



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

**MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, 12 AUGUST 2022 AT 08:30AM**

1. Opening and Introduction

The meeting was officially opened by Mr Brian Mthembu (BM) who introduced himself and his colleague (Anelisa Mhatu). The ward councillor Ms Nonhlanhla Maphanga (NM) also introduced herself and Mr. Gwala who is a community member close to Makhalempongo Chicken Farm.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

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

AM 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 then informed Mr. Gwala that as he has heard from the presentation done, Makhalempongo Farm is going to be expanded with the construction of two new houses. She then explained that a community of meeting had been requested by Mondli Consulting as part of the Public Participation Process, however; the location of the site is in an area that does not have a ward committee and the general community is located further away with other farms surrounding the property. Mr Gwala is the many community member



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who is close to the property and is a long standing member of the community hence his invite to participate in the meeting.

Mr. Gwala stated that he is aware of Makhalempongo Chicken Farm as he has been residing in the area for long and was there when the farm was established. He stated that he does not have any objections to the proposed expansion as when a business is growing it can employ more people. Therefore it is a good thing that there will be an expansion and hopefully community members, however many can get employment opportunities in the construction and operation of the proposed structures.

5. Way Forward and Closure

NM thanked Mr. Gwala for his comments. BM assured that Mr. Gwala's comments will be recorded accordingly and the Developer will be notified of his comments with regards to employment opportunities.

BM thanked Cllr NM for arranging the meeting and stated that the councillor will also be updated along the process and should any further meeting be required, arrangements will be made with the councillor.

BM adjourned the meeting.