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INVITATION TO REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY AND COMMENT ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED HUDDLE DEVELOPMENT, LINKSFIELD, GAUTENG

Huddle Investments (Pty) Ltd intends to undertake a development that will comprise of primarily Residential and Private Open Space components, with elements of Business.

The development is approximately 53 hectares in extent (excluding associated infrastructure), and will be located on proposed Portion 84 (a portion of the remainder) of the Farm Bedford 68 IR, Linksfield, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality (CJMM), Gauteng Province. The proposed site is bordered by Linksfield Road and Club Street. There are existing sewer, gas and potable water pipelines in close proximity to the site to which the proposed development will connect. A 11 kV underground powerline will also be constructed to connect the proposed development to the Alexandra Substation (in the north).

In terms of Government Notice No. 543 of NEMA, read with Government Notice No. 544 (Listing Notice No. 1: Activities 9, 10, 11 and 22), Government Notice No. 546 (Listing No. 3: Activity 14) and Government Notice No. 545 (Listing No. 2: Activities 1, 8 and 15) of NEMA a Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting Process is required in order to obtain Environmental Authorisation from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) for the abovementioned project.

In terms of Section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), the proposed development and/or associated infrastructure (i.e. powerline, sewer and gas pipelines) may also require a Water Use License from the Department of Water Affairs.

A S&EIR process is being conducted to ensure that the environmental impacts that may be associated with the proposed development are taken into consideration. Interested and affected parties (I&APs) have an opportunity to comment on the Draft Scoping Report by providing issues of concern and/or suggestions for enhanced benefits and/or alternatives and to ensure that GDARD has sufficient information to make an informed decision.

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The **Draft Scoping Report** is available for comment from **Tuesday, 04 September 2012 to Monday, 15 October 2012** at the following venue (see Table 1) and on the SEF website (see below for more information). Kindly note that either a hard copy and/or CD has been enclosed for your convenience.

Table 1: Public venue where the Draft Scoping Report can be viewed

Name of public venue	Name of Contact Person	Contact Number	Viewing Times
Sandringham Library Dan Pienaar Park Athlone Ave Sandringham	Ms. Winnie Tshabalala	Tel: 011 640 5676	Mon – Fri: 10h00 to 17h00 Saturday: 09h00 to 13h00

Should you wish to participate in the S&EIR process by contributing issues of concerns/comments, please register as an I&AP by completing the enclosed Registration and Comment Sheet or you can visit SEF's website at <http://www.sefsa.co.za>. To register as an I&AP or comment on the project, click on "Stakeholder Engagement". Click on the "register" button and complete the compulsory fields to register as an I&AP. On completion of these fields, you will receive an email titled "**Stakeholder Engagement – New Registration**". Click on client login and use the emailed details to login in and view the Draft Scoping Report for the proposed **Huddle Development** and associated appendices. Should you have any problems in obtaining the information from the Internet, please feel free to contact SEF for assistance.

The comments are due **on or before Monday, 15 October 2012**.

Kindly note a public meeting will be held during the review period of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) scheduled for early 2013. Therefore, should you not have any comment on the Draft Scoping Report, however, you would like to receive notification of this public meeting, please register as an I&AP (by completing the enclosed Registration and Comment Sheet and forwarding it to the undersigned) on or before Monday, 15 October 2012.

Meanwhile, should you have any questions, or would like to obtain more information, please feel free to contact Hanlie van Greunen at Tel: (012) 349 1307, Fax: (012) 349 1229 or **E-mail: hanlie@sefsa.co.za**.

We look forward to receiving your comments!

Yours sincerely

** Electronically signed*

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** An original signed copy can be made available on request.*