



**Australian Government**

**National Environmental Protection Agency**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION RECEIVED UNDER THE  
HAZARDOUS WASTE (REGULATION OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS) ACT 1989**

Pursuant to section 33 of the *Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989*, notice is given that application AUH26-022 has been received from GAPOL Group (EIN 99-199081); 2201 Menaul Boulevard NE, Suite A, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107, United States of America; telephone: +33 6 7447 9717) acting on behalf of Société Le Nickel (LEI 549300IEER2MGCJKE495; 2 Rue Desjardins, Nouméa 98848, New Caledonia; telephone: +68 724 5596).

The application relates to the transit or transshipment of up to 15,000 T of desulphurisation slag from a ferro-nickel plant (Basel code A1020) from New Caledonia to France, with transit or transshipment at ports of Australia including but not limited to the Ports of Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne. The waste will undergo for disposal operation D5 - Specially engineered landfill (e.g., placement into lined discrete cells which are capped and isolated from one another and the environment, etc.) at the Sarpi Mineral France facility in Bellegarde, France.

Written comments on the permit application may be lodged with the National Environmental Protection Agency (National EPA) within 15 business days of publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to the Director, Hazardous Waste and National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme (NTCRS) Section, National Environmental Protection Agency, GPO Box 3090, CANBERRA ACT 2601, or sent by email to [hazardous.waste@nationalepa.gov.au](mailto:hazardous.waste@nationalepa.gov.au). Respondents should be aware that comments will be shared with the applicant and should not contain commercial-in-confidence information.

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