmental impacts associated with the operations;
- to monitor and audit the performance of the operational personnel in applying such controls; and;
- to ensure that appropriate environmental training is provided to responsible operational personnel.

Pieterse Namibia Steel may choose to implement an environmental management system. At the heart of an Environmental Management System (EMS) is the concept of continual improvement of environmental performance with resulting increases in operational efficiency, financial savings and reduction in environmental, health and safety risks.

An effective EMS would need to include the following elements:

- A stated environmental policy which sets the desired level of environmental performance;
- An environmental legal register;
- An institutional structure which sets out the responsibility, authority, lines of communication and resources needed to implement the EMS;
- Identification of environmental, safety and health training needs;
- An environmental program(s) stipulating environmental objectives and targets to be met, and work instructions and controls to be applied in order to achieve compliance with the environmental policy; and
- Periodic (internal and external) audits and reviews of environmental performance and the effectiveness of the EMS.

2. SUMMARY OF APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

To protect the environment and achieve sustainable development, all projects, plans, programmes and policies deemed to have adverse impacts on the environment require an ECC according to Namibian legislation. The following legislation pertaining to the Development governs the EIA process in Namibia.

As the main source of legislation, the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia (1990) makes provision for the creation and enforcement of applicable legislation. In this context and in accordance with its constitution, Namibia has passed numerous laws intended to protect the natural environment and to mitigate against adverse environmental impacts.

In the context of the proponent's operations, there are several laws and policies currently applicable. They are reflected in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1: Relevant legislations to the proponent's operations

Legislation/Policy/Guideline	Relevant Provisions	Implications for the project
The Constitution of the Republic of Namibia (1990)	Article 91 (c) and Article 95 (i)	The proponent should ensure that their operational activities coexist with the natural environment and most importantly, the well-being of the Namibian citizens in terms of facilities and services.
Environmental Management Act EMA (No. 7 of 2007)	Section 58, Section 56, Section 27	The EMA and its regulations inform and guide the EA process.
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2012 (GN 28-30)	GN 30 S21 Scoping Report (GN 30 S8) Assessment Report (GN 30 S15)	
Labour Act 11 of 2007	Details requirements regarding minimum wage and working conditions (Section 39).	The proponent should ensure that all workers involved in their operational activities comply with this Act. Pieterse Namibia Steel should ensure
Public Health Act 36 of 1919	Section 119	that the safety and welfare of
Health and Safety Regulations GN 156/1997 (GG 1617)	Details various requirements regarding health and safety of labourers.	workers are not compromised during the operational activities.
Forestry Act 12 of 2001 Nature Conservation Ordinance 4 of 1975	Section 22 Section 23	The Directorate of Forestry do not have jurisdiction within townlands however the provisions are guidelines for conservation of vegetation. The proponent should notify the relevant authorities in order to be allowed to construct in their jurisdictions. If there are any protected species, a permit to remove them is required.

Legislation/Policy/Guideline	Relevant Provisions	Implications for the project
Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Ordinance (11 of 1976)	The control of noxious or offensive gases; and Dust control	Pieterse Namibia Steel should adhere to the requirements of the ordinance.
Water Resources Management Act (No. 11 of 2013) Water Act 54 of 1956	The Water Resources Management Act 24 of 2004 does not have regulations as yet; therefore the Water Act No 54 of 1956 is enforced which: Prohibits the pollution of underground and surface water bodies (Section 23). Liability of clean-up costs after closure/ abandonment of an activity (Section 23).	The protection of ground and surface water resources should be a priority. The main threats will most likely be hydrocarbon spills during operation and maintenance.
The Pollution Control and Waste Management Bill (in preparation)	The entire Bill	The proponent should apply emissions and management measures and acquire the necessary permits.
Regional, Town and City Structure Plan (1996) Townships and Division of Land Ordinance 11 of 1963	Details the functions of the Township Board including what they consider when receiving an application for Township Establishment (Section 3).	The proposed layout and land uses should be informed by environmental factors such as water supply, soil etc. as laid out in Section 3.
Walvis Bay Town Planning Scheme No. 40: Town Planning Ordinance 18 of 1954	Subdivision of land situated in any area to which an approved Town Planning Scheme applies must be consistent with that scheme (Section 31).	The proposed use of the project site must be consistent with the Walvis Bay Town Planning Scheme
Road Ordinance 1972 (Ordinance 17 Of 1972)	Width of proclaimed roads and road reserve boundaries (Section 3). Control of traffic on urban trunk and main roads (Section 27). Rails, tracks, bridges, wires, cables, subways or culverts across or under proclaimed roads (Section 36). Infringements and obstructions on and interference with proclaimed roads. (Section 37). Distance from proclaimed roads at which fences are erected (Section 38).	The limitations applicable on Roads Authority proclaimed roads should inform the proposed layout and zonings where applicable.

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE

3.1 SITE LOCATION

Pieterse Namibia Steel has relocated to Erf 4499 and 4500, Langer Heinrich Crescent in the new industrial area of Walvis Bay and is zoned as light industrial with latitude and longitude coordinates (-22.955536; 14.525746) (Figure 1 and Figure 2). The property has an area of 3040 m² and its direct neighbours are XYZ and RDJ and SA Sales Company (Figure 1). Opposite the street there are no neighbours as the plots are vacant. Behind Pieterse Namibia Steel are Performance Transport and the B2 highway approximate 0.85 km away. The neighbours and Municipality of Walvis Bay were informed of Pieterse Namibia Steel activities. Moreover, the Municipality of Walvis Bay and Pieterse Namibia Steel neighbours provided consent for PNS environmental clearance certificate amendment and renewal application.

The facility is in line with developments on industrial properties. No residential areas are situated nearby and neighbours constitute like industry.



Figure 1. Location of Pieterse Namibia Steel cc premises



Figure 2. Existing Site Layout

Implications and Impacts

The scrap salvage facility is in line with developments on an industrial property. No residential areas are situated nearby and neighbours constitute like industry. Furthermore, flooding is not normally a concern in the area.

3.1 CLIMATE

Walvis Bay is situated in the most arid part of the Namib Desert. The climate is characterized by mild summers and cool winters, with average minimum and maximum temperatures ranging between 10°C and 24°C. The cold water Benguela system along the coast controls the coastal climate. Winds generated from the high-pressure cell over the Atlantic Ocean blow from a southerly direction when they reach the Namibian coastline. As the Namibian interior is warm (particularly in summer), localised low pressure systems are created which draws the cold southerly winds towards the inland desert areas (Mendelsohn et al. 2002).

These winds manifest themselves in the form of strong prevailing south-westerly winds, which range from an average of 20 knots (37 km/h) during winter months to as high as 60 knots (110 km/h) during the summer (Christian, 2006). Winds near Walvis Bay display two main trends namely; high velocity and frequency south to south-westerly winds in summer and high velocity, low frequency east to north-easterly winds during winter. During winter, the east winds generated overthe hot Namib Desert have a strong effect on temperature, resulting in temperatures in the upper 30's degrees Celsius and tend to transport plenty of sand (Christian, 2006).

Fog is a common occurrence in the central coastal Namib, often providing the only source of water for

the succulent and lichen flora in the Namib Desert. During spring and summer, the sea breezes move moisture inland, resulting in the formation of fog early and late in the day. In winter the fog is more the result of moist oceanic air blowing on shore (Mendelsohn et al. 2002).

Variation in annual rainfall is very high and most communities within this environment are dependent on regular fog occurrences. January to April is the months with the highest likelihood of rainfall. The long term mean annual rainfall for Walvis Bay is less than 20 mm per annum, with annual totals ranging from 0 mm to 100 mm. Annual evaporation in the area is fairly high and evenlyspread throughout the year. Although the evaporation is reduced by fog and low mean daily temperature range, the high mean wind speed increases the evaporation considerably. With minimal rainfall, most of the waste stream is expected to dry out, rather than decomposing (Mendelsohn et al. 2002).

Water is a scarce and valuable resource in Namibia and especially in the Namib Desert. Rainfall events are scarce and regular occurrences of fog conditions supply many desert adapted species with the water they require (Mendelsohn et al. 2002).

The climatic conditions at the scrap recycling site should not pose any significant problems related to the operations of the facility.

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3.2 TOPOGRAPHY AND DRAINAGE

Topography in the study area is characterised by a relatively flat land surface with a gentle downwards slope towards the west. The site is not situated in a catchment area of any major rivers or channels. The premises on site would be limited to pooling or small streams.

Overall runoff in the area is poorly developed and infiltration into the ground is fast, but rainfall frequency and volumes are typically very low. Storage and use of hazardous materials must be strictly controlled according to MSDS specifications to prevent any pollutants from reaching nearby receptors such as the ocean. The ground water table is shallow. Flooding is not normally a concern in the area.

3.3 GEOLOGY AND GROUNDWATER QUALITY

Deep unconsolidated sediments of Tertiary to Recent age underlie the Walvis Bay area. The deposits have been formed by a combination of fluvial, estuarine, coastal and aeolian processes. Bedrock is estimated to occur at depths of between 40 to 60 m below surface (Mendelsohn et al. 2002).

Mobilisation of sand in the Walvis Bay area is dominated by the southwest wind, while seasonally the northeast wind also contributes to the movement of sand. Transport process of sand causes the migration of sand to areas where dunes are formed, with a maximum angle of repose of 32°, to heights of up to 100 m.

The hydraulic conductivity of the sediments is expected to be relatively high and groundwater flow would be mainly through primary porosity. No potable groundwater source is known of in the vicinity of the site. Groundwater at the site is expected to be saline and the depth to water table at the site is expected to be less than 5 m below surface.

Impacts and Implications

Groundwater is a scarce and valuable source in Namibia and must be protected at all costs.

Although groundwater is not used for human consumption in the vicinity of the site (due to high salinity) it must still be protected from pollutants since it can act as a conduit for the transfer of pollutants to secondary receptors such as the ocean. Furthermore, flooding is not normally a concern in the area.

3.4 AIR QUALITY

Metal particulate matter emissions are generated from cutting metal to be recycled on an industrial scale. The term metal cutting encompasses a broad range of metal recycler destruction from shredding to torch cutting. Torch cutting is the destruction process of most concern because the process generates fine particulate matter air pollution. Evidence that short term exposure to particulate matter air pollution is associated with morbidity and mortality is increasingly found in the literature, especially with respect to fine particulate matter of aerodynamic diameter smaller than 2.5 µm (Raun et al. 2012). There is growing evidence that the chemical composition of particulate matter is another important consideration when studying the health impact (Raun et al., 2012). Though not previously specifically studied, the particulate matter from metal recyclers is likely composed of metals often seen in surface coatings (e.g., arsenic, cadmium, chromium, mercury, lead and selenium), and the alloys themselves which are being recycled (e.g., iron, chromium, copper, cobalt, manganese and nickel), some of which are toxic.

Impacts and Implications

The fumes, smoke, dust and odour emanating from welding and flame cutting metals is harmful and a nuisance to third parties. The proponent may need fume extraction and/or filtering respirators (respiratory protective equipment or RPE) to reduce the risk of ill health. Dirt, grease and other contamination increases the amount of fume generated and can introduce very toxic substances to it. Hot work on items with lead paint, chromium (chromate) paint or cadmium plating is particularly hazardous.

The scrap and salvage recyclers in Namibia fall are subject to the Air Pollution Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Ordinance (11 of 1976) and the Public Health Act & Regulations Relating to the Health and Safety of Employees at Work (No 156 of 1997). Air emissions, from certain types of area sources including metal scrap recyclers are not required to be controlled, measured, inventoried or modelled. As a result, there is large uncertainty in regulatory estimates of emissions from area sources generally, and especially from the area sources without effective control requirements, like metal recyclers.

3.5 INCREASED TRAFFFIC AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The traffic in the area is expected to increase slightly and it might aggravate traffic conditions during peak hours and this may result in a higher number of car accidents. The proposed site area is already a busy area with pedestrians and road traffic. Therefore, an increased traffic may cause more accidents involving pedestrians and vehicles.

Infrastructure like roads will be affected due to increased traffic. It is expected that the increase in traffic during the operational phase would mainly be from small vehicles due to the added employment created in the area.

Impacts and Implications

Some traffic related impacts are expected however mitigation measures will lessen these impacts to a large degree.

4. THE OPERATIONAL COMPONENTS

Pieterse Namibia Steel operations consist of three components, namely:

- The import, storage and supply of B-grade steel products such as square tubing, round tubing, flat bar, angle iron, beams, channels, sheets, plates and fencing materials and steel pipes of various sizes.
- The salvage and recycling of scrap metals obtained from engineering and manufacturing industry in Walvis Bay
- The export of the recyclable scrap metal to other countries

4.1 The Import, Storage and Supply of B-grade Steel Products

Pieterse Namibia Steel imports the B-grade steel from South Africa. The B-grade steel products are transported by third party logistics companies. In Walvis Bay, the B-grade steel products are stored and sold at the premises of Pieterse Steel Namibia. The following are the various types of B-grade steel products stored and sold: square tubing, round tubing, flat bar, angle iron, beams, channels, sheets, plates and fencing materials and steel pipes of various sizes.

4.1.1 Unloading of B-grade Steel Products

At Pieterse Namibia Steel premises the imported B-grade steel products are unloaded from third party transporters and stored at the storage area.

At Pieterse Namibia Steel premises the unloading of scrap materials involves the operation of light or heavy trucks, mobile cranes, and a forklift truck. Working with this equipment poses hazards typical for material handling equipment.





Photo 1. Storage area of B-grade steel

Photo 2. Steel storage area

The unloading of the B-grade steel involves the use of light and heavy vehicles, mobile crane and forklift trucks. Working with this equipment poses hazards typical for material handling equipment.

4.2 The Salvage and Recycling of Scrap Metals

The scrap metal recycling industry encompasses a wide range of metals. Some of the most commonly recycled metals (by volume) are iron and scrap steel, copper, aluminum, lead, zinc, and stainless steel. Scrap metals, in general, are divided into two basic categories: ferrous and nonferrous. Ferrous scrap is metal that contains iron. Iron and steel (which contains iron) can be processed and re-melted repeatedly to form new objects.

Common nonferrous metals are copper, brass, aluminum, zinc, magnesium, tin, nickel, and lead. Nonferrous metals also include precious and exotic metals. Precious metals are metals with a high market value in any form, such as gold, silver, and platinum. Exotic metals contain rare elements such as cobalt, mercury, titanium, tungsten, arsenic, beryllium, bismuth, cerium, cadmium, niobium, indium, gallium, germanium, lithium, selenium, tantalum, tellurium, vanadium, and zirconium.

The scrap metals that are used for processing (sorting and cutting) at Pieterse Namibia Steel are ferrous and non-ferrous scrap metals which are sourced from various sources such as:

- Scrap from manufacturing and engineering industry in Walvis Bay.
- Used construction beams, plates, pipes, tubes, wiring, and shot.
- Old automobiles and other automotive scraps.
- Railroad scrap and railcar scrap.
- Miscellaneous scrap metal.

The salvage and recycling process techniques at Pieterse Namibia Steel fall into these basic categories:

• Loading and unloading

- Separating and sorting
- Gas flame cutting

Each category is an individual component of the recycling process and may pose a wide range of safety hazards that are common to many industrial and material handling processes. Such hazards may include flying pieces of material, exposed moving parts, fire hazards, and noise hazards.

Hazardous chemical exposures to employees are most likely to result from hot processes that produce fumes (such as torching and welding) or processes that produce dust (such as cutting). Each of these processes is discussed in detail below:

4.2.1 Loading and Unloading

The first step in the metal scrap recycling operation is getting the metal scrap to the recycling operation and collecting or sorting materials to be processed in groups. The process starts with the collection of the scrap metal materials from the client's premises. Then the scrap metal is transported to Pieterse Namibia Steel premises for unloading and the initial inspection to determine the types of metal.

At Pieterse Namibia Steel premises the loading and unloading of scrap materials involve the operation of light or heavy trucks, mobile cranes, and a forklift truck. Working with this equipment poses hazards typical for material handling equipment.



Photo 3. Truck to be unloaded

4.2.2 Separating and Sorting

The next step in the scrap recycling phase at Pieterse Namibia Steel is to separate the according to the different types of metals and other materials such as used tires. The other materials that are not able to be processed by Pieterse Namibia Steel will be disposed of at the appropriate recycling facility, hazardous waste facility or landfill. At Pieterse Namibia Steel separating of scrap is done by hand.

When sorting metal scrap by hand, employees must wear personal protective equipment such as gloves if there is a possibility of encountering any metal or other substance for which skin contact could result in adverse health effects. Even for metals that do not irritate the skin, handling sharp or pointed pieces of scrap metal poses cut or abrasion hazards to hands or bodies. Employers are required to ensure that employees wear proper personal protective equipment such as gloves and durable clothing to guard against cuts and scrapes.

Employees also need to be aware of the proper first aid, medical, and reporting procedures if they receive a cut or scrape. Similar concerns apply to other scenarios where employees work with scrap by hand.

4.2.3 Gas Torch (Flame) Cutting

The next step in the scrap recycling process at Pieterse Steel Namibia is to cut the scrap metal into smaller sized squares of approximately 1.5 x 1.5 m using gas torches (Photo 5). Size-reduction of metal scrap is a necessary component of scrap recycling operations. The most common tool used to break apart large metal pieces is the gas cutting torch, often used for cutting steel scrap.

Thermal (gas) torches expose employees to sprays of sparks and metal dust particles, to high temperatures, to bright light that could damage eyes (light both inside and outside of the visible spectrum), and to various gases. Older gas cutting torches used pure hydrogen and oxygen while newer torches often use acetylene, propane, carbide, gasoline-oxygen or other mixtures.

Compressed gases may be flammable and/or explosive or may present toxic or asphyxiant hazards if leaks occur. Compressed gas cylinders can also present explosion or missile hazards if exposed to excessive heat or physical damage.

The use of torches presents an obvious fire hazard. This hazard is of particular concern when working on materials that have combustible or explosive components such as motor vehicles with plastics and fuel tanks, or objects with wooden interiors. Gas torches also involve storage of flammable and explosive gases on site (Photo 4).

Employees involved in activities of this type may be exposed to metal fumes, smoke, hot environments, and hot material when working near furnaces, and may come in contact with metals that present hazards through both skin contact and inhalation.



Photo 4. Compressed gas cylinders storage



Photo 5. Scrap metal cut into smaller pieces

4.3 The export of scrap metal materials

The final step in the scrap recycling process at Pieterse Namibia Steel is the loading of the processed (sorted and cut) scrap metal in a shipping container for export purposes. A final inspection is done to ensure all requirements are met for export. The final inspection will check the weight, contents and supporting documents of the scrap metal materials before the container is sealed in the presence of a Namibia Ports Authority (NAMPORT) official. Then the container is transported by truck operated by NAMPORT to the Walvis Bay Harbour Container Terminal for storage, loading and shipping to our clients 'destinations.

5. THE EMP

The following general guidance for the EMP is based on the findings of the risk assessment carried out by GEA Source Investment at Pieterse Namibia Steel site.

5.1 Land Use, Planning, Design, and Operations – Identified Impacts and Mitigating Measures

The following is the summary of the identified impacts and mitigation measures:

- The current zoning designates the area as suitable for the operations of scrap recycling, flame cutting and salvage activities;
- The risk of an accident/incident causing fires or explosions is possible with the use of compressed gas cylinders. Safety training of workers to ensure the safe use of compressed gas

cylinders, safe storage of gas cylinders and fitting the gas cylinders with flashback arrestors are necessary to mitigating measures to ensure a safe facility. If a fire or explosion was to occur and the necessary mitigating and management measures were not in place there would be a significant possible impact on the adjoining industrial properties.

Accidental spills and releases of vehicle fluids are the most common cause of environmental
damage found at automobile salvage yards. Spills can occur if fluids are left in the vehicle when
stored in the yard, when the fluids are intentionally removed from the vehicle, and when the
fluids are transferred into or out of storage containers and tanks. The best way to minimize your
environmental impact is to prevent spills and accidental releases from occurring by using good
housekeeping practices.

5.2 Responsibilities and Implementation of the EMP

- Pieterse Namibia Steel has overall responsibility for environmental management during the operations and decommissioning phases of their scrap recycling flame cutting and salvage activities.
- Pieterse Namibia Steel will be responsible to ensure that the commitments set out in this EMP
 are implemented during the planning, operations and decommissioning phases. Pieterse
 Namibia Steel is to ensure that contractors involved with their activities comply with the
 EMP and will monitor contractor activities.

The EMP gives the environmental commitments, which will be implemented by Pieterse Namibia Steel and their Contractors. Table 1 to Table 3 outline the management of the environmental elements that may be affected by the different activities, grouped in each phase of their operations. These groups are as follows:

- Planning Phase
- Operational Phase
- Decommissioning Phase

Contents of these tables should be incorporated into a Health, Safety and Environmental (HSE) Management System.

Table 1.Planning Phase

Activity	Objective	Action	Timing	Proof of Compliance	Responsible Body
Compliance	To comply with all legal requirements for the operations of the facility in Namibia.	Ensure that all the necessary permits from the various ministries, local authorities and any other bodies that govern the operations are available.	During operations.	All contracts, permits, certificates and other legal documents on file.	Proponent
Appointments	To appoint reputable contractors and operational personnel and establish the EMP, a legal requirement that forms part of the contract with the contractor and employees.	Appoint a contractor and employees and enter into an agreement which includes the EMP. Ensure that the contents of the EMP are understood by the contractor, subcontractors, employees and all personnel who will be present on site.	During operations.	Contracts on file.	Proponent, Contractor
Management	Establish a management system to implement and monitor Health, Safety and Environment.	Make provisions to have a Health, Safety and Environmental Coordinator to implement the EMP and oversee occupational health and safety as well as general environmental related compliance at the site. Have the following emergency plans, equipment and personnel in place to deal with all emergencies: Risk Management / Mitigation / Environmental Management Plan/ Emergency Response Plan and HSE Manuals Adequate protection and indemnity insurance cover for incidents; Comply with the provisions of all relevant safety standards; Procedures, equipment and materials required for emergencies.	During operations.	Documentation on file Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) on site. Document the operational procedures. Signage related to restricted areas, dangerous areas, and PPE requirements on site. Emergency response material on site.	Proponent, Independent Specialist Consultant

Activity	Objective	Action	Timing	Proof of Compliance	Responsible Body
Restoration Fund/Insurance	To establish a fund/insurance for future environmental restoration or pollution remediation if ever required.	To establish a fund for future ecological restoration of the site should operational activities cease and the site is decommissioned and environmental restoration or pollution remediation is required.	During operations.	Insurance or warranty statement of restoration fund/insurance	Proponent
Reporting	To establish a reporting system to report on monitoring aspects of operation and decommissioning as outlined in the EMP	Establish a reporting system to report on aspects of construction, operation and decommissioning as outlined in the EMP. Keep monitoring reports on file for submission with Environmental Clearance Certificate renewal applications where needed.	During operations.	Monitoring Reports.	Proponent; Contractor
Environmental Clearance Renewal	To renew the Environmental Clearance Certificate every three years	Appoint a specialist environmental consultant to update the EMP and apply for renewal of the Environmental Clearance Certificate.	Prior to expiry of Environmental Clearance Certificate	Renewed Environmental Clearance Certificate	Proponent; Independent Specialist Consultant

Table 2. Operational Phase

Criteria	Nature	Mitigation	Monitoring	Responsible Body
Enhanced skills transfer and technology transfer to Walvis Bay and subsequent promotion of economic development	People need skills to perform their jobs. The technology to do something is often not found locally. Development of people and technology are key to economic development.	None required.	Annual summary report based on actual training and the enhancement of skills and transfer of technology should be compiled.	Proponent
Increased spread of HIV/ AIDS; Increased influx to Walvis Bay; Increased informal settlement and associated problems; Reduced property values	Even existing operations attract people who seek work. This in turn can increase the extent of informal settlements and its associated problems. The increased trucking and distribution of goods from Walvis Bay could contribute to the spread of HIV / AIDS.	The implementation of an educational program on HIV /AIDS for all the staff, in particular the truck drivers, are imperative. Restricted employment for Walvis Bay dwellers only should be practiced. Deviations from this practice should be justified appropriately. Training of local people should be considered from the start. These measures will reduce the influx of newcomers to the town and thereby reduce growth in the informal settlement.	Annual summary report based on educational programmes and training conducted. Annual report and review of employee demographics	Proponent
Employment, secure steel supply and scrap recycling	The continued operation of the facility aid in securing steel supply to the marine, manufacturing and engineering industry. A recycling metal facility reduces pollution, saves resources, reduces waste going to landfills and prevents the destruction of habitats from mining new ore. The facility provides employment to locals.	None required.	Annual summary report based on employee records.	Proponent
Traffic	The site is located in the	Careful planning and directing of trucks arriving	A complaints register must be	Proponent

Criteria	Nature	Mitigation	Monitoring	Responsible Body
	town's industrial area. Due to the nature of the neighbouring industries trucks will frequent the areas around the site. This may cause traffic disruptions and impact on nearby businesses when trucks are parked in the street.	for loading and unloading events might be required. Trucks should not be allowed to park, outside the premises, for extended periods of time. The speed limit imposed on the area must be adhered to.	maintained, in which any traffic related complaints from the community must be logged. Complaints must be investigated and if appropriate, acted upon.	
Security	Unauthorised entry leading to theft of equipment and/or product and/or fire hazard (not intentional arson).	Security procedures and proper security measures must be in place. Strict security that prevents unauthorised entry. Patrolling perimeter fence. Alarm systems and security personnel should be utilised. Strict security at the entry points must be adhered to. Fitness for work certificates for every security officer to be issued on a monthly basis.	A report should be compiled containing all security related incidents.	Proponent, Security Contractor
Fire and Explosion Hazard	Products such as the compressed gas cylinders stored on site are flammable and therefore a fire risk exists. Workers are use compressed gas cylinders for Gas Torch (Flame) Cutting activities. The primary causes of fire and explosion accidents may include human error, technical failures and inadequate maintenance. If preventative measures for fire and explosions are not taken safety risks become more	Storage and handling of flammable products in particular gas cylinders should be according to their MSDS instructions. Regular maintenance, good housekeeping and training of personnel reduce the risk of fire. Further measures to be taken are: • Site inspection and maintenance • Operational procedures and training • Mechanical and electrical inspections • Fire extinguishers • Trained personnel • Good housekeeping • Reporting of leaks/spills Fire Fighting and Fire Prevention: All fire precautions and fire control at the operations must be up to date. Fire fighting	A report should be compiled containing all incidents. The report should contain dates when fire drills were conducted and when fire equipment was tested and replaced.	Proponent

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	probable.	measures as per the Material Safety Data Sheets of the product should be adhered to. In addition to this, all personnel have to be sensitised about responsible fire protection measures and good housekeeping such as the removal of flammable materials including rubbish, dry vegetation, and hydrocarbon-soaked soil from the vicinity of the flame cutting activities.		
		Regular inspections should be carried out to check for these materials at the site. It must be assured that sufficient water is available for fire fighting purposes. A holistic fire protection and prevention plan is needed. This holistic plan must include an emergency response, fire fighting plan and spill recovery.		
		Regular inspections of the fire-fighting equipment and water supply should be carried out as per the EMP.		
		Employers must ensure that employees use appropriate eye and face protection such as a welder's helmet and heatproof and or aluminum lined clothing to protect their bodies from the output of the flame cutting operations, which have similar hazards to welding.		
		Experience has shown that the best chance to rapidly put out a major fire is in the first 5 minutes. It is important to recognise that a responsive fire prevention plan does not solely include the availability of fire fighting equipment, but more importantly, it involves premeditated measures and activities to timeously prevent, curb and avoid conditions that may result in fires.		

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Health & Safety During operational tin procedures for loadin unloading, storage an flame cutting are subjustions risks to huma. These risks are assess terms of the predicted if realised. Typical examples are: Loading and Unloading Breaking and Separate • Material handling such as flying pie material, exposed parts, Slipping on wet seed. Staff not wearing protective clothing. Staff operating ligh heavy vehicles, for trucks and cranes the adequate trains. Storage: Slipping on wet seed. Staff not wearing protective clothing. Staff operating ligh heavy vehicles, for trucks and cranes the adequate trains. Storage: Slipping on wet seed. Trip and fall. Product contact we and skin. Staff not wearing protective clothing. Working at heigh Muscular injury for incorrect lifting teed. Gas Flame Cutting: Trip and fall hazare. Slipping on wet seed. Staff not wearing on wet seed.	Labour Act should be complied with. The responsible contractor must ensure that all members are briefed about the potential risinjuries on site. It is imperative that adequate measures must brought in place to ensure safety of staff or all times. Typical mitigating measures within the he safety management systems are:- Adhere to Health and Safety Regulation pertaining to personal protective cloth first aid kits being available on site, wisigns, etc. In consultation with the Husab Mine of for sections of the Husab mine access be closed or traffic diverted if necessal before and during Lithop substation perconstruction portion Equipment that will be locked away or must be placed in a way that does not encourage criminal activities Ensure suitable personal protective equis in place for workers as well as permoved work systems Forklift and crane operators must be purained in the use of such equipment. Operators must conduct pre- or post-slivehicle inspections depending on vehicle inspections depending on vehicle inspections depending to protect any vulnerable lines from incidental damage during or protect and protective equipments.	maintained on a daily basis. This should include measures taken to ensure that such incidents do not repeat itself. The proponent must ensure that adequate emergency facilities, including first aid kits are available on site. Selected personnel should be trained in first aid. The numbers of a emergency services must be readily available. The proponent must ensure that adequate emergency facilities, including first aid kits are available on site. Selected personnel should be trained in first aid. The numbers of a emergency services must be readily available. The proponent must ensure that adequate emergency facilities, including first aid kits are available on site. Selected personnel should be trained in first aid. The numbers of a emergency services must be readily available. The proponent must ensure that adequate emergency facilities, including first aid kits are available on site. Selected personnel should be trained in first aid. The numbers of a emergency services must be readily available.	

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	 protective clothing Working at heights Working in confined spaces Fire hazards 			
Air Quality	The fumes from welding and flame cutting metals is harmful. Dirt, grease and other contamination increases the amount of fume generated and can introduce very toxic substances to it. Hot work on items with lead paint, chromium (chromate) paint or cadmium plating is particularly hazardous.	The contractor may need fume extraction and/or filtering respirators (respiratory protective equipment or RPE) to reduce the risk of ill health. Consider controls in this order for all welding work: Avoid or reduce exposure Use local exhaust ventilation (LEV) to take the fume away at source. Use suitable respiratory protective equipment (RPE), for example a facemask, to protect workers from inhaling fumes 1. Avoid or reduce exposure To protect your workers from the health risks of inhaling welding fume, first think about if you can use alternative joining, cutting or surface preparation methods that produce less fume or dust. Consider if you could avoid or reduce exposure by doing the job in a different way. For example, can you: • automate or mechanise the process, by using distance welding, turntables or enclosing the work • reduce the amount of welding use materials or a process that generates less fume, for example using MIG welding (an arc welding process) instead of MMA welding (stick welding) use clean metals, for example pre-fabrication shaping or better machining 2. Use local exhaust ventilation (LEV) If you can't avoid welding in your workplace, use local exhaust ventilation systems for indoor working to help remove fume at its source. This	When the proponent provides RPE for workers: Ensure to use an FFP3 disposable mask or half-mask with P3 filter (PDF), for work of up to an hour use battery-powered air-fed protective equipment for longer duration work, with a minimum assigned protection factor of 20 (APF20) ensure RPE wearers are clean shaven and provide face-fit testing for them For welding outdoors, local exhaust ventilation will not work, so workers should use suitable RPE to control exposure. The proponent should always provide appropriate personal protective equipment for your welders shielding to protect other workers from eye damage. The proponent to ensure to keep records of PPE provided to workers.	Proponent

		is also known as extraction or fume control. This will protect your welder from exposure to welding fume. It will also help to protect others nearby. 3. Use suitable respiratory protective equipment (RPE). If you cannot achieve adequate control from LEV alone, or if it is not reasonably practicable to provide LEV, you must provide your workers with suitable respiratory protective equipment (RPE). For example, if they're welding with LEV but not all the fume is captured you might be able to see residual uncaptured fume, or in the case of TIG welding, smell uncaptured ozone, then you're not controlling the risk and you should also provide respiratory protective equipment.		
Waste Production	The ability of products to act as a waste which must be cleaned up or removed off-site to an appropriate waste disposal facility. These can be soils that become contaminated with fuel. Domestic waste from bins, offices and ablution facilities and other scrap material.	The contractor must ensure that adequate temporary disposal facilities are available at onsite. Products that can be re-used or re-cycled should be kept separate. Waste should be disposed of regularly and at appropriate disposal facilities. Due to the nature of some hazardous materials they should be disposed of in an appropriate way at an appropriately classified waste disposal facility. Make use of the Material Safety Data Sheets available from suppliers if the user is not sure how to dispose of the substance.	A register of hazardous waste disposal should be kept. This should include type of waste, volume as well as disposal method/facility. Hazardous waste disposal receipts should be kept on file. Any complaints received regarding waste should be recorded with notes on action taken. All data to be compiled in a monitoring report.	Proponent

Groundwater,	Soil may become	Using good housekeeping practices can avoid	Mitigation measures for handling and	Proponent
Surface Water	contaminated over time by the	potentially costly remediation of contaminated	storage of hydrocarbon and	
and Soil	slow accumulation of many	soil due to accidental drips and spills. When spills	hazardous materials onsite and	
Contamination	small drips and spills, or all at	do occur, the release should be stopped and	offsite. Make use of spill kits (spill	
	once by a single spill event.	cleaned up immediately.	clean-up material), spill drip trays	
	Spills can occur if fluids are		and funnels to transfer hydrocarbons.	
	left in the vehicle when stored	If the spilled material was hazardous waste, then		
	in the yard, when the fluids	the contaminated soil will likely be a hazardous	Should any spills occur,	
	are intentionally removed	waste as well. If hazardous, you must dispose of it	contaminated soil is to be removed	
	from the vehicle, and when the	as hazardous waste:	and rehabilitated or replaced with	
	fluids are transferred into or	 the contaminated soil must be stored in 	uncontaminated soil and a spill report	
	out of storage containers and	containers labeled "Hazardous Waste -	form must be completed by the	
	tanks.	Contaminated Soil;"	contractor.	
		 all hazardous wastes count toward your 		
	Porous surface substrate can	monthly hazardous waste generator	The spill report form must include the	
	allow unwanted hazardous and	accumulation total;	nature, extent and location of the	
	ecologically detrimental	 Contaminated soil should be containerized or 	hazardous spill and the actions taken	
	substances to seep down to the	stored covered on bermed plastic sheeting	to contain it.	
	water table table either at the	until a decision is made on how it will be		
	site of spill or after being	managed. DO NOT store contaminated soils		
	washed away by surface flow.	indefinitely.		
	Leakages from accidental			
	spills of hydrocarbons (fuel	• If the spilled material was non-		
	and oil) from scrap vehicles	hazardous waste, then the contaminated		
	might occur. Groundwater	soil will also be non- hazardous.		
	might spread pollutants to			
	neighbouring receptors and			
	may create an impact on			
	underground infrastructure.			
	However, due to the small			
	scale of the project and the			
	scarcity of surface water and			
	groundwater in the area, the			
	risk of hazardous spills can be			
	effectively managed.			
	Groundwater is not utilized in			
	the area for human			
	consumption but should still be protected at all costs.			

	Limited surface runoff from the site is expected			
Ecological Impact	The effect of operational activities on the ecosystem functioning and biodiversity. Bright lights may impact on birds flying in the area at night. This may lead to collisions.	The operations take place within an industrial area where most biodiversity has been removed long ago. To prevent the impact of lighting on birds all lighting at the premises must be directed downwards and the minimum lighting required must be used at night. The nesting of birds should be discouraged. Regular inspection must be performed to monitor for bird impacts and mitigation measures investigated if required.	A record should be kept of any extraordinary fauna sightings or encounters on site. All data to be compiled in the monitoring report.	Proponent
Visual Impact	This is an impact that affects the aesthetic appearance.	No specific measures need to be implemented to maintain a similar visual impact to other	A complaints register must be maintained, in which all complaints	Proponent

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	The infrastructure does not have a significant effect on the visual horizon as it will be similar to the other structures in the industrial area and to that which is already present at the scrap metal recycling premises.	industrial buildings. Routine maintenance on infrastructure will ensure that the longevity of structures is maximised. However, it is important that the real integrity of the structures is considered in the long term and not just appearances.	from the community must be logged. Complaints must be investigated and if appropriate, acted upon.	
Cumulative Impact	These are impacts on the environment, which result from the incremental impact of the action when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions regardless of who undertakes such other actions. Cumulative impacts can result from individually minor, but collectively significant actions taking place over a period of time. In relation to an activity, it means the impact of an activity that in itself may not be significant, may become significant when added to the existing and potential impacts resulting from similar or diverse activities or undertakings in the area. Possible cumulative impacts associated with the operational phase include increase in traffic frequenting the site and along the sections of roads near the facility. An increase in emissions from these vehicles will decrease the air	Addressing each of the individual impacts as discussed and recommended in the EMP would reduce the cumulative impact. Reviewing biannual and annual reports for any new or reoccurring impacts or problems would aid in identifying cumulative impacts and help in planning if the existing mitigations are insufficient.	Annual summary report based on all other impacts must be created to give an overall assessment of the impact of the Operational Phase.	Proponent

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	quality around the facility.			
	Wear and tear on the roads			
	and increased risks of road			
	traffic incidences could			
	increase.			
	Additional traffic and			
	operational noise would			
	further increase noise impacts			
	in the area. Other companies			
	are using the roads to access			
	the area.			
	The cumulative effect of			
	lighting on birds due to			
	industrial developments			
	may increase the risk of			
	collisions and interference			
	with bird flight paths at night.			

 Table 3.
 Decommissioning Phase

Criteria	Nature	Mitigation	Monitoring	Responsible Body
Employment	Decommissioning of the site premises may lead to retrenchments or re-location of staff no longer required.	Plan in advance for meeting the Labour Acts requirements for retrenching of staff if required. Where possible staff can be relocated to another facility or town where business continues in the same way.	During normal operations of the facility an annual report must be compiled that includes the appropriate plans for handling of employees should the facility be decommissioned. The report should include budgeting for retrenchments and possible alternative positions elsewhere.	Proponent
Ecological Impact	Operations spanning many years may create new habitat for fauna and flora. Upon decommissioning these habitats will be destroyed	The Applicant would have to take into consideration any new flora and fauna habitats created. Before decommissioning, the HSE officers would need to inspect every structural facility to ensure that the dismantling and removal of any structure would not affect any organism that has become dependent on those structures for survival, shelter or breeding. Where new habitats were created and occupied by fauna or flora, The Applicant must contact MET or other appropriate organizations to establish the conservation status. The possibility of relocating the fauna or flora must be investigated and executed. Should the species be listed as vulnerable to extinction, a meeting should be held with MET in order to determine the appropriate handling of the situation.	A report should be compiled of any fauna and flora that established itself on the premises. The report should include all actions taken to relocate or deal with the situation.	Proponent, Contractor
Dust	Dust will be generated during the Decommissioning Phase and might be aggravated during periods of strong winds. This occurs regularly in Walvis Bay during the	It is recommended that regular dust suppression be included in the Decommissioning Phase, when dust becomes an issue. Personnel should be issued with dust masks for health and safety reasons.	Regular visual inspection. A complaints register must be maintained, in which any complaints from the community must be logged. Complaints must be investigated and,	Proponent, Contractor

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	winter months when easterly winds occur.	Accumulation of rubble should not be allowed and must be taken to the dumpsite within reasonable time.	if appropriate, acted upon.	
Air Quality		The contractor may need fume extraction and/or filtering respirators (respiratory protective equipment or RPE) to reduce the risk of ill health. Consider controls in this order for all welding work: Avoid or reduce exposure Use local exhaust ventilation (LEV) to take the fume away at source. Use suitable respiratory protective equipment (RPE), for example a facemask, to protect workers from inhaling fumes 1. Avoid or reduce exposure To protect your workers from the health risks of inhaling welding fume, first think about if you can use alternative joining, cutting or surface preparation methods that produce less fume or dust. Consider if you could avoid or reduce exposure by doing the job in a different way. For example, can you: • automate or mechanise the process, by using distance welding, turntables or enclosing the work • reduce the amount of welding use materials or a process that generates less fume, for example using MIG welding (an arc welding process) instead of MMA welding (stick welding) use clean metals, for example pre-fabrication shaping or better machining 2. Use local exhaust ventilation (LEV) If you can't avoid welding in your workplace, use local exhaust ventilation systems for indoor working to help remove fume at its source. This is also known as extraction or fume control. This will protect your welder from exposure to welding fume. It will also help to protect others nearby. 3. Use suitable respiratory protective equipment	When the proponent provides RPE for workers: Ensure to use an FFP3 disposable mask or half-mask with P3 filter (PDF), for work of up to an hour use battery-powered air-fed protective equipment for longer duration work, with a minimum assigned protection factor of 20 (APF20) ensure RPE wearers are clean shaven and provide face-fit testing for them For welding outdoors, local exhaust ventilation will not work, so workers should use suitable RPE to control exposure. The proponent should always provide appropriate personal protective equipment for your welders shielding to protect other workers from eye damage. Proponent to ensure to keep records of PPE provided to workers	Proponent

		(RPE). If you cannot achieve adequate control from LEV alone, or if it is not reasonably practicable to provide LEV, you must provide your workers with suitable respiratory protective equipment (RPE). For example, if they're welding with LEV but not all the fume is captured you might be able to see residual uncaptured fume, or in the case of TIG welding, smell uncaptured ozone, then you're not controlling the risk and you should also provide respiratory protective equipment.		
Waste Production	The ability of product to act as a waste which must be cleaned up. Upon decommissioning waste will be produced in the form of building rubble, obsolete equipment and structures, obsolete or residual products and equipment or structures that can be used elsewhere or sold as scrap.	To reduce the amount of waste all re-usable pipelines, pumps, tanks, valves and other equipment must be removed to another site owned by Pieterse Namibia Steel or sold. Those items that cannot be used again must be scrapped in the appropriate manner. Upon demolition of the buildings and concrete the rubble must be removed from the property and taken to an approved dumpsite designated by the Walvis Bay Municipality. Rehabilitation if necessary are to be done using funds designated for the purpose.	Regular visual inspection. A register of waste produced and disposal methods should be maintained.	Proponent; Contractor

Noise	Noise pollution will exist due to heavy vehicles accessing the site to collect rubble from demolished building materials.	The facility is situated in an industrial area so there is no restriction on the times of operation. The Walvis Bay Municipality does not have any guidelines with respect to noise levels but the World Health Organization (WHO) guideline on maximum noise levels (Guidelines for Community Noise, 1999) to prevent hearing impairment is followed. This limits noise levels in industrial areas to an average of 70 dB over a 24 hour period with maximum noise levels not exceeding 110 dB during the period. During decommissioning noise levels might be higher. This will however be short lived. All personnel must be issued with hearing protectors and neighbours must be notified of the time and duration of decommissioning. Notice of the start of the decommissioning should be given to the local authorities with an invitation to give	A complaints register must be maintained, in which any complaints from the community must be logged. Complaints must be investigated and if appropriate, acted upon.	Proponent, Contractor
Groundwater,	Porous surface substrate can	feedback at any time with regards the noise impact. All precautions are to be taken to prevent	Mitigation measures for handling and	Proponent, Contractor

Criteria	Nature	Mitigation	Monitoring	Responsible Body
Surface Water	allow unwanted hazardous and	contamination of the soil as this could enter the	storage of hydrocarbon and	
and Soil	ecologically detrimental	ecosystem. Leakages from vehicles might occur	hazardous materials onsite and	
Contamination	substances to seep down to	especially if they are serviced on site.	offsite.	
	the water table.	Care must be taken to avoid contamination of soil and groundwater. Groundwater might spread pollutants to neighbouring receptors and may create an impact on underground utilities (i.e. fresh water supply to buildings, sewerage system). Pollutants in the soil and building rubble must be transported away from the site to an approved, appropriately classified waste disposal site. Confirm MSDS information for any remaining fuels, oils or lubricants that must be discarded. Regulations on sewerage discharge and the chemicals that may be put into the sewerage	Should any spills occur, contaminated soil is to be removed and rehabilitated or replaced with uncontaminated soil and a spill report form must be completed by the contractor. The spill report form must include the nature, extent and location of the hazardous spill and the actions taken to contain it.	
		system must be followed.		
Health, Safety and Security	During decommissioning times all procedures for loading and unloading and demolishing of buildings are subject to various risks to human beings. Different excavation, earthmoving and transport equipment will be onsite. This increases the possibility of injuries. A high risk to site security and personnel health and safety exists during this period.	All Health and Safety standards specified in the Labour Act should be complied with. The responsible contractor must ensure that all staff members are briefed about the potential risks of injuries on site. The Contractor should be obliged to adhere to the following:encourage criminal activities Adhere to Health and Safety Regulations pertaining to personal protective clothing, first aid kits, warning signs, etc.; Ensure that adequate emergency facilities, including first aid kits, are available on site; The contractor must use local media to make the public aware of construction activities that may pose safety risks; Proper barricades and signage must be in place to warn and direct pedestrian and vehicle traffic	Receive a weekly planning sheet from Contractor to know when traffic authorities and the general public need to be informed of construction areas to avoid. A register of all incidents must be maintained on a daily basis. This should include measures taken to ensure that such incidents are not repeated. All information and reporting to be included in a final report once construction finishes and the site is handed over to MME.	Proponent, Contractor

Criteria	Nature	Mitigation	Monitoring	Responsible Body
		 away from construction site; Equipment that must be locked away on site and must be placed in a way that does not encourage criminal activities (e.g. theft); Induction training for all who enter the site is required; and Security personnel to prevent unauthorised entry of the site 		
Fire and Explosion Hazard	Residual Hydrocarbons could be present and might pose a risk to the teams dismantling the various structures. Fire and/or explosion events are still possible.	All relevant regulations and precautions should be in place before commencing with decommissioning activities. All personnel have to be sensitised about responsible fire protection measures and good housekeeping such as the removal of flammable materials including rubbish, dry vegetation, and hydrocarbon-soaked soil from the vicinity of the site. Regular inspections should still be carried out to inspect and test fire fighting equipment and pollution control materials at the scrap recycle premises. All fire precautions and fire control at the fuel storage facility must be in accordance with SANS, or better. The holistic fire protection and prevention plan should still be utilised. Experience has shown that the best chance to rapidly put out a major fire is in the first 5 minutes. It is important to recognise that a responsive fire prevention plan does not solely include the availability of fire fighting equipment, but more importantly, it involves premeditated measures and activities to timeously prevent, curb and avoid conditions that may result in fires.	A register of all incidents must be maintained on a daily basis. This should include measures taken to ensure that such incidents do not repeat itself.	Proponent; Contractor

Criteria	Nature	Mitigation	Monitoring	Responsible Body
Rehabilitation	Should the premises ever be	Removal of all infrastructure and waste produced	During normal operations a	Proponent
	decommissioned the entire	after decommissioning is crucial. Any residual	rehabilitation fund must be	
	premises must be rehabilitated	hydrocarbon polluted soil must be removed to a	established to prepare for	
	as much as possible to its	classified waste disposal site.	possible decommissioning	
	original condition.			

6. CONCLUSION

The updated Environmental Management Plan was is prepared for scrap recycling, flame cutting and salvage operations of Pieterse Namibia Steel cc in Walvis Bay. The updated EMP if properly implemented will help minimise adverse impacts on the environment. Where impacts occur, immediate action must be taken to reduce the escalation of effects associated with these impacts. To ensure the relevance of this document to the specific stage of project, it needs to be reviewed throughout all phases.

The review of the Environmental Management Plan found it practical and efficient towards the improvement of environmental sustainability. Pieterse Namibia Steel cc have implemented an HSE Management System upon recommendation of the EMP (their HSE MS and other HSE documents are attached).

The updated Environmental Management Plan should be used as an on-site reference document during all phases of the proposed project, and auditing should take place in order to determine compliance with the EMP for the proposed site, and Parties responsible for transgression of the EMP should be held responsible for any rehabilitation that may need to be undertaken.

Monitoring reports must be kept available for possible submission with future renewal applications for environmental clearance certificates.

Provided that the recommended mitigation measures are successfully implemented, there is no environmental reason not to issue an environmental clearance certificate for the existing scrap recycling, flame cutting and salvage operations.

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Appendix A: PNS Health, Safety & Environment Plan

Appendix B: Municipality of Walvis Bay and neighbours consent

Appendix C: Environmental Practitioners CV