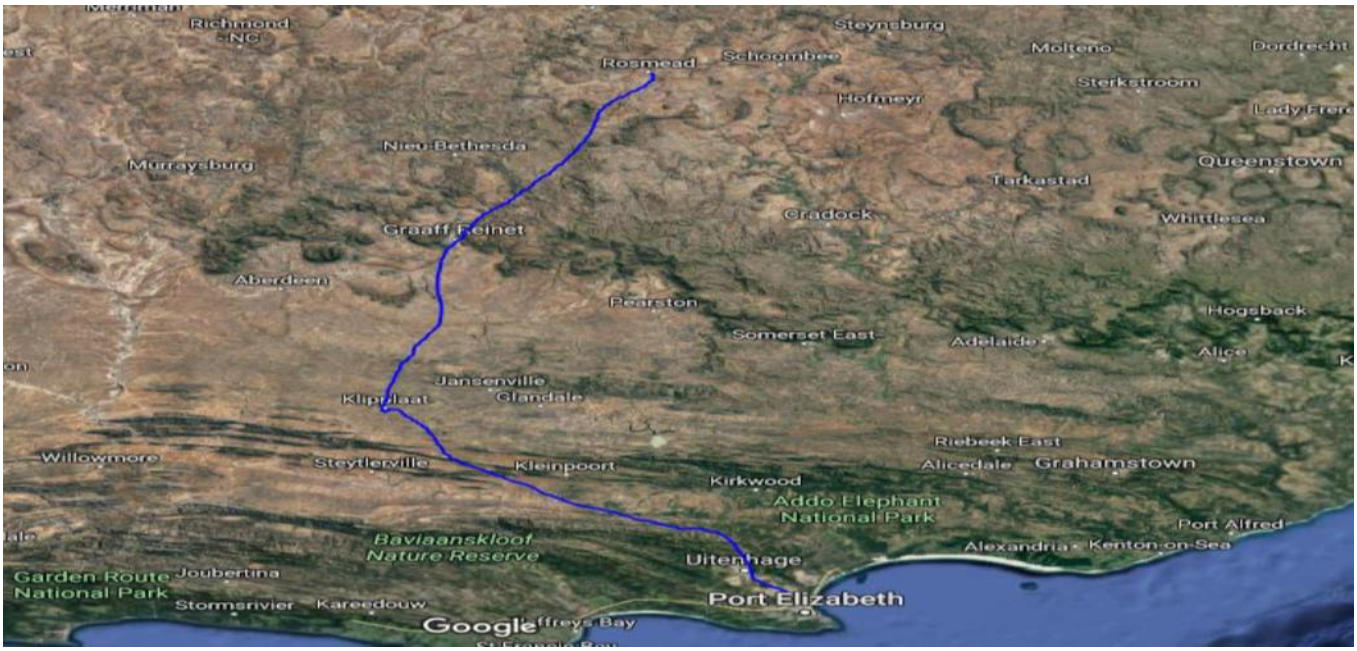
TRANSNET RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER

B-Network Branch Line Profiles: Rosemead Klipplaat-Uitenhage

Region: Eastern Region

B-Network Name	Location	Region	Land size
Rosemead	Rosemead - Klipplaat-Uitenhage	Eastern	± 442 km



Background

The branch line was extended from Klipplaat to Rosemead on the Port Elizabeth main line, providing a shortcut for traffic to and from De Aar. This line was significant for its role in the transportation of coal and other resources from the Eastern Cape to the industrialized areas of the interior. Rosemead Klipplaat-Uitenhage branch line spans 442 km from Rosemead in the Great Karoo of the Eastern Cape to Swartkop 11 km from Port Elizabeth in Nelson Mandela Bay (Figure 1). The 442 km corridor was divided into

subdivisions based on set criteria. The criteria were mainly influenced by the maximum and average annual gross tonnage per section. Table 1 indicates a detailed breakdown of the corridor with the relative kilometers. The line between Swartkops and Uitenhage is currently operational, with no notable challenges that could stop operations.

Breakdown of the corridor sections - Indicates a detailed breakdown of the corridor with the relative kilometers.

Depot	Section	km from	km to	Track length (km
Port Elizabeth	Rosmead - Middleburg	44.93	55.93	11
Port Elizabeth	Middleburg - Bethesdaweg	55.93	102.35	46
Port Elizabeth	Bethesdaweg - Graaf Reinet	102.53	202.42	100
Port Elizabeth	Graaf Reinet - Klipaat	202.42	301.94	100
Port Elizabeth	Klipaat - Uitenhage	0.00	165.00	165
Port Elizabeth	Uitenhage-Swartkops	165.00	185.00	20

Table 1: A

Infrastructure Condition - Bidders are encouraged to conduct their own due diligence on the line.