

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
PRE-APPLICATION PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS
PROPOSED NEW PUBLIC CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL PARK
(Farm Calcutta No. 29, Stellenbosch Local Municipality)**

Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Notice of Intent Registration Number: 16/3/3/6/7/1/B4/45/1288/17

Notice is hereby given of the pre-application public participation process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, No. 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2014), as well as the National Water Act, No. 36 of 1998 (NWA).

Public cemeteries in the Stellenbosch Municipal area are nearing maximum occupation. It is estimated that the combined availability remaining in existing municipal/public cemeteries, is less than 10% of the original capacity available to provide surrounding communities with this important service. Therefore, an application for the above proposed development will need to be urgently undertaken. Besides other legislated activities, the application will address the following NEMA and NWA activities:

Relevant Act/Notice and Activity No:	To be included in application	Description
NEMA, EIA Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014 (GN. R. 327), Activity No. 23	Yes	The development of cemeteries of 2500 square metres or more in size.
NEMA, EIA Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014 (GN. R. 327), Activity No. 12(xii)(c)	Yes	The development of infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100m ² or more where such development occurs if no development setback exists, within 32m of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse.
NWA, Section 21(a)	Possibly	Taking water from a water resource
NWA, Section 21(c)	Yes	Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse
NWA, Section 21(i)	Yes	Altering the bed, banks or characteristics of a watercourse
NWA, Section 21(g)	Yes	Disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource

EnviroAfrica cc has been appointed by C K Rumboll and Partners (in their capacity as project managers on behalf of the Stellenbosch Municipality) to undertake the EIA application process under NEMA for the above proposed project. The water use licence application process under the NWA, will be undertaken by a separate independent consultancy, WatsanAfrica, working in conjunction with EnviroAfrica.

Project Location and Description

The proposed development site is located on Farm Calcutta No. 29, just off the R304 west. Access to the proposed development will be from the R304. The proposed development footprint will occupy 30ha of the 39,64ha property. It is proposed that the development of the cemetery and memorial park, promote the rehabilitation and conservation of the watercourse running through the property. Proposed associated infrastructure includes a bridge/s to cross the watercourse and access the site, access roads leading to and within the site, entrance wall and perimeter fencing, parking, a memorial wall, ablutions, possible borehole.

Description of Alternatives:

Due to the lack of unallocated Municipal land servicing the northern region of the Stellenbosch Municipal area, alternative sites do not exist. However, alternative options which include *inter alia* layout alternatives within the available land on the property, as well as the option of not proceeding with the proposed development at all (the No-Go option) will be considered within the draft scoping and environmental impact report.

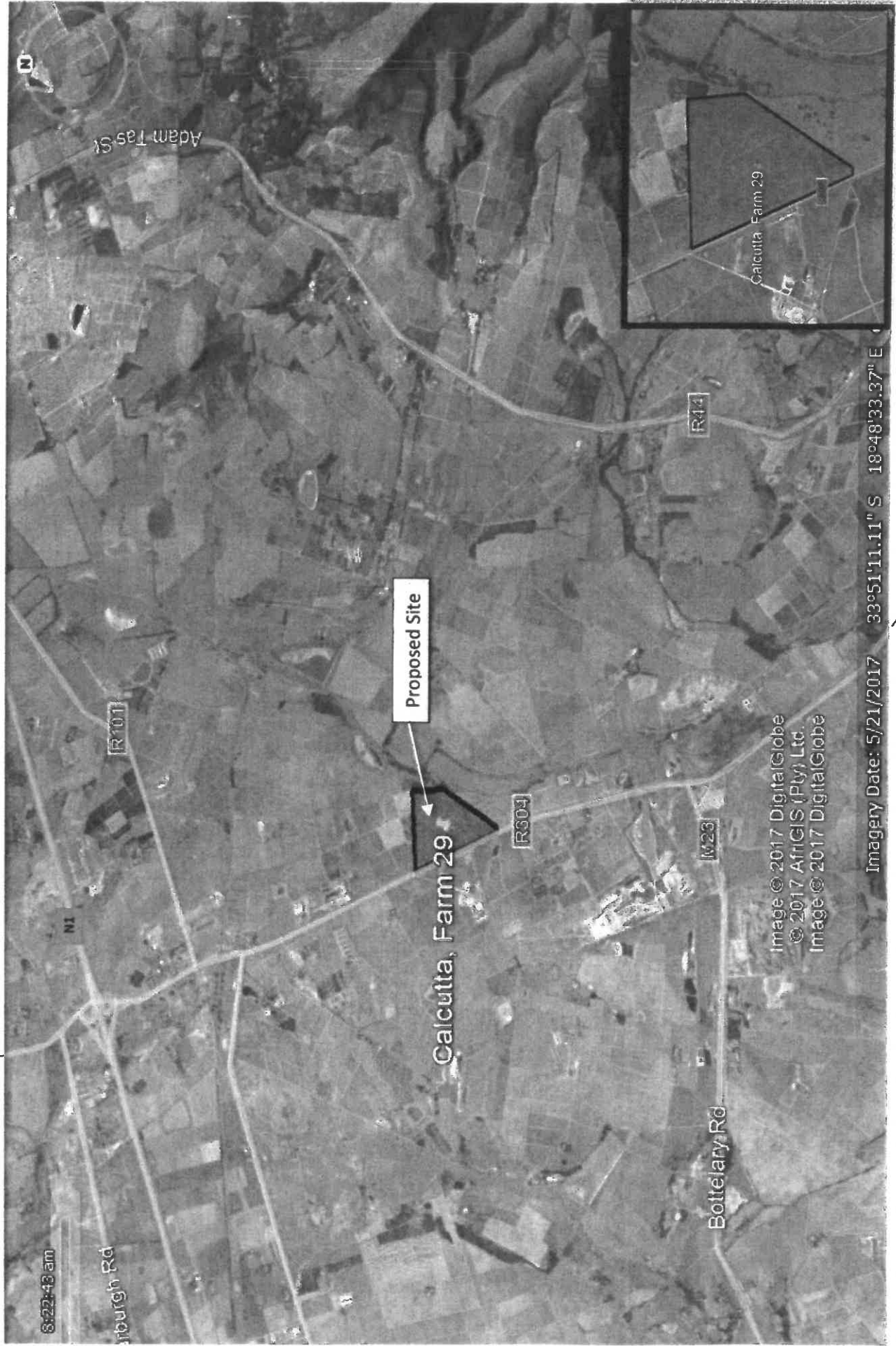
Public Participation:

Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register (in writing) and/or provide initial comments, queries, concerns or opportunities relating to the proposed project, **on or before 14th April 2018**. To register, I&APs should refer to the project name, and provide their name, address & contact details (*indicating your preferred method of notification*) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which they have in the application. Please note that future correspondence will only be sent to registered I&APs.

To register as an I&AP or for more information, contact EnviroAfrica at:

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