# GREENGATE EXT 70 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT





# **Background Information Document**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998), AS AMENDED AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

# Purpose of this Background Information Document

The purpose of this document is to:

- Provide all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with information about the proposed environmental authorisation application.
- Introduce, explain and initiate the Public Participation Process that is prescribed by the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998) (NEMA) and National Water Act, 1998 (Act. No 36 of 1998)

We invite all I&APs to comment on:

- The environmental (bio-physical) and socioeconomical environmental and / or considerations.
- The proposed Public Participation Process to be followed.
- The proposed Application Process being followed.
- Any other suggestions, comments or recommendations.

Date of Publication: 20 July 2016 Applicant: Vista Developments and Investments (Pty) Ltd Prism Project Number: 21616 GDARD Ref No: Gaut 002/16-17/E0073

## Project Description and Location

The proposed residential development (study site) is situated in the Gauteng Province of South Africa. The development is proposed to be constructed on portion 42 of the Farm Roodekrans 183 IQ. The study site is situated in close proximity to the M47 Road (Hendrik Potgieter Road. (26°03'47.21"S, 27° 50'53.70"E).

The purpose of the proposed development will be to provide affordable housing.

The proposed residential development will encompass an area of 53 845m<sup>2</sup> and include 442 units with 306 2 bedroom units of 99.5m<sup>2</sup> and 146 2 bedroom units of 146m<sup>2</sup> each. A total of 82 units per hectare will be applicable onsite. All services will be installed onsite and the northwestern corner will be dedicated to greenspace.



#### Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Prism EMS

Prism Environmental Management Services is a multi-disciplinary Environmental Management consulting firm. With a vision encompassing a holistic understanding of integrated environmental management in combination with sustainability, the company prides itself on excellent service and value-added solutions to a range of clients.

EAP: Mr. D. Botha Qualification: M.A. Env.Man.(PHED) Experience: 13+ Years

#### National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998)

The following listed activities are triggered in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014:

### Listing Notice No. 1 (GN R 983 of 4 December 2014):

Activity 27: "The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares, of indigenous vegetation..."

Activity 28: "Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional developments where such land was used for agriculture or afforestation on or after 1 April 1998 and where such development (i) will occur inside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 5 hectares".

#### **Public Participation Process**

The key objective of Public Participation is to assist stakeholders to identify issues of concern and suggestions for enhanced benefits, and to comment on the application. The Public Participation Process is an integral part of the process, and continues throughout the process, for this purpose the process is presented in a systematic approach:

- Step 1: Identify I&APs, and notify them of the proposed development, via adverts, notices, BIDs to identify issues and obtain comments.
- Step 2: I&APs are provided with the opportunity to review documents and comments on these (applications, and EMP). I&APs will be provided a 30 days to comment period on the reports.
- Step 3: Notify all registered I&APs of the Environmental Authorisation (granted or denied)
- Step 4: Notify all registered I&APs of the Water Use License Application (granted or denied).

### Be an Integral Part of the Environmental Impact Assessment Process

Public involvement is an essential part of the Basic environmental assessment process. All comments will be recorded and presented to the project team and regulatory authorities. You will receive feedback on how your comments have been taken into account and the outcome of the assessment. You will further receive updates on the status of the project.

### How to Register and get involved?

Parties wishing to register as Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs"), who wish to participate by contributing comments, or require additional information, should register or submit their correspondence in writing to reach Prism EMS no later than **thirty (30) days** after the issue of this notice (**20 July 2016**). All relevant comments received by **19 August 2016** will be incorporated into the application, which will be submitted to Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS).

# **GREENGATE EXT 70 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT - Environmental Authorisation Application I&AP Comment and Registration Form** GDARD Ref No: GAUT 002/16-17/E0073 Prism EMS Ref No: 21616 Name: Surname: Title: Initials: Organisation / interest: Capacity (e.g. Chairperson): Postal / Residential address Code: Area: Contact details Tel: ( ) ) Fax: ( Mobile: ( ) Email: Please mark with an X to indicate whether you would like to participate in the process: Preferred method of communication Fax Post Email Date commented DD / MM / YYYY ) What is your main area of interest with regard to the proposed project? What are your points of concern or support for this project? Please indicate in which aspects you would require more information Please indicate the contact details of any I&APs whom you think should be contacted Name: Surname: Tel: ) Fax: ( ) ( ) Mobile: ( Email: In order to be registered as an I&AP for this project, fax, mail, or e-mail the completed registration form on or before 19 August 2016 to Prism EMS: Contact Person: Mr. D. Botha Tel: (087) 985 0951 Fax: (086) 601 4800 Email: prism@prismems.co.za

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Thank you for your participation.

Yes

No