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Dear Interested and Affected Party

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INVITATION TO REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY (I&AP) AND COMMENT ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE FOR THE PROPOSED SWARTFONTEIN SECURE CARE CENTRE ON PORTION 0 OF THE FARM ZWARTFONTEIN 227 JT, MBOMBELA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA

The Mpumalanga Department of Public Works Roads and Transport (MDPWRT) intends to develop the Swartfontein Secure Care Centre on Portion 0 of the Farm Zwartfontein 227 JT in the Mbombela Local Municipality, Mpumalanga. The proposed development will have a footprint of 107.6 hectares.

Mowana Consultants (Pty) Ltd on behalf of the MDPWRT has appointed Strategic Environmental Focus (Pty) Ltd (SEF) as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to facilitate the Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) and Water Use License Application processes.

In terms of Government Notice No. 544 (Listing Notice 1, Activities 11 and 55A) and Government Notice No.545 (Listing Notice 2, Activity 15) the listed activities triggers both the Basic Assessment (BA) and the Scoping and Environmental Impact (S & EIR) reporting processes however the S & EIR process will be followed in order to obtain an Environmental Authorisation from the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA) for the proposed project. The triggered activities are listed in the table below.

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Table 1: NEMA EIA Listed Activities requiring Environmental Authorisation

Table with 2 columns: Activity ID (GN NO. R.544 Listing Notice 1 (BAR Process)) and Activity Description (The construction of: (i) canals; (ii) channels; (iii) bridges; (iv) dams; (v) weirs; (vi) bulk storm water outlet structures; (vii) marinas; (viii) jetties exceeding 50 square metres in size; (ix) slipways exceeding 50 square metres in size; (x) buildings exceeding 50 square metres in size; or (xi) infrastructure or structures covering 50 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.)

	55A	The construction of facilities for the treatment of effluent, wastewater or sewage with a daily throughput capacity of more than 2000 cubic metres but less than 15 000 cubic metres.
<b>GN NO. R.545 Listing Notice 2 (S&amp;EIR Process)</b>	15	Physical alteration of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land for residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use where the total area to be transformed is 20 hectares or more;  except where such physical alteration takes place for: (i) Linear Activities; or (ii) Agriculture or afforestation where activity 16 in this Schedule will apply

In terms of Section 21 (a), (b), (c), (f), (g) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) the proposed development also requires a Water Use License which will be administered by the Department of Water Affairs and Sanitation (DWAS).

A S&EIR process is being conducted to ensure that the environmental impacts that may be associated with the proposed project are taken into consideration. The Draft Scoping Report is available for public review and comment from **Friday, 22 August 2014 to Thursday, 2 October 2014**, at the following venue (see Table 2) and on the SEF website (see below for more information).

**Table 2: Public venue where the Draft Scoping Report can be viewed**

Name of public venue	Name of Contact Person	Contact Number(s)	Viewing Times
Sabie Pubic Library, 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sabie	Ms. Emmerentia Ubisi	Tel: 076 823 8028	09:00-17:00 Weekdays 09:00-12:00 Saturdays

Should you wish to participate in the S&EIR process by contributing issues of concerns/comments, please register as an I&AP by completing the enclosed Registration and Comments 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. On completion of these fields, you will receive an email titled "**Stakeholder Engagement – New Registration**". Click on client login and use the emailed details to login in and view the **Draft Scoping Report for the proposed Swartfontein Secure Care Centre** and associated appendices. Should you have any problems in obtaining the information from the Internet, please feel free to contact SEF for assistance.

The comments are due **on or before Thursday, 2 October 2014**.

Meanwhile, should you have any questions, or would like to obtain more information, please feel free to contact Kagiso Motlhasedi at Tel: (012) 349 1307, Fax: (012) 349 1229 or E-mail: [kagiso@sefsa.co.za](mailto:kagiso@sefsa.co.za)

Yours sincerely

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