

NOTICE OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MARIANRIDGE HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED IN MARIANRIDGE, PINETOWN, KWAZULU-NATAL

EDTEA Ref No: TBC

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the procedures for a Basic Assessment (BA) Application, of the Public Participation Process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014, December 2014 (as amended on 7 April 2017).

This application is for the Basic Assessment Process listed in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014 (as amended in Government Notice No. 327 and 324 on 7 April 2017) for the commencement of activities associated with the development of the Marianridge Housing Project. The following listed activities are triggered:

Listing Notice 1, GNR 983 December 2014 (GN 327 as amended 7 April 2017)

Activity 27: The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for -

- (i) The undertaking of a linear activity; or
- (ii) Maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.

Listing Notice 3, GNR 985 December 2014 (GN 324 as amended 7 April 2017)

Activity 12: The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.

- d. KwaZulu-Natal
- v. Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans;

Competent Authority: The Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA)

Applicant: Department of Human Settlements (DOHS)

Project Description: The Marianridge Housing Development is an initiative to assist the eThekweni Municipality in servicing the huge backlog of housing within the eThekweni Municipality. Approval is required for the construction of 90 housing units in a sensitive Sandstone Sourveld vegetation area of ERF 8716. Should the development go ahead, the sensitive vegetation will be cleared for construction.

Location: The site is located in the southern part of the eThekweni Municipality, approximately 25km west of the Durban CBD. The main access is from the M1, onto Milky Way and is accessed off Crux Place.

The coordinates for the site are as follows:

Latitude: 29° 51' 42.05"S
Longitude: 30° 49' 37.74"E

To register as an Interested and / or Affected Party (I&AP), and to comment on the Basic Assessment application please submit your name, contact details and the interest which you have in the application within 30 days from the date of this notice. A copy of the draft Basic Assessment Report can be obtained on the SiVEST website at the following address: <http://www.sivest.co.za/Download>, or emailed on request. A copy of the report is also available for review at the Marianridge Library located at 5 Mercury Crescent, Marianridge, Durban. The comment period for the draft Basic Assessment Report will run from the 7th of September 2018 to the 8th of October 2018.

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Environmental Related Queries

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IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT YOU REGISTER YOUR INTEREST AS AN INTERESTED AND/OR AFFECTED PARTY (I&AP), AND TO RECEIVE FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS PROCESS; PLEASE SUBMIT IN WRITING YOUR NAME, CONTACT INFORMATION, EMAIL ADDRESS AND INTEREST IN THE MATTER/COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT TO THE CONTACT PERSON ON OR BEFORE THE 8TH OCTOBER 2018.