

ANNEXURE 1: REASONS FOR AUTHORISATION

1. Background

The Applicant, **Fourles Poultry Farms (Pty) Ltd** applied for Environmental Authorisation to carry out the following activity:

The expansion of Roodekraal Free Range Chicken farm to hold 150 0000 (10 Houses) on portion 2 (reaming extent) of the farm Roodekraal 454IQ, within the jurisdiction of Tlokwe City Council, North West Province.

The applicant appointed **Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd** to undertake Basic Assessment process as required by Regulation 17 of the EIA Regulations of 2010.

2. Information considered in making the decision

In reaching its decision, the Department took, *inter alia*, the following into consideration -

- a) The Information contained in the Basic Assessment Report dated 27 March 2014 received on April 2014 compiled by Shangoni Management Services (Pty)Ltd.
- b) The procedure followed for impact assessment is adequate for the decision-making process.
- c) The proposed mitigation of impacts identified and assessed adequately curtails the identified impacts.
- d) All legal and procedural requirements have been met.
- e) The identification and assessment of impacts are detailed in the Basic Assessment Report dated 27 March 2014 received on April 2014 and sufficient assessment of the key identified issues and impacts have been completed.
- f) All mitigation measures and recommendations as proposed in the Basic Assessment Report and the Environmental Management Programme dated 27 March 2014 received April 2014.
- g) The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including Section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended.
- h) The findings of a site visit undertaken by the Department official Thembekile Makuwa with the Environmental Assessment Practitioner Ms. Lizette Crous of Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd on 02 May 2013.

4. Key factors considered in making the decision

All information presented to the Department was taken into account in the Department's consideration of the application. A summary of the issues which, in the Department's view, were of the most significance is set out below:

- a) Details provided of the qualifications of the EAP indicate that the EAP is competent to carry out the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) procedures.

- b) The Basic Assessment Report dated 27 March 2014 received April 2014 included a description of the environment that may be affected by the activity and the manner in which the physical, biological, social, economic and cultural aspects of the environment may be affected by the proposed activity.
- c) The Basic Assessment Report dated 27 March 2014 received on April 2014 identified all legislation and guidelines that have been considered in the preparation of the said report.
- d) The physical, socio-economic and cultural impacts of the development project on the receiving environment.
- e) A sufficient public participation process was undertaken and the applicant has satisfied the minimum requirements as prescribed in the EIA Regulations of 2010 for public involvement. The proposed development was advertised in Potchefstroom Herald dated 1 March 2013 as part of the public participation process.
- f) The legal and procedural requirements have been complied with and the information contained in the document is to the satisfaction of this Department.

4. Findings

After consideration of the information and factors listed above, the Department made the following findings -

- a) The proposed development will improve job creation in the area.
- b) The mitigation measures proposed in the EMPr are acceptable and practical for implementation.
- c) The identification and assessment of impacts are detailed in the Basic Assessment Report dated 27 March 2014 and sufficient assessment of the key identified issues and impacts have been completed.
- d) The procedure followed for impact assessment is adequate for the decision-making process.
- e) The proposed mitigation of impacts identified and assessed adequately curtails the identified impacts.
- f) The legal and procedural requirements have been complied with and the information contained in the document is to the satisfaction of this Department.
- g) EMPr measures for the pre-construction, construction and rehabilitation phases of the development were proposed and included in the Basic Assessment Report dated 27 March 2014 received on April 2014 and must be implemented to manage the identified environmental impacts during the construction process.

In view of the above, the Department is satisfied that, subject to compliance with the conditions contained in the Environmental Authorisation, the activity will not conflict with the general objectives of Integrated Environmental Management laid down in Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the activity can be mitigated to acceptable levels. **The application is accordingly granted.**