

APPENDIX 5

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

APPENDIX 5_1

SITE NOTICES

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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THE UNLAWFUL COMMENCENET OF A CATTLE FEEDLOT FACILITY, MARQUARD AREA, SETSOTO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE

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- ❖ Existing access road from the R708.

Location:

On a regional scale, the project falls just to the northeast of the central Free State Province on the Farm Demilander 273, Marquard area, Setsoto Local Municipality, Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality.

Name of Applicant:

Aluf Farming (PTY) Ltd.
 PO Box 244 Marquard 6910

Name of Environmental Assessment Practitioner:

SPOOR Environmental Services (PTY) Ltd.

J.C. van Rooyen
 Postnet Suite 448
 Private Bag X025
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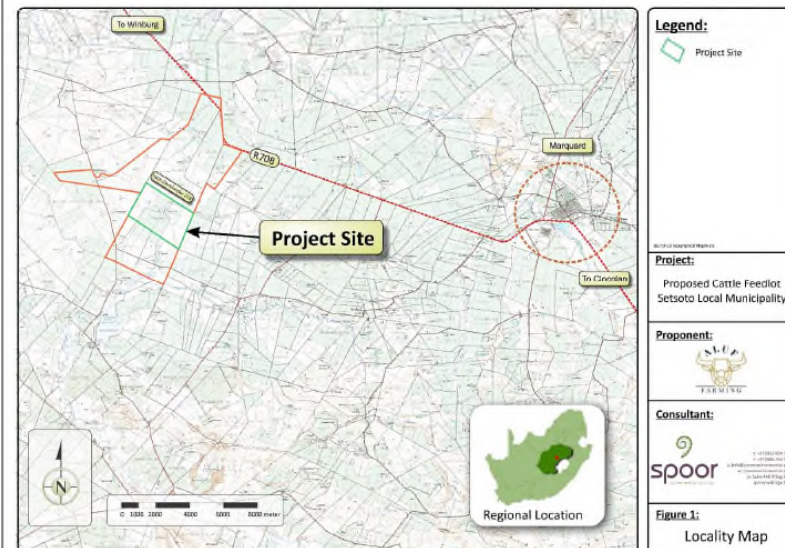
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Locality Map:



Site Notice on Site

APPENDIX 5_2

PROOF OF NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT

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WRITTEN NOTICES ISSUED TO I&APs

SURROUNDING LANDOWNERS

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1 message

JC van Rooyen <jcvr@spoorensvironmental.co.za>

Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 3:42 PM

To: pierreventer@vodamail.co.za

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party,

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Kind regards.

**JC van Rooyen (Director)**

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5 messages

JC van Rooyen <jcvr@spoorensvironmental.co.za>
To: inneskrog@gmail.com

Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 3:46 PM

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Innes Krog <inneskrog@gmail.com>
To: JC van Rooyen <jcvr@spoorensvironmental.co.za>

Tue, Jun 7, 2022 at 11:10 AM

On 6/3/22, JC van Rooyen <jcvr@spoorensvironmental.co.za> wrote:

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JC van Rooyen <jcvr@spoorensvironmental.co.za>
To: Innes Krog <inneskrog@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 12, 2022 at 3:49 PM

Good day,

Thanks again for your response. The Applicant has contacted a specialist agricultural engineer and is in the process of designing manure dams to manage the manure from the feedlots. The information will be provided in the Draft Report. I would like to ask for your assistance please. I am looking for the contact information of Mr Wybrand Luwes Krog. Do you maybe have this and if you do, could you provide me with this in order for me to contact him as well?

Kind regards.



JC van Rooyen (Director)

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JC van Rooyen <jcvr@spoorensvironmental.co.za>
To: Innes Krog <inneskrog@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 15, 2022 at 12:38 PM

Hiu,

Sorry to bother you again,

Can you assist with this informatio at all? If not it is 100% and I will follow other avenues.

Thanks and kind regards.



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THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

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JC van Rooyen <jcvr@spoorensvironmental.co.za>

Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 2:55 PM

To: takatso@tmdm.gov.za, bafana@tmdm.gov.za, mm@lejwe.co.za, info@lejwe.co.za, tshepiso@setsoto.co.za, manager@setsoto.co.za, engineering@setsoto.co.za, technical@setsoto.co.za, wessel@setsoto.co.za, info@masilonyana.co.za, mokoteli@masilonyana.co.za, Marquard-SAPS@saps.gov.za, fs.marquard.sc@saps.gov.za

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WARD COUNCILLOR

Ward Councilor Detail

JC van Rooyen <jcvr@spoorensvironmental.co.za>
To: info@demarcation.org.za

Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 12:38 PM

Good day,

My name is JC van Rooyen and I am an Environmental Impact Assessor. I must perform public participation as part of the environmental impact assessment process and am looking for the contact detail of the ward councillors of Ward 3 of the Setsoto Local Municipality as well as the Councillor of Ward 4 of the Masilonyana Local Municipality both in the Free State Province.

Can you please assist me.

Kind regards.



JC van Rooyen (Director)

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Wyksraadslid vir Wyk 3 van die Setsoto Munisipaliteit

JC van Rooyen <jcvr@spoorensvironmental.co.za>

Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 12:55 PM

To: Vermeulen.phillip@gmail.com

Cc: hannesmrq@gmail.com

Goeie middag Mnr Vermeulen,

Ek het jou Nommer by Oom Hannes van Marquard gekry. Ek doen n omgewingsimpak aansoek vir Mr Michiel Wessels. Oom Hannes het gesê dat jy my miskien sal kan help aangaande wie die wyksraadslid (ward councillor) vir wyk 3 van die Setsoto Munisipaliteit is en moontlik van Wyk 4 net wes daarvan van die Masilonyana Munisipaliteit. Ek het skrywes gerig na beide hierdie munisipaliteite maar ek kry nou al vir meer as 'n maand geen terugvoer.

Sal dit waardeer.

Groete



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STATE DEPARTMENTS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR A FEEDLOT DEVELOPMENT, MARQUARD AREA, SETSOTO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE

JC van Rooyen <jcvr@spoorensvironmental.co.za>

Fri, May 27, 2022 at 1:37 PM

To: moalasil@destea.gov.za, Grace Mkhosana <mkhosana@destea.gov.za>

Good day,

Please find attached the public participation plan for a Feedlot Development in the Marquard Area, Setsoto Local Municipality, Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality.

In terms of the public participation process we developed in our office we perform the first phase public participation which includes the notification of the relevant stakeholders and the registration of the interested and affected parties before we submit the application in order to ensure that we do not run out of time for the submission of the draft reports. We hope you find this in order. If it is possible we would appreciate it if you could supply us with a DEESTEA project registration number to display in the first phase public participation. If this is not possible we would accept it.

Please contact us if anything is unclear.

Kind regards.



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JC van Rooyen <jcvr@spoorensvironmental.co.za>

Tue, Jun 7, 2022 at 11:31 AM

To: moalosi@destea.gov.za, Grace Mkhosana <mkhosana@destea.gov.za>

Cc: Dimakatso Mokoena <mokoena@destea.gov.za>

Good day,

Can you confirm if you had time to review the public participation plan yet and if we can proceed as proposed?

Kind regards.

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JC van Rooyen <jcvr@spoorensvironmental.co.za>
To: Dimakatso Mokoena <mokoena@destea.gov.za>

Mon, Jul 4, 2022 at 9:06 PM

Hi Dimakatso,

I hope you can assist me again. I have submitted the public participation plan for a section 24G rectification application on the 27th of May. On the previous occasion I received feedback within two weeks of submitting the plan but on this occasion I have not heard anything and we are approaching 6 weeks by the end of this week? I have not submitted a rectification application in the Free State Province yet and it may be that I am missing a step in the process. Can you please assist me in this matter?

Furthermore, I see the application form is quite extensive. Is this just the application form or is this the actual rectification report template?

Thank you and kind regards.



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S24G Application for a Feedlot Facility, Marquard, Free State Province

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Wed, Jul 27, 2022 at 4:52 PM

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Cc: moalosi@destea.gov.za, masoetsad@destea.gov.za, Dimakatso Mokoena <mokoena@destea.gov.za>

Good day,

I have been appointed as the EAP for a S24G Application. Ms Mokoena already forwarded me the S24G Application Form. Thanks for that. I see under Section B (Activity Information) , point 1 the first paragraph, there is mention of a S24G Guideline. Can you confirm what this guideline document is and better yet can you please forward it to me if it is possible?

Kind regards.

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Good morning Ladies,

Can you please assist me in this.

Kind regards.

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Good day Ladies,

I have been trying to reach you via email and telephone but I am having severe difficulty in reaching you. I need guidance on your S24G process urgently. Please contact me as soon as possible.

Kind regards.



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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR A FEEDLOT DEVELOPMENT, MARQUARD AREA, SETSOTO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE

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Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 10:25 AM

Good morning,

Thanks Mr Seekoei for taking my call and for your assistance. As discussed I am in need of your assistance in terms of a S24G application for a feedlot in Marquard. I requested a reference from Mrs Mkosana and Moalosi in May already but have not received a response yet. I am in urgent need of a project reference nr because it is September already and I need to finalize this project. As discussed previously Ms Mokoena assisted me with a reference nr via Email and I proceeded with that.

Your assistance will be greatly valued and appreciated.

Kind regards.



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JC van Rooyen <jcvr@spoorenvironmental.co.za>
To: MamaboloF@dws.gov.za

Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 3:55 PM

Good day Dr Khorommbi,

Can you please assist me with the contact of an Official wh9o I can contact with regards to a project in the Free State. The project is in the C41B QDR Middle Vaal WMA, and between Marquard & Winburg. I just want to contact the Free State DWS as part of the NEMA public Participation process.

Will highly appreciate your assistance.

Kind regards.



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To: MamaboloF@dws.gov.za
Cc: "Khorommbi Konanani Christopher (GAU)" <KhorommbiK@dws.gov.za>

Mon, Jul 4, 2022 at 9:36 PM

Good evening,

I see that I have mistakenly referred to you as Dr Khorommbi. My apologies.

I would like to humbly ask for your assistance on this matter. Please can you also inform me if there is a central contact center at the DWS that one can contact to find the relevant contact person in a WMA. I am constantly struggling to find the WMA managers in the areas where my EIA projects are relevant.

I will really appreciate any help.

Kind regards.



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Middle Vaal WMA Contact Person

JC van Rooyen <jcvr@spoorenvironmental.co.za>
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Mon, Jul 4, 2022 at 9:37 PM

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WRITTEN NOTICES TO COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS
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JC van Rooyen <jcvr@spoorensvironmental.co.za>
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BACKGROUND INFIRMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

spoor reference: 01/24 aluf feedlot_s24g

date: 3rd of June 2022

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

SECTION 24G OF NEMA (ACT 107 of 1998) RECTIFICATION APPLICATION FOR THE UNLAWFUL COMMENCEMENT OF A FEEDLOT FACILITY, MARQUARD AREA, SETSOTO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide information to potential Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs) regarding the unlawful commencement of a feedlot facility. The facility is situated on an existing farm along the R708 in the Marquard area of the Free State Province. See locality map attached.

An application for rectification will be made in terms of Section 24(G) read with Section (D) & (F) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), Act 107 of 1998 (as amended) and the associated 2014 regulations. The application will be submitted to the Bloemfontein Offices of the Free State Department of Economics, Small Business Development, Tourism & Environmental Affairs (DESTEA) and an environmental impact assessment report (EIR) will be submitted to the same in due course.

This BID explains the proposed project and the regulatory processes that will need to be complied with, while providing I&APs with the opportunity to:

- ❖ Register as stakeholders in the public participation process; and
- ❖ Make comments on and contribute to the proposed project.

2. LOCATION:

On a regional scale, the project falls just to the northeast of the central Free State Province. On a more local scale, the site area is located between the towns of Marquard (27km due west of Marquard) and Winburg in the Setsoto Local Municipality, Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality of the Free State Province.

3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

The Applicant is a local Farmer who formalized his operations into an agricultural company with its core business focusing on commercial crop and animal production. Aluf Farming started a feedlot in an existing kraal on the farm, which has grown into a new facility that is able to feed 3000 large stock units (LSU) at a time. The proposed infrastructure includes;

- ❖ A feedlot facility with the capacity to process 3000 LSU at a time,
- ❖ The feedlot will comprise two main feedlot facilities divided into smaller units,
- ❖ A Feed mixing facility (contained in an existing outbuilding),

- ❖ Animal processing facility (contained in the existing farm kraal),
- ❖ 2x Production boreholes feeding into a main concrete farm dam and associated water pipelines (existing),
- ❖ Water pipelines from the concrete dam to the feedlot,
- ❖ Existing farmhouse and facility outbuildings,
- ❖ Existing access road from the R708.

4. LISTED ACTIVITIES IN TERMS OF NEMA (ACT 107 OF 1998)

In terms of 24(D) of NEMA, as read with Government Notice R 982, R 983, R 984, and R 985 of the 4th of December 2014 (as amended), environmental authorisation is required for the following listed activities:

- ❖ NEMA (Act 107 of 1998) GN 983 Listing Notice 1 (4th of December 2014) - Activity 4(i)

5. DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT

Project Applicant: Aluf Farming (PTY) Ltd.
Contact person: Mr M Wessels
Postal Address: PO Box 244 Marquard 6910

6. WHAT IS A SECTION 24(G) OF NEMA (ACT 107 OF 1998) RECTIFICATION APPLICATION?

Section 24G of the NEMA (Act 107 of 1998) makes provision for the Applicant to apply to the relevant MEC, which, if successful, will enable that Applicant to lawfully continue with the listed activity or legalise otherwise unlawful activities. Once the Section 24G application form is complete, the environmental impact assessment report (EIR), public participation and all accompanied specialist studies/reports will be submitted to the regulatory authorities (DESTEA) in support of the application. The product of the S24G assessment is a report (EIR) which must:

- ❖ Identify the potential impacts of the proposed activity;
- ❖ Outline the public participation process undertaken;
- ❖ Illustrate the issues, concerns and suggestions raised by I&APs; and
- ❖ Outline the environmental management and mitigation measures that must be taken to avoid or reduce negative impacts and enhance positive impacts.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public participation process will enable I&APs to influence the course of the technical investigations and to review the findings of the independent studies that are undertaken. The EAP will correspond directly with registered I&APs at various stages during the process to keep them informed of opportunities to be involved. The steps in the public participation process are outlined below;

- ❖ Letters of invitation accompanied by this BID and a comment sheet to be distributed to adjacent landowners of the proposed development, key individuals, and organisations, announcing the project, and inviting their comment;
- ❖ Advertisements will be placed in a local newspaper (Ficksburg, Senekal & Clocolan Rekord and the & Brandford, Theunissen & Winburg Rekord) announcing the proposed project and providing opportunity to comment;
- ❖ A Site notice will be erected on the property boundary in accordance with the requirements of the 2014 EIA Regulations;

- ❖ Key stakeholders in the area will be informed via telephone, mail, e-mail, or facsimile;
- ❖ All issues received from stakeholders will be captured in the comments and response report which will be used to screen and prioritise issues for evaluation.

8. REGISTRATION

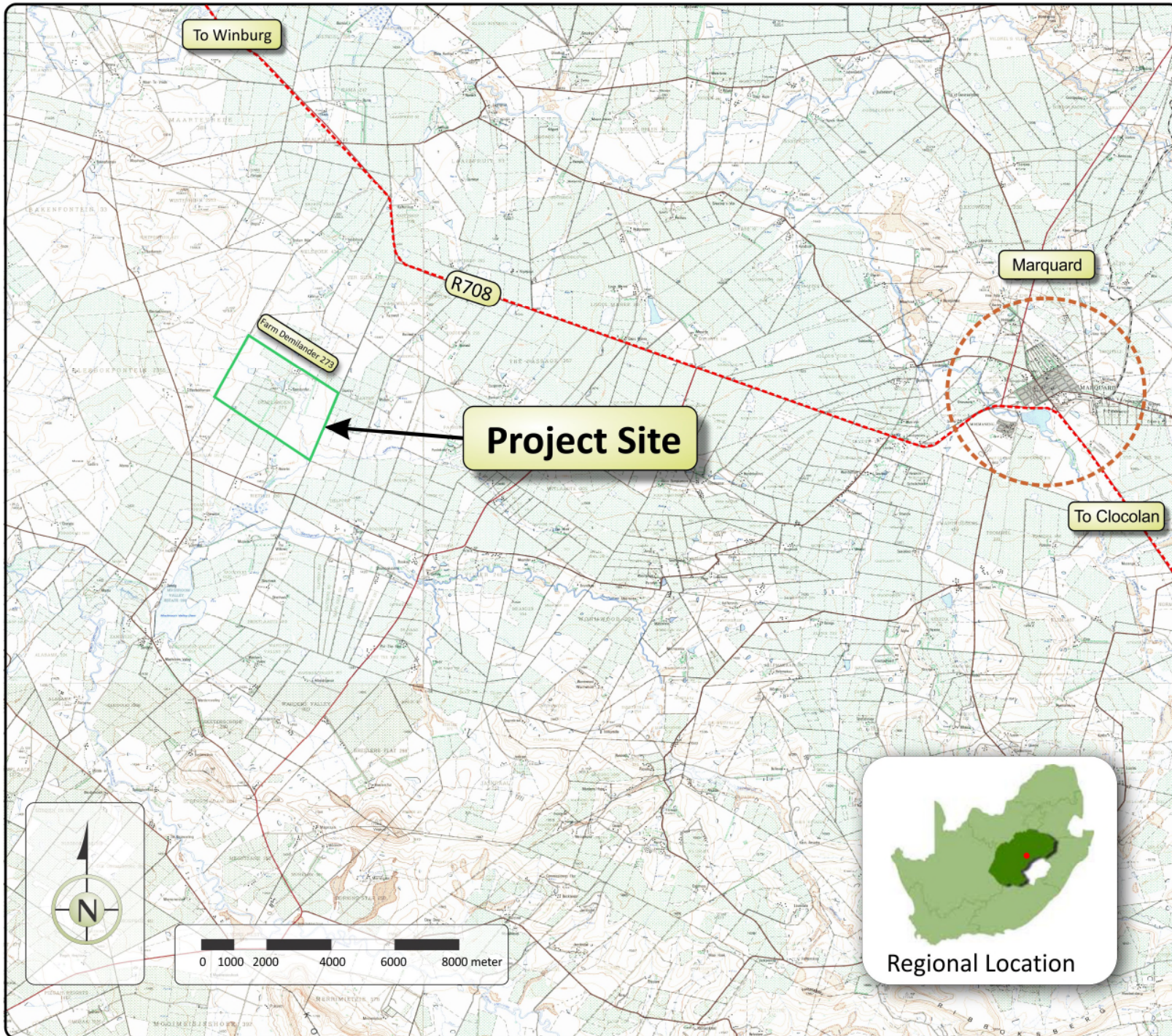
To ensure that you are registered as an interested and/or affected party (I&AP), or if you require further information on the rectification application and/or activity, please submit your name, contact information, interest and relevant issues in the matter on the form attached to this BID within 30 days of receipt of this information (3rd of June 2022) in terms of the NEMA (Act 107 of 1998) regulations.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information.

Kind regards.



JC van Rooyen
Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)



Legend:

 Project Site

2827CA-CD Topographical Mapsheets

Project:

Cattle Feedlot
 Farm Demilander 273
 Setsoto Local Municipality

Applicant:



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Figure 1:

Locality Map

REGISTRATION AND COMMENT SHEET

<p align="center">INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:</p> <p align="center">Section 24(G) Rectification Application in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998</p> <p align="center">UNLAWFUL COMMENCEMENT OF A FEEDLOT FACILITY, MARQUARD AREA, SETSOTO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE</p> <p align="center">June 2022</p>	<div align="center">  <p>t: +27 (0)12 804 1181 f: +27 (0)86 763 5635 e: info@spoorenservices.co.za w: www.spoorenservices.co.za a: Postnet Suite 448, Private Bag X025 Lynnwood Ridge, 0040, Pretoria, South Africa</p> <p>Environmental Assessment Practitioner Contact Person: Mr. JC van Rooyen E mail: jcvr@spoorenservices.co.za</p> </div>
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INITIALS		SURNAME	
ORGANISATION			
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		POSTAL CODE	
LAND LINE TEL NO		CELL NO	
FAX NO		EMAIL	

Please formally register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) during this BA process.	YES	NO
I would like my notifications and documents for comment as follows:		
LETTER (MAIL)	E-MAIL	FAX
ON CD	INTERNET	
In terms of this Public Participation process, I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:		

COMMENTS (please use separate sheets to add additional information)

I suggest that the following issues of concern be investigated:

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I suggest the following for the public participation process:

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Any other comments:

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I/we request the following person/s also to be contacted as I&APs for this process (please include sufficient contact details i.e., email address, telephone number, postal address, etc.):

.....

.....

Signature

Date

APPENDIX 5_5

COMMUNICATIONS TO AND FROM I&AP'S

ADJACENT LANDOWNERS

REGISTRATION AND COMMENT SHEET

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:
 Section 24(G) Rectification Application in terms of the
 National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of
 1998

**UNLAWFUL COMMENCEMENT OF A FEEDLOT FACILITY,
 MARQUARD AREA, SETSOTO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, FREE
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 Contact Person: Mr. JC van Rooyen
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TITLE	Mr.	FIRST NAME	Innes
INITIALS	P. I	SURNAME	Krog
ORGANISATION	Inca Farm BK		
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Please formally register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) during this BA process. YES NO

I would like my notifications and documents for comment as follows:

LETTER (MAIL)	E-MAIL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FAX	ON CD	INTERNET
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COMMENTS (please use separate sheets to add additional information)

I suggest that the following issues of concern be investigated:

I am concerned that liquid manure will pollute the Hammel Spring that feeds the mushroom valley dam.

Any other comments:

.....

I/we request the following person/s also to be contacted as I&APs for this process (please include sufficient contact details i.e., email address, telephone number, postal address, etc.):

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.....



 Signature

106/2022

 Date

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To: Innes Krog <inneskrog@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 7, 2022 at 11:27 AM

Thank you for your response,

We will address this in the impact assessment process and revert back to.

Kind regards.



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Tue, Jul 12, 2022 at 3:49 PM

Good day,

Thanks again for your response. The Applicant has contacted a specialist agricultural engineer and is in the process of designing manure dams to manage the manure from the feedlots. The information will be provided in the Draft Report. I would like to ask for your assistance please. I am looking for the contact information of Mr Wybrand Luwes Krog. Do you maybe have this and if you do, could you provide me with this in order for me to contact him as well?

Kind regards.



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Please formally register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) during this BA process.	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
I would like my notifications and documents for comment as follows:		
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I suggest that the following issues of concern be investigated:

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I suggest the following for the public participation process:

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Any other comments:

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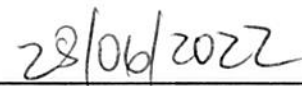
I/we request the following person/s also to be contacted as I&APs for this process (please include sufficient contact details i.e., email address, telephone number, postal address, etc.):

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Signature



Date

Registration as an affected party

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To: Surprisey Mathibela <surpriseymc@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 29, 2022 at 9:14 AM

Thank you Madam,

We will register you accordingly.

Kind regards.

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Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 3:31 PM

Dear Mr van Rooyen

Your wayleave application with project reference 01/24 aluf feedlot_s24g dated 03 June 2022 has reference.

Transnet Pipelines, a division of Transnet SOC Limited, is not affected by the proposal.

Your awareness of the existence of Transnet's pipeline servitudes and concern for their integrity is highly appreciated.

This authorisation shall be valid for 48 months from the date - 03 June 2022.

Yours Sincerely

Mr MT (Thami) Hadebe

Tel: 031 – 361 1454



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Mon, Jul 18, 2022 at 1:19 PM

Good day

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I will do that.

Thanks.



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Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 1:08 PM

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party,

Attached, please find the Background Information Document (BID) regarding the Rectification Application for the unlawful commencement of a Feedlot Facility, in terms of Section 24(D), Section 24(F) and Section 24(G) and of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act 107 of 1998, as amended). The Applicant commenced with a small scale feedlot in an existing kraal on the farm, which has grown into a facility which now requires environmental authorization. The purpose of this BID is to notify potential Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs) of the project and to provide an opportunity to participate in the process. Please note that the proposed project is in the notification stage and that more detail in terms of the project will be provided in the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report that will be made available for review and comment.

Kindly confirm receipt of the BID and your intention to register as an interested and/or affected party (I&AP) by filling out the Registration and Comment sheet attached to the BID. Also contact us for any additional information that you may require.

Kind regards.



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Please Note:

No Comment has been received to date

APPENDIX 5_6

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT

**COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT:
UNLAWFUL COMMENCEMENT OF A
FEEDLOT FACILITY, MARQUARD AREA,
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September 2022

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APPLICANT	:	Aluf Farming (PTY) Ltd.
REPORT STATUS	:	Draft
PLACE AND DATE	:	01/24 aluf feedlot_s24g

APPLICANT

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Signed:... JC van Rooyen.....

Date:...2022-09-09.....

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ABBREVIATIONS

AH	-	Agricultural Holding
BID	-	Background Information Document
CPF	-	Community Policing Forum
CLO	-	Community Liaison Officer
DEA	-	Department of Environmental Affairs
DEAT	-	Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism
DWS	-	Department of Water and Sanitation
EAP	-	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
ECA	-	Environment Conservation Act
EMPr	-	Environmental Management Programme
FSDESTEA	-	Sesotso Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs
IEM	-	Integrated Environmental Management
IDP	-	Integrated Development Plan
I&AP	-	Interested and Affected Parties
ISDF	-	Integrated Spatial Development Framework
MAMSL	-	Metres Above Mean Sea Level
NEMA	-	National Environmental Management Act
NEMBA	-	National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act
NEMWA	-	National Environmental Management Waste Act
NFEPA	-	National Freshwater Ecosystems Priority Areas
NHRA	-	National Heritage Resources Act
OHS	-	Occupational Health and Safety
QDSG	-	Quarter Degree Square Grid
SABS	-	South African Bureau of Standards
SANS	-	South African National Standards
SAHRA	-	South African Heritage Resources Agency
SDF	-	Spatial Development Framework
WUA	-	Water Users Association
WULA	-	Water Use Licence Application

1. INTRODUCTION

SPOOR Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd was appointed as the independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) to manage the S24G rectification application process for a feedlot operation which has been developed on previously developed agricultural areas on the farm. The proposed infrastructure includes:

- ❖ A feedlot facility with the capacity to process 3000 SSU & LSU at a time,
 - Small stock units consist of 3000 Merino's; and
 - Large Stock Units consist of 3000 Wagyu cattle.
- ❖ Two main feedlot facilities divided into smaller units,
- ❖ A feed mixing facility (contained in an existing outbuilding),
- ❖ An animal processing facility (contained in the existing farm kraal),
- ❖ 2x Production boreholes feeding into a main concrete farm dam and associated water pipelines (existing),
- ❖ Water pipelines from the concrete dam to the feedlot,
- ❖ Existing farmhouse and facility outbuildings,
- ❖ Existing access road from the R708.

This report provides a chronological account of the Public Participation Process conducted by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to date.

The process included:

- ❖ Creating initial awareness to the relevant Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) by distribution of Background Information Documents, putting up of site notices and placing an advertisement in a prescribed newspaper;
- ❖ Giving an opportunity to register as a stakeholder in the public participation process and make comments on and contributions;
- ❖ Responding to the comments received from the I&AP in the initial awareness process.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS (PPP)

The PPP forms a fundamental part of the Section 24G of NEMA, Act 107 of 1998, Rectification Application process. The aim of the process is to provide an opportunity for all interested and affected parties (I&APs) to obtain clear, accurate and comprehensive information about the development and the anticipated environmental impacts thereof. In addition, the process provides I&APs with the opportunity to indicate their viewpoints, issues, and concerns regarding the proposal and/or alternatives. All inputs from the public and interested and/or affected groups are considered in the planning stages of the project. As a result, a clear recording of all issues raised, and comments made is maintained in the register of comments and responses. This register is updated as and when new comments and concerns are raised and considered.

The following phases allow I&APs to make comments during the S24G Rectification process:

- Phase 1: Initial Public Notification and Awareness;
- Phase 2: Comment on the Draft EIA Report;
- Phase 3: Environmental Authorisation

The image below illustrates the PPP phases diagrammatically. At the time of submission of this report Phase 1 of the PPP was completed and the process was at the beginning of Phase 2. In Phase 2, comment will be requested on the Draft S24G EIR and the responses on these comments and included in the Final EIR as well as any amendments to the EIR as a result of the public involvement process.

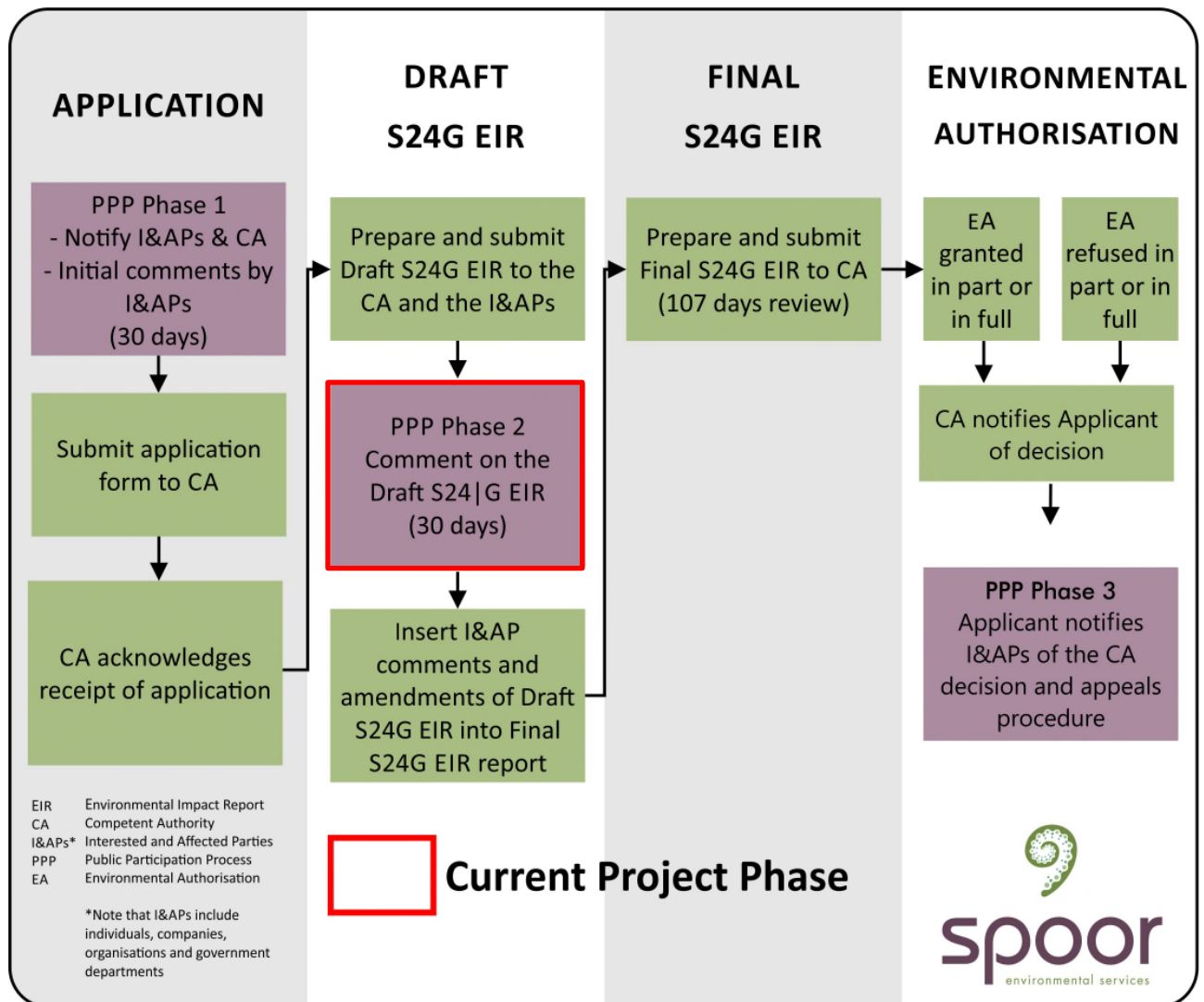


Figure 1: Public Participation Process

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS PHASES

3.1. Phase 1: Initial Public Awareness

Initial awareness of the S24G rectification application was created via the distribution of the Background Information Documents, the placement of site notices on the property boundary and the placement of a newspaper advertisement in locally distributed newspapers (The Ficksburg, Senekal & Marquard Rekord and The Brandfort, Theunissen & Winburg Record on the 2nd of June 2022). In addition, key figures in the local community such as a representative of the Farmers Association, municipal officials and surrounding landowners who could be reached were also contacted telephonically and the project discussed.

3.1.1. Background Information Document (BID)

A BID was drafted that informed potential I&APs of the following:

- ❖ The background of the project;
- ❖ Proposed development description;
- ❖ Project location;
- ❖ Listed Activities in terms of NWA (Act 36 of 1998)
- ❖ Explanation of what the WULA process entails;
- ❖ I&AP involvement in the process;
- ❖ Details of the Applicant;
- ❖ Contact details of the EAP;
- ❖ A locality map of the proposed development area; and
- ❖ A form for I&APs to register.

The BID was initially distributed to the relevant identified I&APs during June 2022. BIDs were also forwarded to other I&APs at the time of receiving additional requests for information from parties that came across the notices in the press and the on-site advertisements. The BID was distributed to the following stakeholders:

Immediate Neighbours and Adjacent Landowners

Adjacent landowners and property owners received the BID notices via email notifications and telephonic discussions.

Directly Affected Properties

Property Owners of properties affected by the feedlot project were notified via, email, site visits and telephone discussions and informed about the project.

Ward Councillors

Both the Sesotso and the Masilonyana Local Municipalities were contacted on various occasions and requested to provide information on the local ward Councillors (Ward 3). No response has been received and the EAP will continue the attempts to contact the Councillors.

Local Authorities

The BID was forwarded to the relevant Departments of the Sesotso Municipality as well as to the Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality and the Marquard SAPS.

Government Departments

The Department of Water and Sanitation, South African National Roads Department (SANRAL), South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), Free State Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, the Free State Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Reform, the Free State Department of Public Works, Roads, and Infrastructure were notified.

Other I&AP's, NGOs, CBOs, Conservancies, Farmers' Associations & Service Providers

The BID notices were distributed to the relevant service providers and other I&AP's including Sasol, Telkom, Eskom, Transnet, and the Local Farmer's Association.

3.1.2. Site Notices

Detailed site notices in accordance with the requirements of the NEMA regulations were placed at a strategic and visible place on the boundary fence of the entrance to the farm on the 1st of June 2022.

3.1.3. Newspaper Advertisements

Newspaper advertisements including all relevant information and a description of S24G process was placed in *The Ficksburg, Senekal & Marquard Rekord* and *The Brandfort, Theunissen & Winburg Record* of the 2nd and 3rd of June 2022.

3.2. I&AP Registration and Initial Comments

I&APs were registered on an I&AP database in line with their responses to the BID, the press advertisements and site notices. Concerns, requests, and suggestions from I&APs were listed in the Comments and Responses register. The EAP communicated relevant information to all registered I&AP throughout the S24G process to date, for them to respond and comment on the proposal.

3.3. Summary of Comments Received During Phase 1

Immediate Neighbours, Adjacent Landowners and Landowners

In short, the following aspects were noted by adjacent landowners:

- ❖ On receipt and initial discussions, the project was discussed with a local landowner who registered during the phased 1 PPP notifications. The landowner is not an adjacent landowner, but they communicated legitimate concerns regarding the impacts of stormwater coming into contact with the manure in the feedlots and how this might affect the water quality in the local watercourses and in the Mushroom Valley Dam downstream.

Ward Councillors

- ❖ No comments were received to date.

Government Departments

- ❖ The Free State Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Reform contacted the EAP and requested to be registered as an I&AP.
- ❖ The SAHRA responded to the Heritage Impact Report submitted to them and requested copies of the EIR.

Local Authorities

- ❖ No comments were received from any Municipal Department. The Marquard Police Station sent a read receipt of the email sent to them.

NGOs, CBOs, Conservancies, Farmers Associations, Service Providers

- ❖ Transnet pipelines and Telkom replied to the submissions but no further comment was received from any service provider. A telephonic discussion was also held with a representative of the Marquard Farmers Association and the project discussed. They assisted with contact information of some of the local municipal officials in the area but did not have any further comment at the time.

The EAP responded to each of the aspects raised above and the responses are summarised in the paragraph below.

3.4. Summary of Responses During Phase 1

The summary below provides an overview of the responses made by the EAP on the principal comments raised by the stakeholders. Feedback in this section represents that included up to the submission of the S24G EIR Report.

Immediate Neighbours, Adjacent Landowners and Landowners

- ❖ The EAP thanked the owner of The Inca Farm Cc. (Portion 3 of the Farm Blesbokfontein 2355) for their response and also notified them that The Aluf Feedlot Development had instructed an Agricultural Engineer to design a manure handling dam which would manage the impacts related to contaminated stormwater flows to the local streams and the Mushroom Valley Dam. The Draft S24G report will also be distributed to them for review.

Government Departments

- ❖ The EAP thanked the Free State Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Reform and registered them as an I&AP. The Draft S24G report will also be distributed to the Department for review.
- ❖ The Draft S24G report will also be distributed to the Department for review.

Other NGOs, CBOs, Conservancies, Farmers' Associations, Service Providers

The EAP thanked all that replied on the submissions.

4. CONCLUSION

The overarching aim of the PPP is not only to adhere to the required legislation, but also to give as many stakeholders as possible an opportunity to be actively involved in this process. SPOOR Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd. identified and contacted the relevant I&APs as far as possible to inform them of the proposed development and relevant procedures as well as to provide opportunity to raise issues and concerns about the proposed hydrogen development.

SPOOR believes that I&APs were given sufficient opportunity to participate in the environmental process to date. I&APs that registered because of the advertisements and subsequent notices were logged and

provided with additional information where this was requested. All of these responses (to and from the EAP) were included in the assessment to guide the studies to reach the most productive solutions for the Aluf Feedlot facility. Where I&APs could not be contacted during the initial stages of the public involvement process, the EAP continues attempts to reach these parties to be able to involve them in the process.

APPENDIX 5_7

REGISTER OF I&APs

INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES DATABASE

PROJECT NAME	Section 24(G) of NEMA Act 107 of 1998 Rectification Application for a Feedlot Facility, Farm Demilander 273, Setsoto Local Municipality, Free State Province
Name & Surname	Organisation
APPLICANT	
M Wessels	Aluf Farming (PTY) Ltd.
PROJECT TEAM	
Mr. J.C. van Rooyen	SPOOR Environmental Services - EAP
LANDOWNER	
WJ Wessels	WJW Trust
ADJACENT LANDOWNERS	
Pierre Venter	Bantry 288 Ptn's 0 & 1 Venter Grond Trust
Pierre Venter	Delport 287 Ptn's 0 & 1 Venter Grond Trust
Applicant	Rietvlei 456 WJW Trust
Applicant	Warsaw 1812 WJW Trust
Innes Krog	Blesbokfontein 2355 Ptn 3
WL Krog	Blesbokfontein 2355 Ptn 5
WARD COUNCILLORS	
	Councillor Ward 3 Sesotso Local Municipality
	Councillor Ward 3 Masilonyana Local Municipality
DISTRICT & LOCAL MUNICIPALITY	
Ms. Takatso Lebenya Mr. B Mdakane	Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality – MM Communications
Me PME Kaota	Lejweleputswa District Municipality - MM
Mr. Tshepiso Ramakarane	Sesotso Local Municipality - MM
Mr Wessel De Villiers	Sesotso Local Municipality - Road & Engineering
Mr Siphon Mtakati	Masilonyana Local Municipality - MM
	Masilonyana Local Municipality - Road & Engineering
Station Commander	Marquard SAPS
STATE DEPARTMENTS	
Mrs Moliehi Moeng	Free State Department of Agriculture Strategic Communications & Information Services

Fikile Mnisi Ephraim Matseba	Department of Water & Sanitation Middle Vaal WMA Free State WARMS
Mr. Werner Van Wyk Ms M Mokoena	Free State Department of Roads and Transport Acting Chief Director: Roads Infrastructure Secretary
Ms. Tebogo Molokomme Ms NPZ Mbatha	Free State Provincial Heritage Resources Agency
Mr. M. Masilo	Free State Department of Roads, Transport and Police Chief Director: Civilian Oversight & Crime Prevention
Me S Molapo Mrs Moliehi Moeng MS Mannene Mathibela	Free State Department of Agriculture & Rural Development Strategic Communications & Information Services
Mr Izak Roux	Free State Department of Roads
Mr H Visser	National Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, Pretoria
OTHER NGOs, CBOs, CONSERVANCIES, RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.	
Hannes	Marquard Farmers Association
SERVICE PROVIDERS	
Eskom Wayleaves Department Rene De Bruin	Eskom - Wayleave Department
Ms. Yvonne Oosthuizen	Telkom
Mr T Hadebe	Transnet Pipelines Servitude Management

APPENDIX 5_8

OTHER