

LEGAL NOTICE No. 103

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, CHAP. 35:05

NOTIFICATION

MADE UNDER SECTION 35 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON
ADDENDUM NO. 2 TO SUPPLEMENTARY EIA REPORT OF
MARCH 2009 SUBMITTED BY THE NATIONAL ENERGY
CORPORATION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the National Energy Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (“NEC”) is desirous of executing a new project involving the establishment of a Port, Causeway, Turning Basin and Navigation Channel at Point Lisas. This project is deemed a designated activity pursuant to the Certificate of Environmental Clearance (Designated Activities) Order thus requiring a Certificate of Environmental Clearance pursuant to section 35 of the Environmental Management Act, Chap. 35:05 (“the Act”). NEC has applied for a Certificate of Environmental Clearance (“the Certificate”) from the Environmental Management Authority (“the Authority”) for this project.

And take notice that the Authority has determined that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required for the proposed activity. The NEC submitted their EIA in April, 2008 and the document was sent for public comment during the period April 28, 2008 to June 6, 2008. Subsequent to the review of the EIA Report as submitted by the NEC, the Authority determined the document to be significantly deficient and requested the NEC to address the deficiencies highlighted in an EIA “Review and Assessment Report (R&AR)”. The NEC then made significant changes to the design of the facility which required a modification of the assessment of the impacts associated with the project. To this end, a “Supplementary Environmental Impact Assessment for the Point Lisas South and East Industrial Port” was completed and submitted for review in March, 2009 and the document was posted for public comment.

And take notice that subsequent to the public comment period March 16, 2009 to April 17, 2009 and the review of the Supplementary Environmental Impact Assessment Report as submitted by the NEC, the Authority determined the document to be deficient and requested

the NEC to address the deficiencies highlighted in the “Review and Assessment Report (R&AR)” issued on May 29, 2009. The NEC responded with a report entitled “Addendum to Supplementary EIA Report—Response to EMA’s R&AR of May 29, 2009” which was determined to be deficient and a third “R&AR” was issued on October 29, 2009 requesting NEC to address the deficiencies. The NEC has responded with a report entitled “Addendum No. 2 to Supplementary EIA Report of March, 2009”.

And take notice that the comments of the public are hereby invited on the application for the Port, Causeway, Turning Basin and Navigation Channel which requires an EIA.

And take notice that the Authority has, for the purposes of the Certificate and pursuant to section 28(1)(b) of the Act, established an Administrative Record that includes a written description of the proposed development, the major environmental issues involved in the matter under consideration, copies of relevant documents or other supporting materials which the Authority believes would assist the public in developing a reasonable understanding of those issues and a statement of the Authority’s reasons for the proposed action.

And take notice that the Administrative Record is available to the public for viewing at the following offices from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, from Monday 22nd March, 2010 to Friday 23rd April, 2010:

- (a) Environmental Management Authority, 8, Elizabeth Street, St. Clair, Port-of-Spain;
- (b) Environmental Management Authority, South Operations, No. 2 Dumfries Road, La Romain, San Fernando;
- (c) Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation, Railway Road, Couva;
- (d) Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, No. 78 Wilson Road, Units 6–8, Highmoore Centre, Scarborough, Tobago; and
- (e) Arima Borough Corporation, 8, Hollis Avenue, Arima.

And take notice that the comments of the public are hereby invited on the Addendum No. 2 to Supplementary Environmental Impact Assessment Report of March, 2009, and that any person wishing to submit comments must do so in writing addressed to the

Corporate Secretary, Environmental Management Authority,
No 8 Elizabeth Street, St. Clair, Port-of-Spain.

The Authority will receive public comments on the Supplementary
Report from Monday 22nd March, 2010 to Friday 23rd April, 2010.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2010.

G. B. MAHARAJ
*Corporate Secretary,
Environmental Management Authority*