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INVITATION TO REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY AND COMMENT ON THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE SEWERAGE CONNECTION AND STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE WEST END OFFICE PARK IN CENTURION, GAUTENG

ENVIRONMENTAL

Abland (Pty) Ltd as the project proponent has appointed Strategic Environmental Focus (Pty) Ltd to facilitate the Basic Assessment (BA) process to obtain an environmental authorisation for the proposed sewerage connection pipeline and stormwater infrastructure for the West End office park. The sewerage pipeline will service the West End office park that is currently under construction. The connection will be made to the existing municipal sewerage pipeline to join the municipal sewer stream. The stormwater infrastructure to be installed includes the stormwater pipeline and outlet structures which will be constructed perpendicular to the Hennops River. Subsequent to the construction and installation of the proposed infrastructure, rehabilitation of the affected Hennops River banks will be undertaken. The proposed project is located on Holdings 231 and 232, Lyttelton Agricultural Holdings, Extension 1 in Centurion, City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province

In terms of Government Notice No. 544 (Listing Notice No. 1) and Government Notice No. 546 (Listing Notice No. 2) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) [NEMA] the following listed activities are triggered and therefore require an Environmental Authorisation from the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) for the proposed project by way of a BA process:

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Activity No. 9

The construction of facilities or infrastructure exceeding 1000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of water, sewage or storm water -

- (i) with an internal diameter of 0.36 metres or more; or
- (ii) with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more.

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Activity No. 11
The construction of:

(ii) channels:

(v) weirs;

where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line.

Activity No. 16

The construction of:

- (i) jetties exceeding 10 square metres in size;
- (ii) slipways exceeding 10 square metres in size;
- (iii) buildings with a footprint exceeding 10 square metres in size; or
- (iv) infrastructure covering 10 square metres or more

where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line.

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- (a) In Gauteng:
- (i) A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies;
- (ii) National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus areas;
- (iii) Sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority;
- (iv) Sites or areas identified in terms of an International Convention;
- (v) Sites identified as irreplaceable or important in the Gauteng Conservation Plan;
- (vi) Any declared protected area including Municipal or Provincial Nature Reserves as contemplated by the Environment Conservation Act, 1989 (Act No. 73 of 1989) and the Nature Conservation Ordinance (Ordinance 12 of 1983);
- (vii) Areas zoned for a conservation purpose

In terms of Section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) the proposed services and subsequent rehabilitation of the river banks at the West End office Park requires the application of the Water Use License (WUL) which will be administered by the Department of Water Affairs (DWA).

A BA is being conducted to ensure that the environmental impacts that may be associated with the proposed project are taken into consideration. Interested and affected parties (I&APs) have an opportunity to comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) by providing issues of concern and/or suggestions for enhanced benefits and/or alternatives and to ensure that the GDARD has sufficient information to make a decision

The **Draft BAR** is available for comment from **Thursday**, **03 July 2014 to Thursday**, **14 August 2014** at the following venue (see Table 1) and on the SEF website (see below for more information).

Name of public venue	Name of Contact Person	Contact Number(s)	Viewing Times
Lyttenton Library	Martie Els	Tel: 012 644 1452	Mon. Wed, Fri: 10:00-17:50
Cnr Cantonments Road and Unie Avenue			Tue & Thurs: 12:00-17:50
Lyttelton.			Sat: 08:30-12:50

Should you wish to participate in the BA by contributing issues of concerns/comments, please register as an I&AP by completing the enclosed Registration and Comment Sheet or you can visit SEF's website at http://www.sefsa.co.za. To register as an I&AP or comment on the project, click on "Stakeholder Engagement". Click on the "register" button and complete the compulsory fields to register as an I&AP. Click on client login and use your chosen login and password view the Basic Assessment Report for the West End Office Park BA and associated appendices. Should you have any problems in obtaining the information from the Internet, please feel free to contact SEF for assistance.

Meanwhile, should you have any questions, or would like to obtain more information, please feel free to contact Mandla Zuma, at Tel: (012) 349 1307, Fax: (012) 349 1229 or **E-mail:** mandla@sefsa.co.za.

We look forward to receiving your comments!

Yours sincerely

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