

# GREENGATE EXT 68 CURRO SCHOOL 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, 2014 AND OF A WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL WATER ACT (ACT NO. 36 OF 1998)

### 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 socio-economical 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: TB Consultants and Developments  
Pty) Ltd**

**Prism Project Number: 21633**

**GDARD Ref No: Gaut 002/16-17/E0093**

### Project Description and Location

The proposed township development (study site) is situated in the Gauteng Province of South Africa. The development is proposed to be constructed on portion 60 of the Farm Rietvallei 180 IQ. The study site is situated in close proximity to the M47 Road (Hendrik Potgieter Road approximately 1,2km away. (26°03'14.26"S, 27° 51'04.33"E)

The purpose of the proposed development will be to provide educational facilities to the local communities of Muldersdrift, Ruimsig, Featherbrooke Estate and surrounding areas.

The proposed school development will encompass classrooms, administrative buildings, ablution blocks, parking and a crèche.

A total of 9 ablution blocks, 4 courts, a school hall with recreational areas and sports fields are proposed.

**Locality Plan**



<p><b>GREENGATE EXT 68 CURRO SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p><b>Locality Plan</b></p>			<p>1:3,900</p>
<p><b>Street Layer</b> Name: 21633 - Locality Plan</p>		<p>00.0375075 0.15 0.225 0.3</p> <p>Km</p>	
<p>Plan Size: A3</p>		<p>Prism EMS P.O. Box 1401 Wilgeheuwel Tel: 087 985 0951 Fax: 086 601 4800 prism@prismems.co.za www.prismems.co.za</p>	

#### **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:

**Activity 12:** "The development of infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100 square metres or more where such development occurs within a watercourse.

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

#### **National Water Act (NWA), 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998)**

In terms of the National Water Act (NWA) section 21 listed activities include:

Section 21(c) – Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse; and

Section 21(i) – Altering the beds, banks and characteristics of water in water course

#### **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).

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**I&AP Comment and Registration Form**

**GDARD Ref No: Gaut 002/16-17/E0093**

**Prism EMS Ref No: 21633**



Name:		Surname:	
Title:		Initials:	
Organisation / interest:		Capacity (e.g. Chairperson):	

Postal / Residential address			
	Area:		Code:

Contact details	Tel:	(    )
	Fax:	(    )
	Mobile:	(    )
	Email:	

Please mark with an X to indicate whether you would like to participate in the process:	Yes
	No

Preferred method of communication	Email		Fax		Post	
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Date commented	( DD / MM / YYYY )
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**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  
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 Email: prism@prismems.co.za  
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**Thank you for your participation.**