

## **NOTICE OF A BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE OKUSHA SUPPLY POULTRY PROJECT LOCATED IN MOOI RIVER, WITHIN THE MPOFANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

#### **Purpose of this Document**

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) with background information about the proposed project and introduce the Basic Assessment (BA) process to be followed. It also aims to inform IAPs on how to fully participate in the Basic Assessment process and encourages response to documents distributed for review and active attendance at meetings.

#### **What is Proposed and Where?**

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (KZN DARD) proposes the development of a poultry farm on the Balmoral Farm, in Mooi River within Mpoofana Local Municipality. The project entails the construction of 2 buildings each measuring 50m long by 10m wide, housing a total of 10,000-layer chickens in each one-year cycle.

#### **Why is a Basic Assessment Required?**

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998) [NEMA], as amended, and associated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations published in 2014 and amended in 2017, an **Environmental Authorisation** must be obtained from the relevant competent authority, the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA), prior to the commencement of certain listed activities that may result in potential negative impacts on the environment.

#### **Public Participation Process (PPP)**

The PPP aims to inform a wide range of IAPs about the proposed development and the environmental process to be followed. It is a tool to allow the public to exchange information and to express their views and concerns on the proposed development for which the Basic Assessment process is being conducted. The PPP assists

in identifying potential issues and concerns that need to be addressed in the impact assessment by highlighting relevant information to be included in the assessment.

PPP enables more accurate and descriptive analysis and helps to focus and enhance decision-making.

The Basic Assessment process will be open and transparent to the public through this process with all registered IAPs continuously updated on events throughout the process. All contributions from IAPs will be fully documented, evaluated and responded to in the Final Basic Assessment Report.

#### **Activities of the PPP**

The public is invited to register as an IAP and take part in the PPP through:

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

#### **How to Register as an Interested and Affected Party?**

IAPs may forward their written comments along with their name, contact details and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which they have in the application by telephone, post, fax or email, as per the attached Registration and Comment Form.

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**REGISTRATION AND COMMENT FORM**

**WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Please complete this form and return it to the Public Participation Officer below:

<b>EAP:</b> Miss Kuda Zhandire, Baboloki Geohub, 45 Nienaber Road, Prestbury, Pietermaritzburg, 3201 Cell: 079 962 1987    Fax: <a href="mailto:babolokigeohub@gmail.com">Email: babolokigeohub@gmail.com</a>
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DATE: .....

<b>NAME</b>			
<b>ADDRESS</b>			
<b>TEL. NO.: (    )</b>		<b>CELL NO.:</b>	
<b>E-MAIL OR POSTAL ADDRESS</b>			

**COMMENTS** (You are welcome to use a separate sheet if required)

The following environmental, social and economic impacts must be addressed during the BA:

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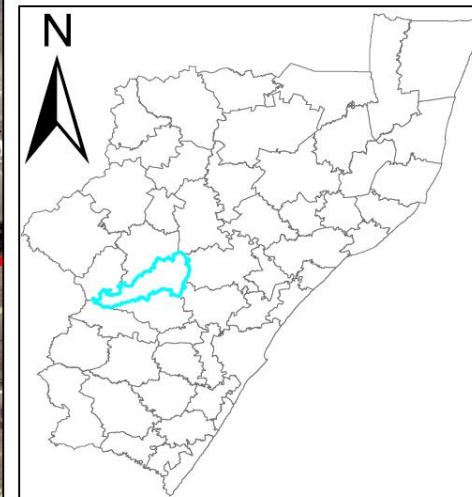
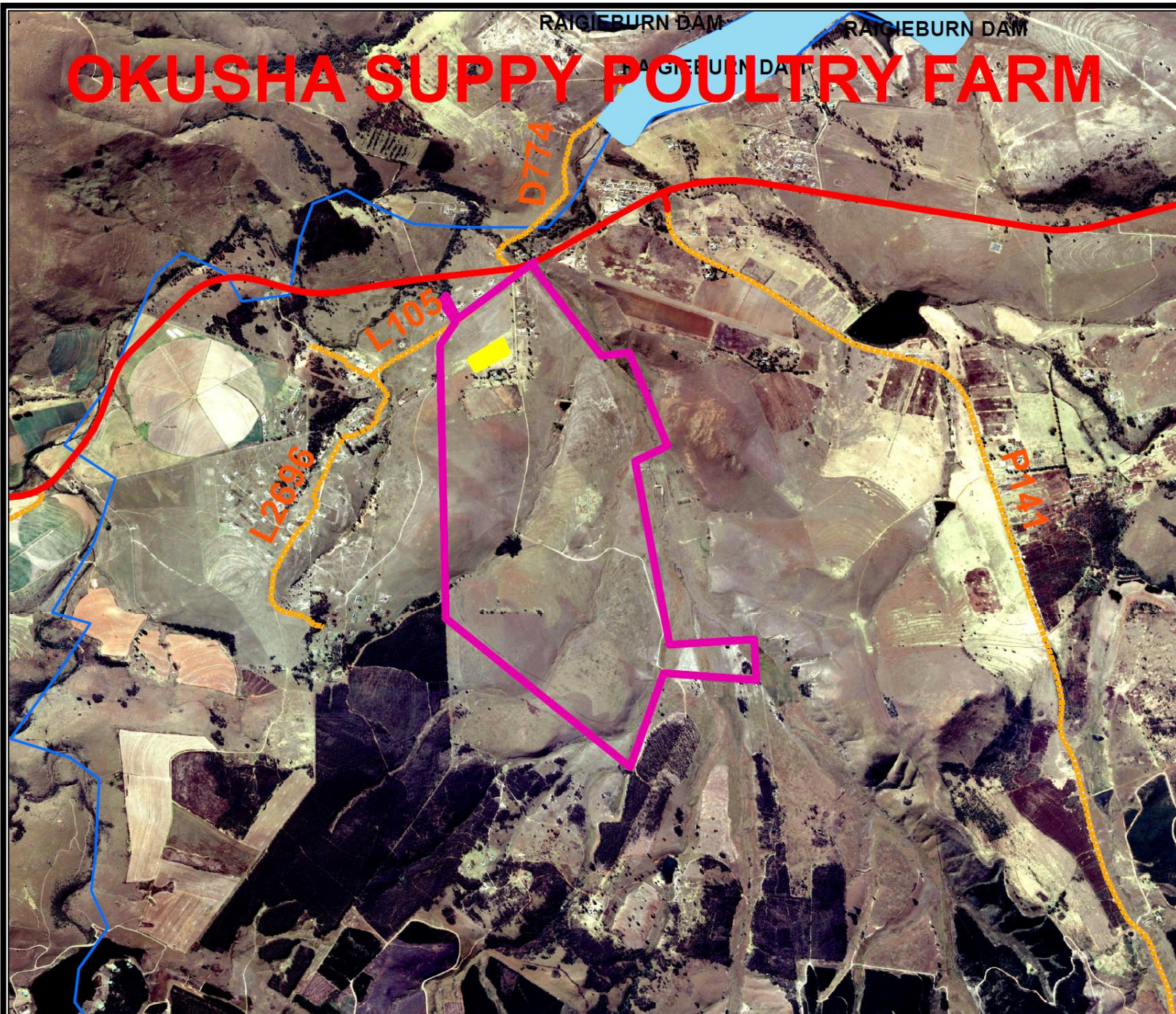
**Please add the following of my colleagues / friends / neighbours onto your mailing list:**

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Organisation:</b>
<b>Contact details:</b>		
<b>Address:</b>		
<b>Tel.:</b>	<b>Fax:</b>	<b>Cell:</b>
<b>E-mail:</b>		

**IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS PROPOSED PROJECT, AND PREFER TO BE REMOVED FROM THE PROJECT'S DATABASE, PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND RETURN THE FORM TO THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONSULTANT WHOSE CONTACT DETAILS ARE PROVIDED ABOVE.**

<b>Yes, please delete my contact details from the project's database</b>	<b>SIGNATURE:</b> .....
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## Legend

- Balmoral Farm
- Development Footprint
- R622
- Dams
- Myamvubu River
- Local Roads



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