

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PROPOSED LETHABO PARK TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHMENT PROJECT, KIMBERLEY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE



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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document: Background Information Document (BID) is to provide you as interested and affected parties (I&APs) with background information regarding the application for Environmental Authorisation for the proposed land use change processes in relation to the township expansion of Ivory Park, which is now known as the Lethabo Park Township Expansion.

Any person, company, authority or other entities that might be directly or indirectly affected by the proposed activity can register as an Interested or Affected Party (I&AP). This includes, but is not limited to landowners, traditional authorities, tenants, municipal and provincial authorities, interest groups, Non-Government Organisations and conservation groups.

This document further indicates how you can become involved in the project, receive information, or raise issues which may concern and/or interest you. The sharing of information forms the basis of the Public Participation Process and offers you the opportunity to become actively involved in the project from the outset. Input from I&APs ensures that all potential environmental issues are considered within the context of the proposed development.

STUDYAREA

The proposed activity will take place in Roodepan, in the north western suburb of Kimberley, Sol Plaatje Local Municipality. The study area are as follows:

- The Remainder of the Farm Roodepan No. 70 (approx. 75ha);
- Erf 17725, Kimberley (approx. 7ha);
- Erf 15089, Kimberley (approx. 8ha).

See Figure 1 – Locality Map.

PROJECT APPLICATION

Enviro Africa has been appointed to conduct the NEMA Application including Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Lethabo Park Township Establishment Project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Sol Plaatje Local Municipality is in the process of conducting planning and surveying of the informal Township known as Lethabo Park (Ivory Park Extension), located in Roodepan in the north western suburb of Kimberley. The township project has been awarded to a multidisciplinary team led by Macroplan with the aim to provide low and middle-income erven by conducting planning and surveying on the proposed relocation site.

The application will include components of consolidation, subdivision as well as rezoning.

The proposed project entails the development of approximately 2000 low income erven with an average size of 300m²; approximately 100 middle income erven of 500-600m² in size and CRU (Community Residential Units) units (number and size yet to be determined). The total area to be developed measures 90 (ninety) hectares.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed development have been identified and will be assessed in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study. Specialist inputs which will form part of the EIA study includes:

SPECIALISED FIELD	ORGANISATION
Traffic Assessment	Reneilwe Consulting and Planners
Geological Survey	Soilkraft Geologist
Town Planning	Macroplan Town Planners and Rural and Urban Planners (Pty) Ltd.

Heritage Assessment	To be appointed
Biodiversity Assessment	To be appointed
Freshwater Assessment	To be appointed

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is an effective planning and decision-making tool, which allows for the identification of potential environmental consequences of a proposed project.

Listed activities to be applied for and assessed in the EIA study will include:

Listing Notice	Activities
GNR 327	Activity 1
GNR 327	Activity 9
GNR 327	Activity 10
GNR 327	Activity 11
GNR 327	Activity 12
GNR 327	Activity 13
GNR 327	Activity 19
GNR 327	Activity 24
GNR 327	Activity 25
GNR 327	Activity 27
GNR 327	Activity 56
GNR 325	Activity 15
GNR 325	Activity 27
GNR 324	Activity 2
GNR 324	Activity 4
GNR 324	Activity 12
GNR 324	Activity 14
GNR 324	Activity 15

****Please note that the listed activities above may change during the course of the NEMA Application process. Registered I&APs will be notified of any changes.***

A Water Use Licence Application (WULA) in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) may also need to be applied for.

The EIA application and assessments will be submitted to the Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (D:EN&NC) as the competent authority.

As part of this EIA process all I&APs will be actively involved through a public participation process.

The project will include the following aspects

- Pre-Application meeting with the Department of Water and Sanitation as well as the Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs;
- Application compilation for Environmental Authorisation;
- Public Participation;
- Specialist studies;
- Draft Scoping Report;
- Final Scoping Report;
- Draft Environmental Impact Report;
- Final Environmental Impact Report and
- Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)

The project phases will culminate in the approval or rejection of the project i.e. positive or negative Environmental Authorisation.

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?

If you consider yourself an I&AP for the proposed project, we encourage you to make use of the opportunities created by the Public Participation Process to become involved in the process and raise the issues and concerns which affect and/or interest you, and about which you require more information.

By completing and submitting the accompanying registration form, we will ensure that you are registered as an I&AP for the project, and that your concerns or queries regarding the project will be noted and assessed as part of the process.

We will also ensure that you are provided with future information pertaining to the project as well as the availability of the draft and final EIA Reports for comment.

COMMENTS AND QUERIES

Please direct all comments and queries to:

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Figure 1 – Locality Map



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Figure 2 – Locality Map



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REGISTRATION FORM

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To ensure that you are registered as an interested and / or affected party and obtain further information, please submit your name and contact details to the consultant detailed below:

Personal Details:

Title	
Initial	
Capacity	
Address	
Cell phone No	
Email Address	
Telephone No	

1. What is your main interest in this project?

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2. What potential impacts do you foresee with regards to the proposed project on your property?

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3. Is there anyone else you would like us to contact regarding this project? Give us their contacts.

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4. Additional comments

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