

Purpose of a Background Information Document (BID)

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) with background information on the proposed project and introduce the Environmental Basic Assessment (BA) process to be followed. It also aims to (i) inform I&AP's on how to participate in the BA, (ii) encourage responses to documents that will be distributed for review and (iii) encourage I&AP's to attend any public meetings.

1World Consultants have been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), to undertake the Basic Assessment Process for the Environmental Authorisation for the Proposed Development of Residential / Serviced Apartments at 49 Casuarina Road, Tongaat Beach, eThekweni Municipality.

Nature and Location of Activity

Mr. Anant Singh proposes the demolishing of existing infrastructure for the construction of a new residential/ serviced apartments situated at 49 Casuarina Road, Tongaat Beach within the eThekweni Municipality.

The site is located within an urban area and approximately 100m from the High-Water Mark of the sea. The extent of the proposed new development at ground level is 5419.61m². The proposed development is 11 storey's high with a maximum of 308 units and associated parking blocks.



Environmental Impact

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2017) promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (as amended), a Basic Assessment Study will be required. The proposed development triggers the following listed activity, as per GNR 327 Listing Notice 1 (07 April 2017):

Listing Notice 1: Activity 14:

The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 5 cubic metres from—

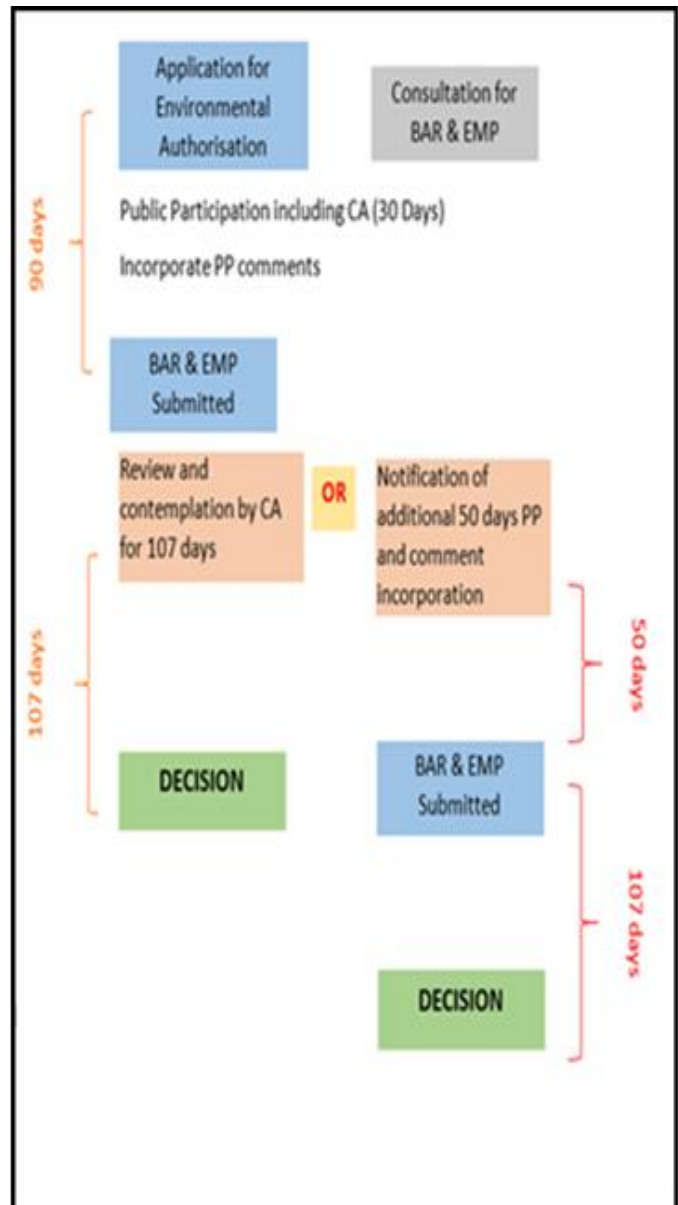
- (ii). the littoral active zone, an estuary or a **distance of 100 metres inland of the highwater mark of the sea** or an estuary, whichever distance is the greater.

The Basic Assessment Process and Public Participation Process (PPP)

The primary aim of the Basic Assessment is to ensure that any potential environmental impacts that may occur, due to the construction and/or operation of the proposed development, are mitigated.

The main aspects of a Basic Assessment are:

- Investigate and gather information on the area,
- Describe the environment and how the development would fit in,
- Identify and involve potential I&AP's and stakeholders,
- Identify potential impacts,
- Investigate alternatives to the proposed development,
- Recommend mitigation measures and compile an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the construction and operational phases.



Mitigation Measures

There are several risks associated with construction activities. Initial mitigation measures include a minimal working footprint, site demarcation, demarcation of no-go areas, designated and demarcated site access routes, sediment control measures, spillage control measures, dust control measures, general construction control, staff training and site rehabilitation post construction. A monitoring and auditing plan for the construction phase of the development, will be formulated to ensure that the mitigation measures, detailed in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) are followed.

**Elements of the Public Participation
Process (PPP)**

The public is invited to register as an I&AP and take part in the PPP via the following methods:

- Media Notices placed in newspapers.
- Distribution of this Background Information Document (BID)
- Site notice boards
- Stakeholder meetings
- Public meeting (if necessary)
- Submission of comments on the media notices, BID, and Draft Basic Assessment Report.

Note: All information is available on request.

How to Participate?

All Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) are invited to register, on the database managed by 1World Consultants (Pty) Ltd by email or fax using the details provided.

Comments and recommendations regarding the proposed development are welcome and may be addressed to:

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Site Photographs

Snapshot	Description
<p>1</p> 	<p>Snapshot 1: Main Entrance Gate at 49 Casuarina Road</p>
<p>2</p> 	<p>Snapshot 2: Existing Structure at 49 Casuarina Road, sea-ward facing.</p>
<p>3</p> 	<p>Snapshot 3: Beach access point (sea-ward side), and staircase to beach (outside the property).</p>

**Proposed Residential / Serviced Apartments at 49 Casuarina Road, Tongaat
Beach, eThekweni Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal**

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**Map 1: Locality Map of
49 Casuarina Road**

