

Dear Interested and Affected Party

INITIAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

ONSEEPKANS AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

(At Onseepkans on Remainder of the Farm Onseepkans No. 88, Upington, Northern Cape Province)

Notice is hereby given of a public participation process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") and the EIA Regulations (2014); for the application for environmental authorisation to undertake the following activities:

Indicate the number and date of the relevant notice:	Activity No	
GN. R. 983 (2014) Listing Notice 1	8	Development of agri-industrial facilities larger than 2 000 m ²
	9	Water & storm water infrastructure
	12	Development within a watercourse (Seasonal ephemeral streams)
	13	Off stream storage of water
	19	Moving of >5m ³ within a watercourse (Seasonal ephemeral streams)
GN. R. 985 (2014) Listing Notice 2	13	Physical alteration of virgin soil to agriculture of more than 100 ha.
	15	Clearance of 20ha or more of indigenous vegetation
GN. R. 986 (2014) Listing Notice 3	2	Development of a reservoir larger than 250m ³ .
	4	Development of a road wider than 4m.
	14	Development of infrastructure larger than 10m ² within a watercourse.

EnviroAfrica cc has been appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Development, to undertake the **Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment process** for the proposed project.

Project Description & Location (28° 54' 27.11"S 18° 09' 01.09"E)

This project proposes the development of virgin soils for agricultural cultivation of approximately 200 - 250 ha at Onseepkans, slightly away from the Orange River (in the vicinity of existing agricultural land), on the remainder of the Farm Onseepkans No. 88 (Upington). This project is a social-development project initiated by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Development of the Northern Cape.

Description of Alternatives:

Alternatives will be addresses in the scoping and EIA process and will include the option of not proceeding with the proposed development (the No-Go option).

Public Participation:

Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby notified of the application and invited to register (in writing) and/or provide initial comments and identify any issues, concerns or opportunities relating to this project to the contact details provided below, on or before 10 December 2015. In order to register or submit comment, I&APs should refer to the project name, and provide their name, address & contact details (*indicating your preferred method of notification*) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which they have in the application. Please note that future correspondence will only be sent to registered Interested and Affected Parties.

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Yours sincerely,



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