

SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTING (S&EIR) PROCESS

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A HIGH SPEED PROVING GROUND FOR VEHICLE TESTING BY MERCEDES BENZ SOUTH AFRICA, UPINGTON, NORTHERN

Notice is given, in terms of Regulation 41(2) of Government Notice Regulation (GNR) 982 (04 December 2014) and Section 24(J) of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) as amended (NEMA), of submission of application for Environmental Authorisation (EA), in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983, GNR 984 and GNR 985 (04 December 2014); and

Notice is given, in terms of Section 41(4)(a) of the National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998) (NWA), for an application for a Water Use Licence (WUL) for activities identified in terms of Section 21 of the NWA; and

Notice is given, in terms of Section 22 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA), that a Mining Right application will be submitted.

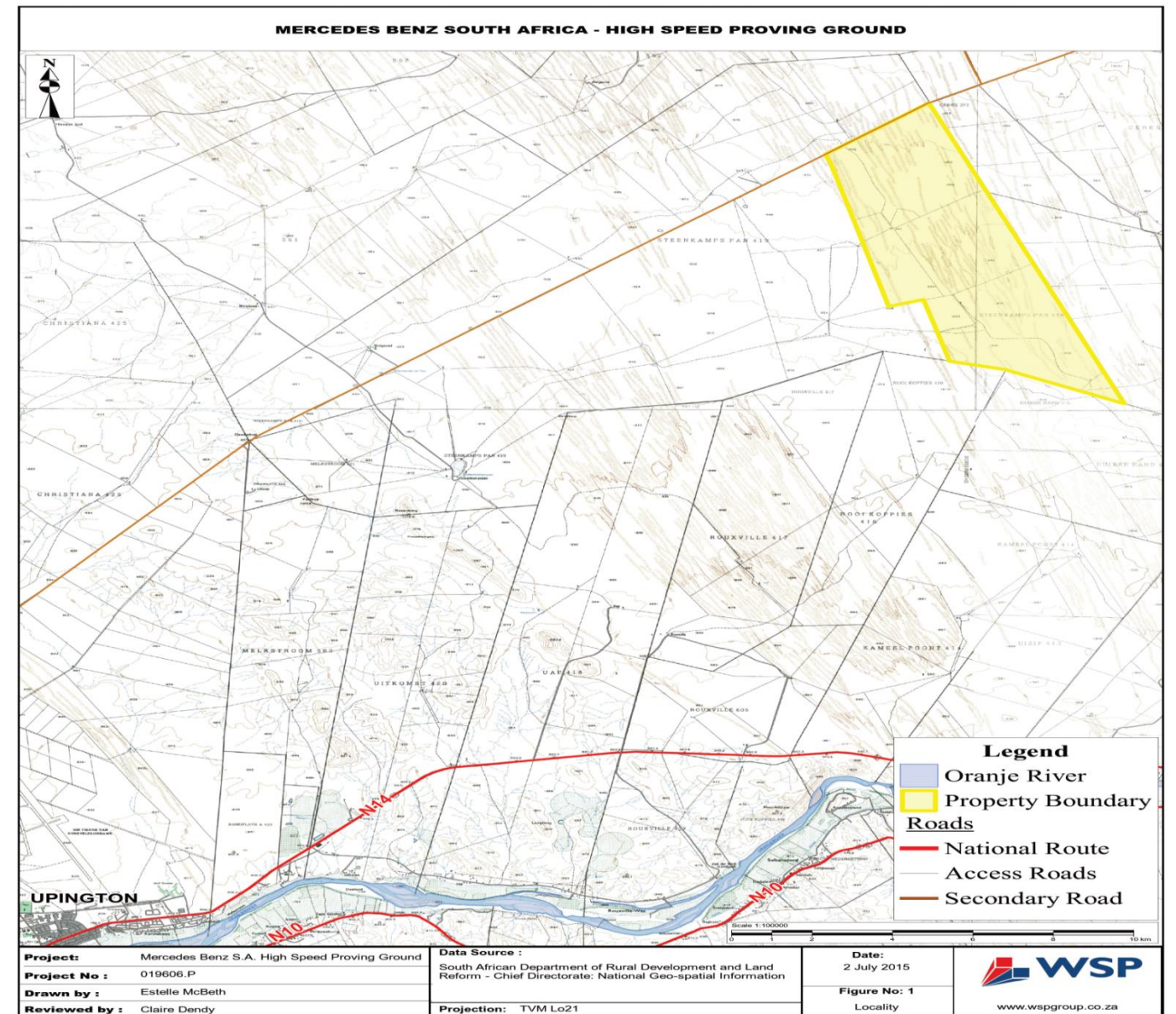
The Proponent, Mercedes Benz South Africa (Pty) Ltd, propose to establish a high speed proving ground for vehicle testing approximately 38km north-east of Upington on the property Steenkamps Pan, farm 419/6, Northern Cape. The following legal requirements must be met for the establishment of the Project:

- EA for activities identified in terms of GNR 983, GNR 984 and GNR 985 (04 December 2014);
- A WUL in terms of the NWA; and
- A mining right application in terms the MPRDA.

The listed activities associated with the Project are reflected in the table below.

Activity No	Listed Activity Description
NEMA: GNR 983 (08 December 2014) (Basic Assessment Process)	
14	The development of facilities or infrastructure, for the storage, or for the storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 cubic metres or more but not exceeding 500 cubic metres.
24(ii)	The development of a road with a reserve wider than 13,5 meters, or where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres.
NEMA: GNR 984 (08 December 2014) (S&EIR Process)	
15	The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation
17	Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a mining right as contemplated in section 22 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), including associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks, directly related to the extraction of a mineral resource, including activities for which an exemption has been issued in terms of section 106 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002).
21	Any activity including the operation of that activity associated with the primary processing of a mineral resource including winning, reduction, extraction, classifying, concentrating, crushing, screening and washing but excluding the smelting, beneficiation, refining, calcining or gasification of the mineral resource in which case activity 6 in this Notice applies.
NEMA: GNR 985 (08 December 2014) (Basic Assessment Process)	
11(iii)	The development of tracks or routes the testing, for recreational use or outdoor racing motor powered of vehicles excluding conversion of existing tracks or routes for the testing, recreational use or outdoor racing of motor powered vehicles. Northern cape: Within areas of indigenous vegetation outside urban areas.
NWA – Section 21	
A	Taking of water from a water resource
B	Storing Water
C	Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a water course
I	Altering the bed, bank, course or characteristics of a watercourse
G	Disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource
NHRA – Section 38 (1)	
A	The construction of a road, wall, powerline, pipeline, canal or other similar form of linear development or barrier exceeding 300m in length.
C	Any development or other activity which will change the character of a site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exceeding 5000 m² in extent; Involving three or more existing erven or subdivisions thereof; or Involving three or more erven or divisions thereof which have been consolidated within the past five

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	years; or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The costs of which will exceed a sum set in terms of regulations by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority
D	The re-zoning of a site exceeding 10 000 m ² in extent.



WSP Environmental (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed by the General Planner IngenAix GmbH on behalf of Mercedes Benz South Africa as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to manage the S&EIR process. This process includes consultation with parties who may be affected by, or have an interest in, the project. The purpose of this notice is to notify stakeholders of the commencement of the S&EIR process. Parties wishing to register as stakeholders in order to offer their comment on the Project are requested to forward their full contact details to Claire Dendy at the details provided below. Registered stakeholders will be forwarded all future correspondence, and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the process. The contact details of the EAP are:

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OMVANGBEPALING EN OMGEWINGSIMPAKVERSLAGDOENING- (S&EIR) PROSES

KENNIS VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN 'N HOE SPOED TOETSTERREIN VIR VOERTUIGTOETSING DEUR MERCEDES BENZ SUID-AFRIKA, UPINGTON, NOORD-KAAP

Kennis geskied, ingevolge Regulasie 41(2) van Goewermentkennisgewing Regulasie (GNR) 982 (04 Desember 2014) en Artike 24(J) van die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur (No. 107 van 1998) soos gewysig (NEMA), van die indiening van 'n aansoek vir Omgewingsmagtiging (OM), ten opsigte van aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 983, GNR 984 en GNR 985 (04 Desember 2014); en

Kennis geskied, ingevolge Artikel 41(4)(a) van die Nasionale Waterwet (No. 36 van 1998) (NWW), van aansoek om 'n Watergebruiklisensie (WGL) vir aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge Artikel 21 van die NWW; en

Kennis geskied, ingevolge Artikel 22 van die Wet op Minerale en Petroleum Hulpbronne Ontwikkeling (No. 28 van 2002) (MPRDA), dat 'n aansoek om 'n Mynreg ingedien sal word.

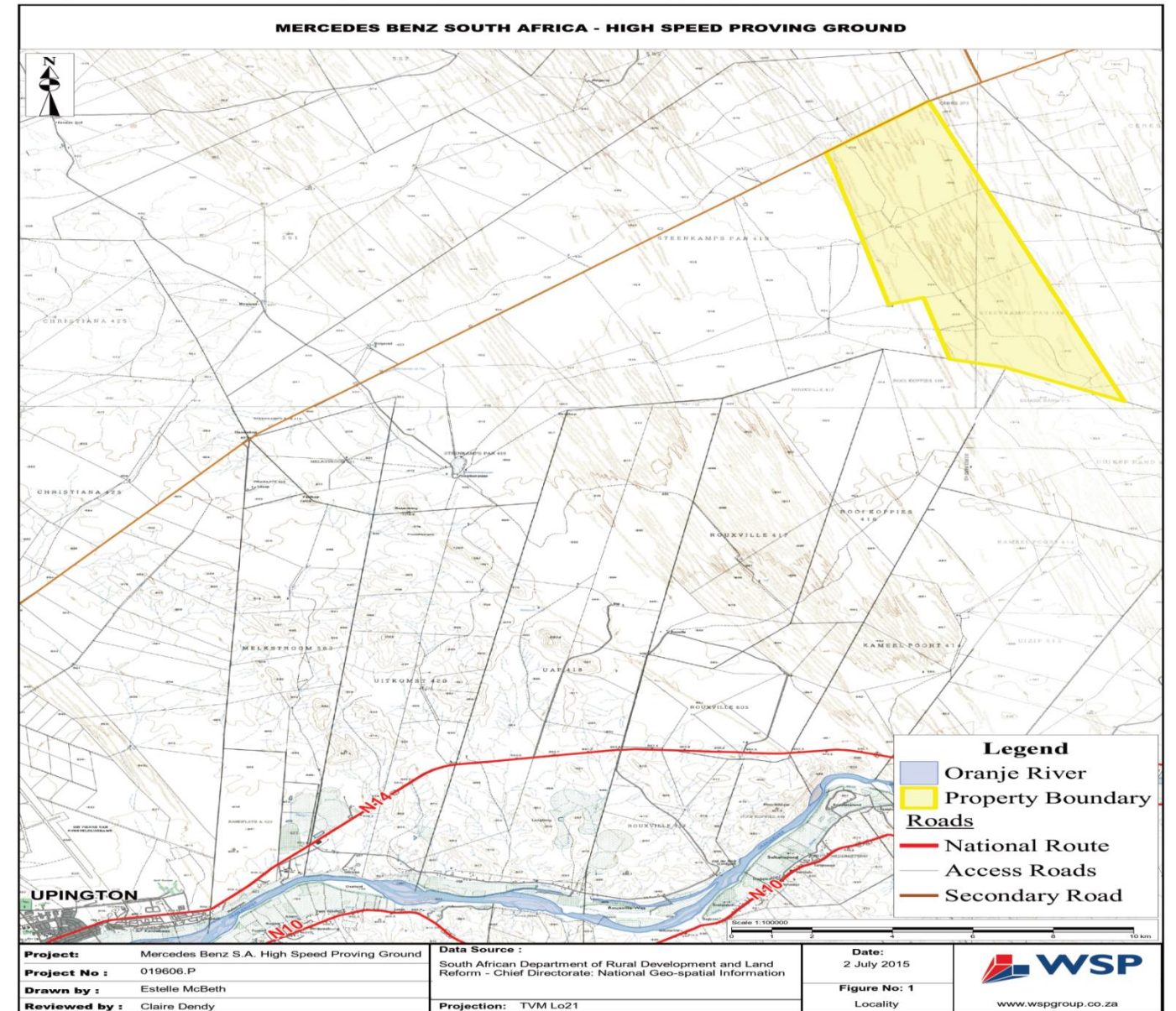
Die Aansoeker, Mercedes Benz Suid-Afrika (Edms.) Bpk. is van voorneme om 'n hoë spoed toetsterrein op ter rig 38 km noord-oos van Upington op die eiendom Steenkamps Pan, Plaas 419/06, Noord-Kaap. Die volgende wetlike vereistes moet aan voldoen word vir die oprigting van die Projek:

- OM vir aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 983, GNR 984 en GNR 985 (04 Desember 2014);
- 'n WGL ingevolge die NWW; en
- 'n Aansoek om 'n mynreg ingevolge die MPRDA.

Die gelysde aktiwiteite wat verband hou met die Projek word in die onderstaande kolom uiteengesit.

Aktiwiteit	Gelysde Aktiwiteit Beskrywing
NEMA: GNR 983 (08 Desember 2014) (Basiese Asseseringsproses)	
14	Die ontwikkeling van fasiliteite of infrastruktuur vir die berging, of vir die berging en hantering van 'n gevaarlike produk, waar sodanige berging geskied in houters met 'n gesamentlike kapasiteit van 80 kubieke meter of meer, maar wat nie 500 kubieke meter oorskry nie.
24(ii)	Die ontwikkeling van 'n pad met 'n reserwe wyer as 13,5 meter, of waar geen reserwe bestaan waar die pad wyer as 8 meter is nie.
NEMA: GNR 984 (08 Desember 2014) (S&EIR-proses)	
15	Die skoonmaak van 'n gebied van 20 hektaar of meer van inheemse plantegroei.
17	Enige aktiwiteit insluitend die verrigting van daardie aktiwiteit wat 'n mynreg vereis soos beoog in artikel 22 van die Wet op Minerale en Petroleum Hulpbronne Ontwikkeling, 2002 (Wet No. 28 van 2002), insluitende gepaardgaande infrastruktuur, strukture en grondwerke, wat direk verband hou met die ontginning van 'n mineraalhulpbron, insluitend aktiwiteite waarvoor 'n vrystelling uitgereik is ingevolge artikel 106 van die Wet op Minerale en Petroleum Hulpbronne Ontwikkeling, 2002 (Wet No. 28 van 2002).
21	Enige aktiwiteit insluitend die verrigting van daardie aktiwiteit wat verband hou met die primêre verwerking van 'n mineraalhulpbron insluitend winning, reduksie, ontginning, klasifisering, konsentrasie, vergruising, sifting en was, maar nie uitgesluit die smelt, veredeling, verfyning, kalsinering of vergassing van die mineral hulpbron in welke geval aktiwiteit 6 van hierdie Kennisgewing van toepassing is.
NEMA: GNR 985 (08 Desember 2014) (Basic Assessment Process)	
11(iii)	Die ontwikkeling van bane of roetes vir toetsing, vir ontspanningsdoeleindes of buiteligresies van motoraangedrewe voertuie met uitsluiting van die omskepping van bestaande bane en roetes vir toetsing, ontspanningsdoeleindes of buiteligresies van motoraangedrewe voertuie. Noord-Kaap: Binne gebiede van inheemse plantegroei buite stedelike gebiede.
NWA-Artikel 21	
A	Verkryging van water van 'n waterhulpbron.
B	Berging van Water.
C	Belemmering of die wegkeer van die vloei van water in 'n waterloop.
I	Verandering van die bed, bank, loop of kenmerke van 'n waterloop.
G	Wegdoening van afval op 'n manier wat 'n nadelige uitwerking op 'n waterhulpbron mag he.
NHRA – Artikel 38 (1)	
A	Die bou van 'n pad, muur, kraglyn, pyplyn, kanaal of ander soortgelyke vorm van lineêre ontwikkeling of versperring wat 300 m in lengte oorskry.
C	Enige ontwikkeling of ander aktiwiteit wat die karakter van 'n terrein sal verander: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Oorskryding van 5000 m² in grootte; ■ Waaronder drie of meer bestaande erwe of onderafdelings daarvan; of ■ Waaronder drie of meer erwe of afdelings daarvan wat binne die afgelope vyf jaar gekonsolideer is; of

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	■ Waarvan die koste die total sal oorskry ingevolge regulasies deur SAHRA of 'n provinsiale erfenis hulpbronowerheid.
D	Die hersonering van 'n terrain wat 10 000 m ² oorskry.



WSP Environmental (Edms.) Bpk. is deur die Algemene Beplanner, IngenAix GmbH, namens Mercedes Benz Suid-Afrika aangestel as die onafhanklike Omgewings assesserings praktisyn (OAP) om die S&EIR-proses op 'n onafhanklike, ywerige en deursigtige wyse te bestuur. Die proses sluit in konsultasie met partye wat deur die projek geaffekteer mag word of wat belange in die projek het. Partye wat as belanghebbendes wil registreer, vir deelname in die projek, word versoek om hul volledige kontakbesonderhede aan Claire Dendy te stuur by die besonderhede hieronder voorsien. Alle toekomstige korrespondensie sal aan geregistreerde belanghebbendes gestuur word en hulle sal individueel in kennis gestel word van addisionele geleenthede vir deelname in die proses. Die kontakbesonderhede vir die OAP is:

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