

NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND WATER USE AUTHORIZATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON PORTIONS 79, 91,96,321 AND 322 OF FARM HEKPOORT 504 JQ, MOGALE CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE

Notice is hereby given that the Gauteng Department of Human Settlement (GDHS) is proposing to construct affordable housing on the Farm Hekpoort 504 JQ. The Notice is in terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended. It is also in terms of Section 41(4) of the National Water Act No 36 of 1998, read with Regulations 17 to 19 of the Regulations Regarding Procedural Requirements for Water Use Licence Applications and Appeals in GNR 267 published in Government Gazette 40713 of 24 March 2017. **The project is part of the Gauteng Rapid Land Release Programme (RLRP) which was launched in 2018. One of the key objectives of the RLRP which will be realised by the Hekpoort project is to address the housing backlog in the Gauteng Province while catering for social and economic development. Furthermore, the Hekpoort project will also cater for agricultural as well as a commercial activities.**

The Hekpoort site is located within Ward 32 of the Mogale City Local Municipality. It is approximately 30km north-west of the Krugersdorp CBD and approximately 32km south-west of the Hartbeespoort Dam. The site is located on Portions 79, 91, 96, 321 and 322 of the Farm Hekpoort 504 JQ and occupies an area of approximately 73Ha. The surfaced R560 transects the site and divides it into two sections comprising of Portions 79, 91, 96 as the north western section and closest to the Magalies River. Portions 312 and 322 make up the southern section of the site. The informal housing area of Lethabong occurs on the east of the site. The approximate centre co-ordinates of the larger portion of the site are 25°53'11.2"S; 27° 37' 02.2 "E. Refer to the site's aerial image in **Figure 1**.

The development of housing, agricultural and other infrastructure (for water, stormwater, sewage, etc.) will trigger an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The triggered NEMA Listed Activities as per the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended are as follows: Listing Notice 1 (Activities 9, 10, 12, 28); Listing Notice 2 (Activity 15) and; Listing Notice 3 (Activities 12 and 14).

As part of the site is in close proximity to the Magalies River, this watercourse will be impacted on by the some of the proposed activities and a Water Use Water Use Authorisation will be triggered in terms of Section 21 (a), (c) and (i) of the National Water Act (NWA), 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998). These are as follows: *(a) taking water from a water resource, (c) impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse and (i) altering the bed, banks, course or characteristic of a watercourse.* Any other triggered activities will be confirmed after consultation with the Department of Water and Sanitation.

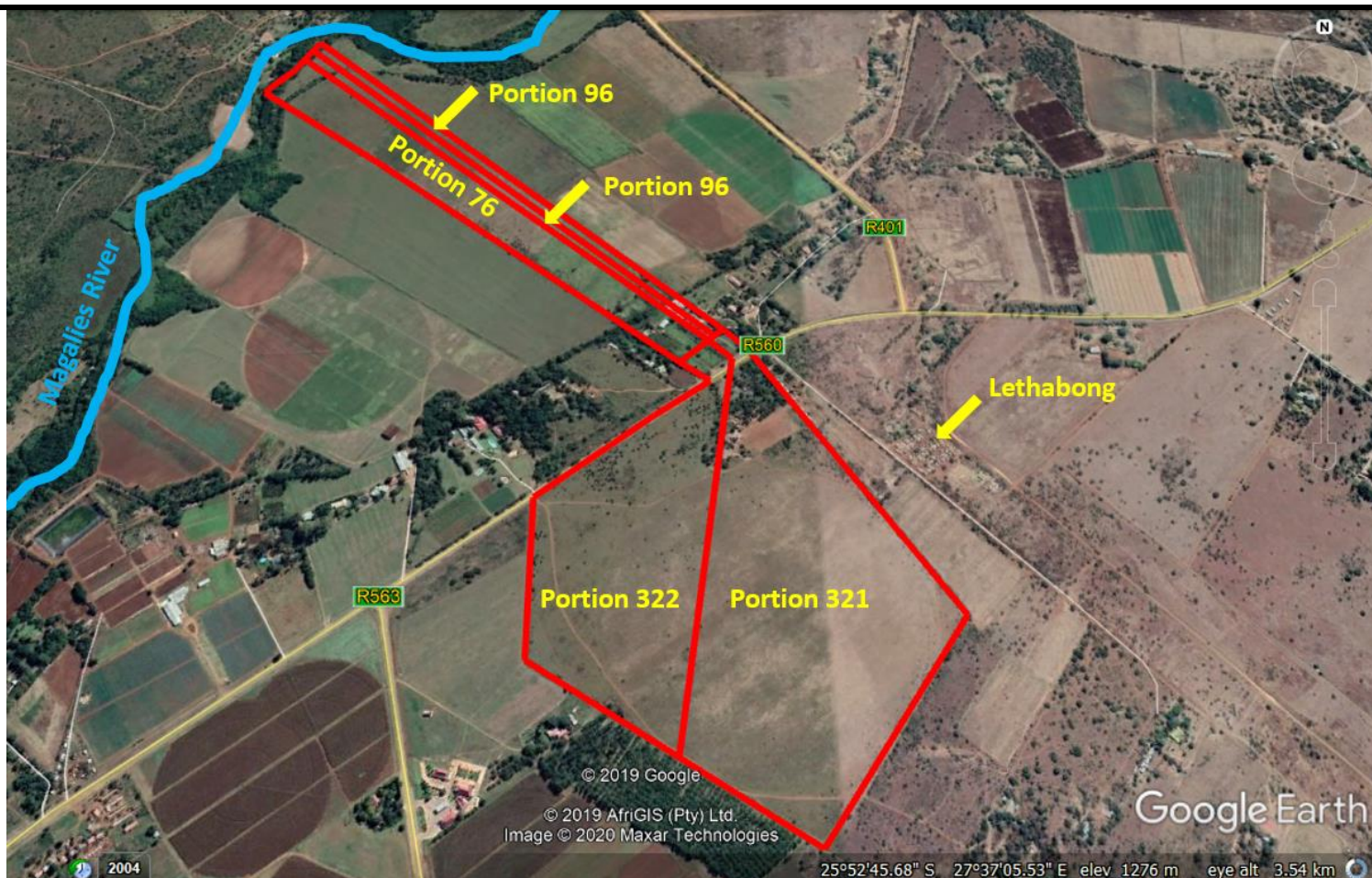


Figure 1: Aerial Image of the Hekpoort housing site (Google Earth, 2019)

In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, and the Regulations Regarding the Procedural Requirements for Water Use License Applications and Appeals (2017), all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) must be provided with an opportunity to participate in the EIA Process for the proposed project. All parties who wish to participate in the process by commenting, registering as I&APs or obtaining more information on the proposed project can contact **Ntsebo Mkhize** on: **Tel:** 011 312 2537, **Fax:** 011 805 1950, **E-mail:** ntsebom@gaenvironment.com, or environment@gaenvironment.com or **Post:** P.O Box 6723 Halfway House 1685.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROJECT BY NO LATER THAN 28th FEBRUARY 2020



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