

APP-0010363

**OPERATIONS OF AN EXISTING BULK DIESEL BUNKERING
FACILITY, WALVIS BAY**

UPDATED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN



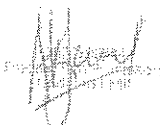
Assessed by:



Assessed for:

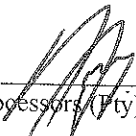


June 2022

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Project: | UPDATED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE OPERATIONS OF AN EXISTING BULK DIESEL BUNKERING FACILITY, WALVIS BAY | |
| Report Version/Date: | Final June 2022 | |
| Prepared for: (Proponent) | Freddie Fish Processors (Pty) Ltd P.O. Box 1676 Walvis Bay | |
| Lead Consultant | Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd PO Box 11073 Windhoek Namibia | TEL.: (+264-61) 257411 FAX.: (+264) 88626368 |
| Main Project Team: | Pierre Botha (B.Sc. Geology/Geography); (B.Sc. (Hons) Hydrology/Hydrogeology) André Faul (B.Sc. Zoology, Biochemistry); (B.Sc. (Hons) Zoology); (M.Sc. Conservation Ecology); (Ph.D. Medical Bioscience) Wikus Coetzer (B.Sc. Environmental and Biological Sciences); (B.Sc. (Hons) Environmental Sciences) | |
| Cite this document as: | Botha P, Faul A, Coetzer W. 2022 June; Updated Environmental Management Plan for the Operations of an Existing Bulk Diesel Bunkering Facility, Walvis Bay. | |
| Copyright | Copyright on this document is reserved. No part of this document may be utilised without the written permission of Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd. | |
| Report Approval |  André Faul Conservation Ecology | |

I _____ acting as the Proponent's representative (Freddie Fish Processors (Pty) Ltd), hereby confirm that we approve the Environmental Management Plan as presented in this document. All material information in the possession of the proponent that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing the Environmental Management Plan was provided to the consultant.

Signed at Walvis Bay on the 27th day of June 2022.


 Freddie Fish Processors (Pty) Ltd

NO. 91/160
 Company Registration Number

TABLE OF CONTENTS

| | | |
|----------|--|-----------|
| 1 | OBJECTIVES OF THE EMP | 1 |
| 2 | THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EMP | 1 |
| 2.1 | PLANNING..... | 2 |
| 2.2 | MANAGEMENT OF IMPACTS: OPERATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION | 2 |
| 2.2.1 | <i>Employment</i> | 3 |
| 2.2.2 | <i>Revenue Generation</i> | 4 |
| 2.2.3 | <i>Skills, Technology and Development</i> | 5 |
| 2.2.4 | <i>Demographic Profile and Community Health</i> | 6 |
| 2.2.5 | <i>Fuel Supply</i> | 7 |
| 2.2.6 | <i>Traffic</i> | 8 |
| 2.2.7 | <i>Health, Safety and Security</i> | 9 |
| 2.2.8 | <i>Fire</i> | 10 |
| 2.2.9 | <i>Air Quality</i> | 11 |
| 2.2.10 | <i>Noise</i> | 12 |
| 2.2.11 | <i>Waste production</i> | 13 |
| 2.2.12 | <i>Ecosystem and Biodiversity Impact</i> | 14 |
| 2.2.13 | <i>Groundwater, Surface Water and Soil Contamination</i> | 15 |
| 2.2.14 | <i>Visual Impact</i> | 16 |
| 2.2.15 | <i>Cumulative Impact</i> | 17 |
| 2.3 | DECOMMISSIONING AND REHABILITATION | 18 |
| 2.4 | ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM | 18 |
| 3 | CONCLUSION | 18 |
| 4 | REFERENCES | 18 |

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|--------------|---|
| AIDS | Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome |
| EIA | Environmental Impact Assessment |
| EMP | Environmental Management Plan |
| EMS | Environmental Management System |
| HIV | Human Immunodeficiency Virus |
| LNAPL | Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids |
| MEFT | Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism |
| MSDS | Material Safety Data Sheet |
| PPE | Personal Protective Equipment |
| SANS | South African National Standards |
| WHO | World Health Organization |

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Assessment - The process of collecting, organising, analysing, interpreting and communicating information relevant to decision making.

Competent Authority - means a body or person empowered under the local authorities act or Environmental Management Act to enforce the rule of law.

Construction - means the building, erection or modification of a facility, structure or infrastructure that is necessary for the undertaking of an activity, including the modification, alteration, upgrading or decommissioning of such facility, structure or infrastructure.

Cumulative Impacts - in relation to an activity, means the impact of an activity that in itself may not be significant but may become significant when added to the existing and potential impacts eventuating from similar or diverse activities or undertakings in the area.

Environment - As defined in the Environmental Assessment Policy and Environmental Management Act - "land, water and air; all organic and inorganic matter and living organisms as well as biological diversity; the interacting natural systems that include components referred to in sub-paragraphs, the human environment insofar as it represents archaeological, aesthetic, cultural, historic, economic, palaeontological or social values".

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) - process of assessment of the effects of a development on the environment.

Environmental Management Plan (EMP) - A working document on environmental and socio-economic mitigation measures, which must be implemented by several responsible parties during all the phases of the proposed project.

Environmental Management System (EMS) - An Environment Management System, or EMS, is a comprehensive approach to managing environmental issues, integrating environment-oriented thinking into every aspect of business management. An EMS ensures environmental considerations are a priority, along with other concerns such as costs, product quality, investments, PR productivity and strategic planning. An EMS generally makes a positive impact on a company's bottom line. It increases efficiency and focuses on customer needs and marketplace conditions, improving both the company's financial and environmental performance. By using an EMS to convert environmental problems into commercial opportunities, companies usually become more competitive.

Evaluation – means the process of ascertaining the relative importance or significance of information, the light of people's values, preference and judgements in order to make a decision.

Hazard - Anything that has the potential to cause damage to life, property and/or the environment. The hazard of a particular material or installation is constant; that is, it would present the same hazard wherever it was present.

Mitigate - The implementation of practical measures to reduce adverse impacts.

Proponent (Applicant) - Any person who has submitted or intends to submit an application for an authorisation, as legislated by the Environmental Management Act no. 7 of 2007, to undertake an activity or activities identified as a listed activity or listed activities; or in any other notice published by the Minister or Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism.

Public - Citizens who have diverse cultural, educational, political and socio-economic characteristics. The public is not a homogeneous and unified group of people with a set of agreed common interests and aims. There is no single public. There are a number of publics, some of whom may emerge at any time during the process depending on their particular concerns and the issues involved.

Significant Effect/Impact - means an impact that by its magnitude, duration, intensity or probability of occurrence may have a notable effect on one or more aspects of the environment.

1 OBJECTIVES OF THE EMP

Freddie Fish Processors (Pty) Ltd (the Proponent) requested Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd to update the existing environmental management plan (EMP) for their diesel bunkering facility situated in erf 4021 in Fin Street, Walvis Bay. The updated EMP will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) to renew the existing environmental clearance certificate (ECC) for the facility. The renewed ECC is required for operations and construction (care and maintenance) of their diesel bunkering facility, within the industrial area of Walvis Bay. The property is currently zoned for industrial purposes. Freddie Fish Processors operates a 230 m³ aboveground diesel storage tank in the fishing harbour of Walvis Bay. Diesel is supplied for bunkering purposes of mainly fishing vessels. This include vessels of their own fleet, as well as those of other clients. The site further hosts a 2 m³ diesel tank which is filled from the main tank to supply land based vehicles with diesel. The diesel tanks are situated aboveground and in a concrete bund area. Diesel is supplied by means of a portable bunker hose reel to vessels docked at the nearby jetty or quay wall. Day to day activities include general operational activities and maintenance procedures associated with a bulk fuel storage facilities.

The EMP provides management options to ensure impacts of the facility are minimised. 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 management measures provided in the EMP should be adhered to during the various phases of the operation of the facility. The EMP acts as a stand-alone document. All personnel taking part in the operations of the facility should be made aware of the contents in this section, so as to plan the operations accordingly and in an environmentally sound manner.

The objectives of the EMP are:

- ◆ to include all components of construction activities (upgrades, maintenance, etc.) and operations of the facility;
- ◆ to prescribe the best practicable control methods to lessen the environmental impacts associated with the project;
- ◆ to monitor and audit the performance of operational personnel in applying such controls; and
- ◆ to ensure that appropriate environmental training is provided to responsible operational personnel.

2 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EMP

The sections below outline the management of the environmental elements that may be affected by the activities associated with the various phases of the facility. These phases are as follows:

- ◆ Planning Phase
- ◆ Operational and Construction (maintenance, upgrades etc.) Phase
- ◆ Decommissioning Phase

The EMP is a living document that must be prepared in detail, and regularly updated, by the proponent as the project progress and evolve. Impacts addressed and mitigation measures proposed are seen as minimum requirements which have to be elaborated on. Delegation of mitigation measures and reporting activities should be determined by the proponent and included in the EMP.

All monitoring results must be reported on as indicated. Reporting is important for any future renewals of the ECC and must be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism. Renewal of ECC will require bi-annual reports based on the monitoring prescribed in this EMP.

Various potential and definite impacts will emanate from the operations, construction and decommissioning phases. The majority of these impacts can be mitigated or prevented. The impacts as well as prevention and mitigation measures are listed below. The general guidance and impact descriptions provided below is based on the findings of the initial EIA and risk assessment carried out by Geo Pollution Technologies (Botha et al., 2018).

2.1 PLANNING

During the phases of planning for future operations, construction and decommissioning of the facility, it is the responsibility of the Proponent to ensure they are and remain compliant with all legal requirements. The Proponent must also ensure that all required management measures are in place prior to and during all phases, to ensure potential impacts and risk are minimised. The following actions are recommended for the planning phase and should continue during various other phases of the project:

- ◆ Ensure that all necessary permits from the various ministries, local authorities and any other bodies that governs the construction activities and operations of the project remain valid.
- ◆ Ensure all appointed contractors and employees enter into an agreement which includes the EMP. Ensure that the contents of the EMP are understood by the contractors, sub-contractors, employees and all personnel present or who will be present on site.
- ◆ 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 on site where reasonable to deal with all potential emergencies:
 - Risk management / mitigation / EMP/ 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.
- ◆ If one has not already been established, establish and maintain a fund for future ecological restoration of the project site, should project activities cease and the site is decommissioned and environmental restoration or pollution remediation is required.
- ◆ Establish and / or maintain a reporting system to report on aspects of construction activities, operations and decommissioning as outlined in the EMP.
- ◆ Submit bi-annual reports to the MEFT to allow for ECC renewal after three years. This is a requirement by MEFT.
- ◆ Appoint a specialist environmental consultant to update the EMP and apply for renewal of the ECC prior to expiry.

2.2 MANAGEMENT OF IMPACTS: OPERATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION

The following section provide management measures for both the operational phase as well as construction activities related to the project.

2.2.1 Employment

An increase of skilled and professional labour has and will continue to take place due to the operations of the facility. Employment is sourced locally while skilled labour/contractors may be sourced from other regions.

Desired outcome: Provision of employment to local Namibians.

Actions

Enhancement:

- ◆ The Proponent must employ local Namibians where possible.
- ◆ If the skills exist locally, employees must first be sourced from the town, then the region and then nationally.
- ◆ Deviations from this practice must be justified.

Responsible Body:

- ◆ Proponent

Data Sources and Monitoring:

- ◆ Bi-annual summary report based on employee records.

2.2.2 Revenue Generation

The change in land use has led to changes in the way revenue is generated and paid to the national treasury.

Desired outcome: Contribution to national treasury and general economic development

Actions

Enhancement:

- ◆ Adhere to various legislative requirements pertaining to payment wages, taxes, levies, etc.

Responsible Body:

- ◆ Proponent

Data Sources and Monitoring:

- ◆ Namibian legislation

2.2.3 Skills, Technology and Development

During various phases of the facility, training is provided to a portion of the workforce to be able to maintain and operate various features of a bulk fuel storage facility according to the required standards. Skills are transferred to an unskilled workforce for general tasks. The technology required for the development and improvement of the facility is often new to the local industry, aiding in operational efficiency. Development of people and technology are key to economic development.

Desired outcome: To see an increase in skills of local Namibians, as well as development and technology advancements in the fuel industry.

Actions

Mitigation:

- ◆ If the skills exist locally, contractors must first be sourced from the town, then the region and then nationally. Deviations from this practice must be justified.
- ◆ Skills development and improvement programs to be made available as identified during performance assessments.
- ◆ Employees to be informed about parameters and requirements for references upon employment.
- ◆ The proponent must employ Namibians where possible. Deviations from this practice should be justified appropriately.

Responsible Body:

- ◆ Proponent
- ◆ Contractors

Data Sources and Monitoring:

- ◆ Record should be kept of training provided.
- ◆ Ensure that all training is certified or managerial reference provided (proof provided to the employees) inclusive of training attendance, completion and implementation.
- ◆ Summarise all training (formal and informal) in a bi-annual report.

2.2.4 Demographic Profile and Community Health

The project is reliant on labour during the operational phase. The scale of the project is limited and it is not foreseen that it has created a change in the demographic profile of the local community. Spills and leaks may present risks to members of the public.

Desired Outcome: To prevent the in-migration and growth in informal settlements and to prevent the spread of communicable diseases and prevent / discourage socially deviant behaviour.

Actions:

Prevention:

- ◆ Employ only local people from the area, deviations from this practice should be justified appropriately.
- ◆ Adhere to all municipal by-laws relating to environmental health which includes, but is not limited to sanitation requirements.

Mitigation:

- ◆ Educational programmes for employees on HIV/AIDs and general upliftment of employees' social status.
- ◆ Appointment of reputable contractors.

Responsible Body:

- ◆ Proponent

Data Sources and Monitoring:

- ◆ Facility inspection sheet for all areas, which may present environmental health risks, kept on file.
- ◆ Bi-annual summary report based on employee demographics, educational programmes and training conducted.

2.2.5 Fuel Supply

The operation of the facility will aid in securing fuel supply to the business's own fishing vessels as well as other business and seagoing vessels. Continued and secure fuel supply supports the fishing industry who's vessels are the main clients to the facility. Continued operations of the vessels have direct links to employment and revenue generation.

Desired Outcome: Ensure a secure fuel supply remains available.

Actions

Mitigation:

- ◆ Ensure compliance to the petroleum regulations of Namibia.
- ◆ Proper fuel management to ensure constant supply.
- ◆ Record supply problems and take corrective actions.

Responsible Body:

- ◆ Proponent

Data Sources and Monitoring:

- ◆ Record supply problems and corrective actions taken.

2.2.6 Traffic

The facility may have increased the traffic flow to the site, both land based and marine, through the delivery and distribution of fuel. An increase in traffic to and from the site may increase congestion and increase the risk of incidents and accidents. Land based traffic impacts are expected to be minimal.

Desired Outcome: Minimum impact on traffic and no transport or traffic related incidents.

Actions

Prevention:

- ◆ Erect clear signage regarding access and exit points at the facility.

Mitigation:

- ◆ Tanker trucks delivering fuel should not be allowed to obstruct any traffic in surrounding streets.
- ◆ If any traffic impacts are expected, marine and land based, traffic management should be performed to prevent these.
- ◆ The placement of signs to warn and direct traffic will mitigate traffic impacts.

Responsible Body:

- ◆ Proponent

Data Sources and Monitoring:

- ◆ Any complaints received regarding traffic issues should be recorded together with action taken to prevent impacts from repeating itself.
- ◆ A bi-annual report should be compiled of all incidents reported, complaints received, and action taken.

2.2.7 Health, Safety and Security

Every activity associated with the operational phase is reliant on human labour and therefore exposes people to health and safety risks. Activities such as the operation of machinery and handling of hazardous chemicals (inhalation and carcinogenic effect of some petroleum products), poses the main risks to employees. Security risks are related to unauthorized entry, theft and sabotage.

Desired Outcome: To prevent injury, health impacts and theft.

Actions

Prevention:

- ◆ All Health and Safety standards specified in the Labour Act should be complied with.
- ◆ Clearly label dangerous and restricted areas as well as dangerous equipment and products.
- ◆ Equipment that will be locked away on site must be placed in a way that does not encourage criminal activities (e.g. theft).
- ◆ Provide all employees with required and adequate personal protective equipment (PPE).
- ◆ Ensure that all personnel receive adequate training on operation of equipment / handling of hazardous substances.
- ◆ Implementation of maintenance register for all equipment and fuel/hazardous substance storage areas.

Mitigation:

- ◆ Selected personnel should be trained in first aid and a first aid kit must be available on site. The contact details of all emergency services must be readily available.
- ◆ Implement and maintain an integrated health and safety management system, to act as a monitoring and mitigating tool, which includes: colour coding of pipes, operational, safe work and medical procedures, permits to work, emergency response plans, housekeeping rules, MSDS's and signage requirements (PPE, flammable etc.).
- ◆ Security procedures and proper security measures must be in place to protect workers and clients, especially during cash in transit activities.
- ◆ Strict security that prevents unauthorised entry.

Responsible Body:

- ◆ Proponent
- ◆ Contractors

Data Sources and Monitoring:

- ◆ Any incidents must be recorded with action taken to prevent future occurrences.
- ◆ A bi-annual report should be compiled of all incidents reported. The report should contain dates when training were conducted and when safety equipment and structures were inspected and maintained.

2.2.8 Fire

Operational and maintenance activities may increase the risk of the occurrence of fires. The site is located next to built-up area and other fuel depots which increases the risk as well as the difficulty of fighting fires. Although diesel is not as flammable as more volatile fuels, it still presents a fire risk.

Desired Outcome: To prevent property damage, possible injury and impacts caused by uncontrolled fires.

Actions:

Prevention:

- ◆ A holistic fire protection and prevention plan is needed. This plan must include an emergency response plan, firefighting plan and spill recovery plan and should be done in conjunction with neighbouring fuel depots.
- ◆ Maintain firefighting equipment, good housekeeping and personnel training (firefighting, fire prevention and responsible housekeeping practices).
- ◆ Ensure all chemicals are stored according to MSDS and SANS instructions.
- ◆ Maintain regular site, mechanical and electrical inspections and maintenance.
- ◆ Clean all spills / leaks.
- ◆ Special note must be taken of the regulations stipulated in sections 47 and 48 of the Petroleum Products and Energy Act, 1990 (Act No. 13 of 1990).
- ◆ Follow SANS standards for operation and maintenance of the facility.
- ◆ All dispensers must be equipped with devices that cut fuel supply during fires.

Mitigation:

- ◆ In case of a fire, the firefighting plan must be initiated immediately and all emergency procedures must be performed as practiced during training. This includes emergency sirens, notifying the fire brigade and neighbouring depots, engaging emergency stops, using firefighting infrastructure, evacuation, etc.

Responsible Body:

- ◆ Proponent
- ◆ Contractors

Data Sources and Monitoring:

- ◆ A register of all incidents must be maintained. This should include measures taken to ensure that such incidents do not repeat themselves.
- ◆ A bi-annual report should be compiled of all incidents reported. The report should contain dates when fire drills were conducted and when fire equipment was tested and training given.

2.2.9 Air Quality

Fuel vapours are released into the air during refuelling of the bulk storage tank as well as at filling points. Prolonged exposure may have carcinogenic effects. Dust may be generated should any construction take place.

Desired Outcome: To prevent health impacts and minimise the dust generated.

Actions

Prevention:

- ◆ All buildings and offices should be well ventilated.

Mitigation:

- ◆ Personnel issued with appropriate masks where excessive dust or vapours are present.
- ◆ A complaints register should be kept for any dust related issues and mitigation steps taken to address complaints where necessary e.g. dust suppression.
- ◆ Employees should be coached on the dangers of fuel vapours.
- ◆ Vent pipes, where applicable, must be properly placed as per SANS requirements.

Responsible Body:

- ◆ Proponent
- ◆ Contractors

Data Sources and Monitoring:

- ◆ Labour Act Regulations; Occupational Health and Safety Act, Act 85 of 1993.
- ◆ Any complaints received regarding dust or fuel vapours should be recorded with notes on action taken.
- ◆ All information and reporting to be included in a bi-annual report.

2.2.10 Noise

Noise pollution will exist due to heavy motor vehicles accessing the site to offload fuel. Construction (maintenance and upgrades) may generate excessive noise.

Desired Outcome: To prevent any nuisance and hearing loss due to elevated noise levels.

Actions

Prevention:

- ◆ Follow the Labour Act Health and Safety Regulations limits on noise and/or the World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines on maximum noise levels (Guidelines for Community Noise, 1999) to prevent hearing impairment.
- ◆ All machinery must be regularly serviced to ensure minimal noise production.

Mitigation:

- ◆ Hearing protectors as standard PPE for workers in situations with elevated noise levels.

Responsible Body:

- ◆ Proponent
- ◆ Contractors

Data Sources and Monitoring:

- ◆ WHO Guidelines; Labour Act Regulations
- ◆ Maintain a complaints register.
- ◆ Bi-annual report on monitoring and complaints and actions taken to address complaints and prevent future occurrences.

2.2.11 Waste production

Various waste streams are produced during the operational phase. Waste may include hazardous waste associated with the handling of hydrocarbon products and used products (such as old oil, chemicals) etc. Domestic waste is generated by the facility and related operations. Waste presents a contamination risk and when not removed regularly may become a fire hazard. Construction waste may include building rubble and discarded equipment contaminated by hydrocarbon products. Contaminated soil and water is considered as a hazardous waste.

Desired Outcome: To reduce the amount of waste produced, and prevent pollution and littering.

Actions

Prevention:

- ◆ Waste reduction measures should be implemented and all waste that can be re-used / recycled must be kept separate.
- ◆ Ensure adequate temporary waste storage facilities are available.
- ◆ Ensure waste cannot be blown away by wind.
- ◆ Prevent scavenging (human and non-human) of stored waste.
- ◆ Employ and maintain spill control measures according to the SANS requirements.
- ◆ Provide drip trays around the spill control structures of the discharge pump.
- ◆ Store old oil on impermeable surfaces until collection.

Mitigation:

- ◆ Waste should be disposed of regularly and at appropriately classified disposal facilities, this includes hazardous material (empty chemical containers, contaminated rugs, paper water and soil).
- ◆ The spill catchment traps and drip trays should be cleaned regularly and waste disposed of appropriately.
- ◆ See the material safety data sheets available from suppliers for disposal of contaminated products and empty containers.
- ◆ Liaise with the municipality regarding waste and handling of hazardous waste.

Responsible Body:

- ◆ Proponent
- ◆ Contractors

Data Sources and Monitoring:

- ◆ A register of hazardous waste disposal should be kept. This should include type of waste, volume as well as disposal method/facility.
- ◆ Any complaints received regarding waste should be recorded with notes on action taken.
- ◆ Spill control structure should be regularly inspected and all hydrocarbons removed once detected. Outflow water must comply with effluent quality standards.
- ◆ All information and reporting to be included in a bi-annual report.

2.2.12 Ecosystem and Biodiversity Impact

The nature of the operational activities is such that the probability of creating a habitat for flora and fauna to establish is low. No significant impact on the biodiversity of the area is predicted as the site is currently void of natural fauna and flora. Impacts are therefore mostly related to pollution of the marine environment. Bright lighting used at night may disorientate birds flying at night and cause collisions of birds with man-made structures.

Desired Outcome: To avoid pollution of and impacts on the ecological environment.

Actions.

Prevention:

- ◆ Ensure waste cannot be blown away by wind.
- ◆ Discourage birds from utilising structures on site for purposes of nesting.
- ◆ Lights used at site should be directed downwards to the working surfaces.

Mitigation:

- ◆ Report any extraordinary animal sightings to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism.
- ◆ Mitigation measures related to waste handling and the prevention of groundwater, surface water and soil contamination should limit ecosystem and biodiversity impacts.

Responsible Body:

- ◆ Proponent

Data Sources and Monitoring:

- ◆ All information related to extraordinary sightings or problems with animals to be included in a bi-annual report.

2.2.13 Groundwater, Surface Water and Soil Contamination

Operations entail the storage and handling of hydrocarbons which present a contamination risk. Contamination may either result from failing storage facilities, or spills and leaks associated with fuel handling. The facility provides fuel to vessels which may further present contamination risks through overfills. Such material may contaminate surface water (ocean/marine environment).

Modern fuel storage facilities are well designed to prevent leakages and spillages from contaminating soil and water, and where leaks or spills occur, that it is contained.

Desired Outcome: To prevent the contamination of water and soil.

Actions

Prevention:

- ◆ Spill control structures, equipment, spill kits and procedures must be in place according to SANS standards or better on all areas where fuel is handled.
- ◆ All fuelling should be conducted on surfaces provided for this purpose. E.g. Concrete slabs with regularly maintained seals between slabs.
- ◆ The procedures followed to prevent environmental damage during service and maintenance, and compliance with these procedures, must be audited and corrections made where necessary.
- ◆ Proper training of operators must be conducted on a regular basis (fuel handling, spill detection, spill control).
- ◆ All equipment must be serviced regularly and free from any leaks, this included pressure test on hoses used for bunkering purposes.

Mitigation:

- ◆ Refer to National Marine Pollution Contingency Plan, MSDS and related legislation for procedures to follow after a spill.
- ◆ Regularly train employees on the actions to be taken if a major spill occurs.
- ◆ Any spillage of more than 200 litre must be reported to the Ministry of Mines and Energy.
- ◆ Spill clean-up means must be readily available on site as per the relevant MSDS. This should include spill containment equipment such as booms and absorbents for any marine contamination. Training in the use of these are paramount.
- ◆ All spills must be cleaned up immediately.
- ◆ All spill containment structure should be cleaned regularly and waste disposed of at a suitably classified hazardous waste disposal facility.
- ◆ If a spill takes place in the ocean or on the premises a degreaser is used to absorb the pollution and it is then removed by a pump and stored in a container.

Responsible Body:

- ◆ Proponent
- ◆ Contractors

Data Sources and Monitoring:

- ◆ National Marine Pollution Contingency Plan, MSDS and related legislation.
- ◆ A report should be compiled bi-annually of all spills or leakages reported. The report should contain the following information: date and duration of spill, product spilled, volume of spill, remedial action taken, comparison of pre-exposure baseline data (previous pollution conditions survey results) with post remediation data (e.g. soil/groundwater hydrocarbon concentrations) and a copy of documentation in which spill was reported to Ministry of Mines and Energy.

2.2.14 Visual Impact

This is an impact that not only affects the aesthetic appearance, but also the integrity of the facility.

Desired Outcome: To minimise aesthetic impacts associated with the facility.

Actions

Mitigation:

- ◆ Regular waste disposal, good housekeeping and routine maintenance on infrastructure will ensure that the longevity of structures are maximised and a low visual impact is maintained.

Responsible Body:

- ◆ Proponent
- ◆ Contractors

Data Sources and Monitoring:

- ◆ A bi-annual report should be compiled of all complaints received and actions taken.

2.2.15 Cumulative Impact

Possible cumulative impacts associated with the operational phase include reliable fuel supply to the fishing industry operating from the harbour. Cumulative impacts also relate to the revenue generated to the local and national economy through not only fuel provision (retailing), but also in contributing to the continued operation of the various fuel utilising vessels and their related industries. Should these vessels not operate due to fuel shortages, a knock-on effect will be experienced in the value addition sectors related to the vessel operations. Cumulative impacts on the negative scale relate to the pollution and contamination risk due to fuel spills and leaks on site and within the harbour properties in general.

Desired Outcome: To minimise cumulative all impacts associated with the facility.

Actions

Mitigation:

- ◆ 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 re-occurring impacts or problems would aid in identifying cumulative impacts and help in planning if the existing mitigations are insufficient

Responsible Body:

- ◆ Proponent

Data Sources and Monitoring:

- ◆ Bi-annual reports based on all other impacts will provide an overall assessment of the impact of the operational and maintenance phases.

2.3 DECOMMISSIONING AND REHABILITATION

Decommissioning is not foreseen during the validity of the ECC. Decommissioning was however assessed as construction activities may include modification and decommissioning. Should decommissioning occur at any stage, rehabilitation of the area may be required. Decommissioning will entail the complete removal of all infrastructure including buildings and underground infrastructure. Any pollution present on the site must be remediated. The impacts associated with this phase include noise and waste production as structures are dismantled. Noise must be kept within Labour Act and/or WHO standards and waste should be contained and disposed of at an appropriately classified and approved waste facility and not dumped in the surrounding areas. Future land use after decommissioning should be assessed prior to decommissioning and rehabilitation initiated if the land would not be used for future purposes. The EMP for the facility will have to be reviewed at the time of decommissioning to cater for changes made to the site and implement guidelines and mitigation measures.

2.4 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The proponent could implement an Environmental Management System (EMS) for their operations. An EMS is an internationally recognized and certified management system that will ensure ongoing incorporation of environmental constraints. At the heart of an 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.
- ◆ The EMP

3 CONCLUSION

The above updated EMP, if properly implemented will help to continually 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 EMP should continue to 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. Parties responsible for transgression of the EMP should be held responsible for any rehabilitation that may need to be undertaken.

Monitoring reports must be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism every six months to allow for the future renewal of the ECC.

4 REFERENCES

Bosman Q, Botha P, Faul A, Brunette C, Short S; 2018 November; Operations of an existing Bulk Diesel Bunkering Facility, Walvis Bay