

Minutes of Meeting:	Public Participation Meeting for the proposed development of large stock unit (cattle) facilities and associated infrastructure on Portion 1 of the Farm Sterkfontein No.8501 within Dannhauser Local Municipality, Amajuba District, KwaZulu – Natal.	
Venue:	Farm Sterkfontein	
Date:	3 December 2021	
Time:	11 am – 12 noon	
Chairperson / Facilitator:	BM Mthembu	
Scribe:	HJ Ngcobo	
Date of next meeting:	N/A	
Attendees	Apologies	
Attendance register – see attached	None	
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Item	As Recorded/ Discussion	Action	Target Date
1. Welcome and Objective of the meeting	<p>BM Mthembu welcomed all in attendance and requested each person to introduce him or herself.</p> <p>Mr. Mthembu outlined the Environmental impact assessment process.</p> <p>Mr Mthembu explained the role of the environmental consultant as an independent person in the project. The importance of the Public Participation process was outlined.</p>		
2. Project technicalities and specialist studies	<p>Mr Mthembu explained through the layout map what was to be developed on site.</p> <p>Mr Mthembu further advised on the technicalities of the project and the various specialist studies likely to be undertaken.</p>		

	<p>Mr Mthembu mentioned that after the technical, social, and economic analysis have been completed there will be further engagements on job opportunities for the locals.</p>		
2. Environmental Impact Assessment	<p>Mr Mthembu provided an overview explanation of the environmental impact assessment process, and the legislation that requires the assessment.</p> <p>He further mentioned that the role of the EIA process is to consider and evaluate environmental impacts pre-construction, and post construction (rehabilitation). The mitigation measures for the project to be done.</p> <p>Mr Mthembu further elaborated on listed activities and provided examples of projects that may trigger listed activities.</p> <p>Mr Mthembu mentioned that the EIA/Basic Assessment report will be submitted to the competent authority which is the Department of Economic Development Tourism and Environmental Affairs. The Environmental Authorisation will be issued to Nyezenhle Holdings (Pty) Ltd as the applicant, if all requirements are met.</p>		
3. Public Participation Process	<p>Mr Mthembu provided an overview of the Public Participation Process as required by the EIA regulations.</p> <p>Reference was made to the adverts to be placed on the local newspaper. The placing of the site notices was also explained.</p> <p>Mr Mthembu further mentioned that all interested and affected parties will be afforded the opportunity to provide comments.</p>	Draft BAR to be circulated to stakeholders	Anticipate having Draft BAR ready by mid December 2021.

	<p>The draft BAR will be circulated to all identified stakeholders including Daunhauser Local Municipality, Amajuba District Municipality, KZN Amafa and Research Institute, KZN Ezemvelo Wildlife, Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DTEA – Newcastle Office), Department of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF - Forestry Regulations Support), KZN Department of Transport (DoT), Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), ESKOM and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD), Land Claims Commission and SANRAL.</p> <p>Mr Mthembu mentioned the 30-day public commenting period and the 20-day appeal period after the decision by the competent authority.</p>		
4. General	Mr Mthembu afforded the attendees an opportunity to ask questions.		
5. Questions and comments	<p>The ward Cllr asked about the job opportunities likely to be created by the project.</p> <p>Response: Mr Mthembu explained that the project was likely to create 40 permanent jobs who are to come from the local community.</p> <p>He stressed that this aspect will be dealt with closer to the construction period if the authorisation is issued. It will then be handled by the Developer and the local leadership.</p> <p>Mr Shelembe, the applicant impressed upon his commitment to ensuring that the locals benefited from the project. He emphasized that they also wanted to transform the image of the farming operations in South Africa as young and black farmers. He emphasized that as soon as the project was authorized the project</p>		

	was to commence without further delay taking about 4 months to complete.		
6. Closure	In the absence of further questions Mthembu enquired if the project was supported. The meeting confirmed that they were in full support of the project. The meeting was adjourned at 12.05 noon.		

Acceptance of the minutes

Name	Surname	Date	Signature	Designation
<i>Brian</i>	Mthembu	10 December 2021		Director