

NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 129 OF THE FARM RIETFontein NO. 301 IQ, CITY OF JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended, that the Gauteng Department of Human Settlement (GDHS) is proposing to construct affordable housing on the Remaining Extent of Portion 129 of the Farm Rietfontein No. 301 IQ (Rietfontein hereafter). The site is located within Ward 8 of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality. The proposed housing project is part of the Gauteng Rapid Land Release Programme (RLRP) which was launched in 2018. One of the key aims of the RLRP, specifically to the Rietfontein housing project, is to address the housing backlog in the Gauteng Province while catering for social and economic development. The type and number of the housing units as well as the list of beneficiaries will be confirmed at a later stage of the project.

The Rietfontein site is located approximately 24km north west of the Johannesburg CBD. The co-ordinates of the approximate centre point are 26°20'51.58"S; 27° 51' 54.07 "E. The site is approximately 73Ha in size and The proposed project site is bounded by Lenasia Ext. 10 to the immediate north, the residential area of *Lehae* to the east, and the Klipspruit Valley Road (M10) road to the west. The Lenasia Muslim School is situated along the southern boundary of the site. Refer to the site's aerial image in **Figure 1**.

The development of housing and associated infrastructure will result in the clearance of indigenous vegetation. According to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014, as amended, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required for the project based on the following triggered activities:

Listing Notice 2, Activity 15

The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation, excluding where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for –

- (i) *the undertaking of a liner activity; or*
- (ii) *maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.*

Listing Notice 3, Activity 12

The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan in:

c. Gauteng

- ii. Within *Critical Biodiversity Areas* or *Ecological Support Areas* identified in the *Gauteng Conservation Plan* or *bioregional plans*.



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

In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, 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** or **Kirthi Peramaul** on: **Tel:** 011 312 2537, **Fax:** 011 805 1950, **E-mail:** ntsebom@gaenvironment.com, kirthip@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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