

MEETING WITH WARD COUNCILLOR (WARD 3) WITH REGARDS TO THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF MAKHALEMPONGO CHICKEN FARM

MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, 20 JULY 2022 AT 08:00AM

1. Opening and Introduction

The meeting was officially opened by Mr Brian Mthembu (BM) who introduced himself and his colleague (Anelisa Mhatu) to the Ward Councillor. The ward councillor Ms Nonhlanhla Maphanga (NM) also introduced herself.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Brief description of the proposed development and purpose of the meeting

BM explained that Makhalempongo Chicken Farm is an existing operational chicken farm which currently has 7 broiler houses. The farm produces chickens for Rainbow Chicken as per their agreement with Rainbow Chicken. The existing farm went through the applicable Environmental Impact Assessment Process prior to the construction of the existing structures and obtained an Environmental Authorization which lapsed in 2013.

Currently, Makhalempongo Chicken Farm needs to increase the number of chicken it supplies to Rainbow Chicken and is therefore proposing the expansion of the farm by constructing two additional broiler houses within the existing farm.

The position of the existing farm and proposed new broiler houses was explained by BM with aid of a map which was presented showing the layout of the existing and proposed structures.

BM explained that the proposed expansion requires an EIA (Basic Assessment) process to be undertaken. Part of the EIA Process is the conduction of the public participation process where parties who may be interested in or affected by the proposed development are informed of the proposed development, the process being undertaken and given the opportunity to comment or raise concerns they may have pertaining to the project. It is for this purpose that a meeting was arranged with the ward councillor; to explain the proposed development and public participation required and to request the councillor to assist with arrangement of a public participation meeting of an acceptable scale considering the nature and location of the proposed development.

4. Comments and responses

NM thanked BM for the information given. She stated that she wished to visit the project area as she is not too familiar with it. Upon going to view the area, she will then be able to advise on the most suitable consultation meeting method for the area and will also be in a better position to know which members of the ward committee would be the relevant participants of the meeting

5. Way Forward and Closure

It was agreed that the public participation meeting would be held on 02 August 2022. Prior to this meeting, the NM will visit the area of the farm and advise on meeting venue, time and possible participants.

BM thanked NM for the time provided and adjourned the meeting.