

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

NOTICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE GREATER AMAOTI HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

In accordance with the EIA Regulations (Government Notice (GN) No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014, as amended), promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act No. 107 of 1998) Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) must be notified of certain proposed activities and given a chance to be involved in the process. You, as an adjacent Neighbour/Land owner/Organization/Local Authority have been identified as an Interested and Affected Party for the abovementioned project. Details of the project and relevant information regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment Process are provided below for your information.

TITLE OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY

Greater Amaoti Housing Development

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY

The proposed development entails the formalisation and development of the Greater Amaoti area. The project area is approximately 1235,59 ha in extent and is located on a portion of Wards 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 59 and 102 of the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality. This project aims at delivering approximately 25 357 Greenfield and Brownfield residential units together with supporting infrastructure and social facilities.

The following land uses are proposed for the development:

- Mixed Use Development;
- High Density Residential;
- Interface Zones;
- Medium Density Residential;
- Open Space;
- Parkway;
- Road & Pedestrian.

The following services will be provided:

Roads

The existing internal roads network will be upgraded in line with the demands of the development and the proposed traffic assessments and are expected to carry high traffic volume and will therefore be asphalt and paved surfacing.

Stormwater Drainage

The existing stormwater drainage will be upgraded in line with the requirements of the development. In stormwater management a distinction can be made between two types of storms, namely storms of low and high severity. For storms of low severity, which occur frequently, underground pipes, catch-pits, concrete-lined channels and soak-away pits system will be provided to avoid the frequent problems resulting from overland flow. This system is called minor system.

By considering the effects of the less frequent storms, a major system can be identified which supports the minor system. The major system may include attenuation ponds, larger conduits and natural or artificial channels. The major system would frequently make use of the road system to convey excess water to suitable points of discharge.

The stormwater from the development will drain towards the natural streams located within the development, incorporating the 100-year flood-lines.

Water Supply

The existing water supply reticulation will be upgraded in line with the requirements of the development.

Reservoir and Water Tower

The proposed development is situated in undulating topography and there are areas without sufficient water pressure. For the proposed medium income level of service, it will be necessary for the reservoirs and water towers to be erected in the area.

Sanitation

The existing sewer supply reticulation will be upgraded in line with the requirements of the development.

LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY

The site is located within the eThekweni Municipality, KwaZulu Natal. The site coordinates are:

- Latitude: 29° 40' 41.26" S
- Longitude: 30° 59' 29.44" E

A locality map is attached with the document. Should you not receive a copy via email/hand delivery please contact the undersigned.

Specialist studies:

The following specialist studies are being undertaken:

- Agricultural;
- Biodiversity;
- Geotechnical;
- Socio-economic;
- Heritage;
- Water Resources;