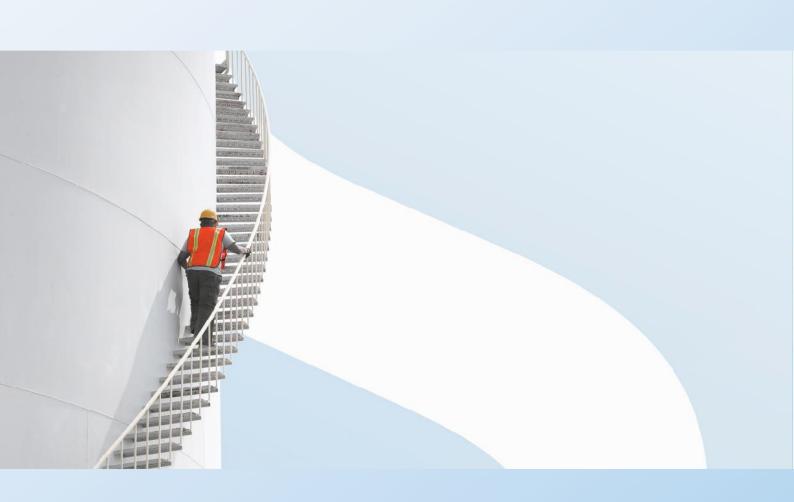


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COMMENT AND RESPONSE REPORT



#### 1 INTRODUCTION

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) was appointed by Richbay Chemicals (Pty) Ltd (Richbay), to undertake a Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended (EIA Regulations) for a proposed Filling Plant (Proposed Project) in Vosloorus, south-east of Johannesburg, Gauteng Province.

#### 1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

Richbay Chemicals is a chemical manufacturer and international distributor of various speciality cleaning, maintenance, and water treatment chemical products, and is a major exporter of hydrochloric acid (HCl) and sulphuric acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) in packed form. Richbay Chemicals currently undertakes dangerous goods storage (below 80m³) at the site in Vosloorus, Gauteng, however they are proposing to increase the storage capacity and to install a Filling Plant, as such, Richbay has initiated the Environmental Authorisation (EA) process required for the proposed Vosloorus Filling Plant.

According to the accepted Scoping Report (SR) Richbay Chemicals intended to undertake the following:

- Phase 1 for the construction of a Filling Plant;
- Phase 2 for the construction of an Acid Regeneration Plant; and
- Phase 3 for construction of a Solvent Filling Plant.

However, Richbay now proposes to only construct and operate Phase 1 and Phase 3 of the initial proposal, therefore this EIAR considers Phase 2 in addition to Phase 1 and 3 as an alternative.

The majority (approximately 95%) of the chemicals that will be stored are NSF60 chemicals which is used in the treatment of drinking water.

#### 1.2 TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DETAILS OF THE EAP

WSP was appointed in the role of Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the Scoping and EIA process for the proposed project. **Table 1-1** provides details the relevant contact details of the EAP.

Table 1-1 - Details of the EAP

EAP	WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd
Contact Person:	Patricia Nathaniel
Physical Address:	1st Floor, Pharos House, 70 Buckingham Terrace, Westville 3629 South Africa
Telephone:	011 361 1398
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EAP	WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd
EAP Qualifications:	<ul><li>BSc (Hons) Environmental Management</li><li>BSc (Geography)</li></ul>
EAPASA Registration Number:	EAPASA (2020/1120)

#### Statement of Independence

Neither WSP nor any of the authors of this Report have any material present or contingent interest in the outcome of this Report, nor do they have any business, financial, personal or other interest that could be reasonably regarded as being capable of affecting their independence. WSP has no beneficial interest in the outcome of the assessment.

#### 1.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Public Participation Process (PPP) is understood to be a series of inclusive and culturally appropriate interactions aimed at providing stakeholders with opportunities to express their views, so that these can be considered and incorporated into the decision-making process. Effective public participation requires the prior disclosure of relevant and adequate project information to enable stakeholders to understand the risks, impacts, and opportunities of the proposed Project.

Basic reasons why the public are involved in the S&EIR Process:

- The environment is held in public trust, therefore use of environmental resources is everyone's concern.
- To ensure that projects meet the citizens' needs and are suitable to the affected public.
- The project carries more legitimacy, and less hostility, if interested and affected parties (I&APs) are able to influence the decision-making process.
- The final decision is deemed informed when local knowledge and values are included and when expert knowledge is publicly examined.

#### 1.3.1 WHAT IS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY

An I&AP is defined as any person, group of persons or organisations interested in or affected by an activity, and any organ of state that may have jurisdiction over any aspect of the activity.

The difference between an I&AP and a registered I&AP:

- An I&AP can be directly or indirectly impacted on by a proposed activity.
- A registered I&AP is a person whose name has been placed on the register of registered I&APs. According to the PPP Guidance document, 2017, only registered I&APs will be notified:
  - Of the availability of reports and other written submissions made to the competent authority (CA) by the Applicant, and be entitled to comment on these reports and submissions; and
  - Of the outcome of the application, the reasons for the decision, and that an appeal may be lodged against a decision.

For the purpose of this report, registered I&APs will be referred to as Stakeholders.



#### Rights, Roles and Responsibilities of the Stakeholder

Registered stakeholders have the right to bring to the attention of the CA any issues that they believe may be of significance to the consideration of the application. The rights of stakeholder are qualified by certain obligations, namely:

- Stakeholders must ensure that their comments are submitted within the timeframes that have been approved by the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD), or within any extension of a timeframe agreed by the Proponent, EAP or competent authorities;
- Serve a copy of the comments submitted directly to the competent authorities, the Proponent or the EAP; and
- Disclose to the EAP any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that they might have in the approval or refusal of the application.

The roles of stakeholders in a public participation process usually include one or more of the following:

- Assisting in the identification and prioritisation of issues that need to be investigated;
- Making suggestions on alternatives and means of preventing, minimising and managing negative impacts and enhancing proposed Project benefits;
- Assisting in or commenting on the development of mutually acceptable criteria for the evaluation of decision options;
- Contributing information on public needs, values and expectations;
- Contributing local and traditional knowledge; and
- Verifying that their issues have been considered.

In order to participate effectively, stakeholders should:

- Become involved in the process as early as possible;
- Register as a stakeholder;
- Advise the EAP of other stakeholders who should be consulted;
- Contribute towards the design of the public participation process (including timeframes) to ensure that it is acceptable to all stakeholders;
- Follow the process once it has been accepted;
- Read the material provided and actively seek to understand the issues involved;
- Give timeous responses to correspondence;
- Be respectful and courteous towards other stakeholders;
- Refrain from making subjective, unfounded or ill-informed statements; and
- Recognise that the process is confined to issues that are directly relevant to the application.

#### 1.4 APPROACH TO STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Our approach to stakeholder engagement is based on the following principles:

- Undertake meaningful and timely participation with stakeholders;
- Focus on important issues during the process;
- Undertake due consideration of alternatives;
- Take accountability for information used;
- Encourage co-regulation, shared responsibility and a sense of ownership over the proposed Project lifecycle;
- Apply "due process" particularly with regard to public participation as provided for in the EIA Regulations; and

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Consider the needs, interests and values of stakeholders.

The Public Participation guideline in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, drafted by the DEA (now DFFE) in 2017, tabulates the level of Public Participation required for various levels of anticipated project impacts. This table has been used to identify additional Public Participation methods which are required for the Project. Highlighted cells indicate the applicable response to the anticipated impacts. Results of the process are shown in **Table 1-2** below.

Table 1-2 - Level of Public Participation as per Public Participation Guideline (DEA, 2017)

s: Recommended Response		
If "yes"	If "No"	
Formal Consultation with other affected municipalities should be carried out during the PPP.	No need to have a formal consultation with other municipalities during PPP.  Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met.	
Formal Consultation with other affected provinces should be carried out during the PPP.	No need to have a formal consultation with other provinces during PPP. Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met.	
Extensive consultation with Registered Interested and Affected Parties (RI&APs) might be required before a decision is taken on the project to in order to gather more information, and to ensure that there is minimal impact on the environment.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with the EIA Regulations must be met.	
Extensive consultation with RI&APs within the area should be undertaken, to gather more information on both the socioeconomic and environmental problems.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with the EIA Regulations must be met.	
Thorough consultation needs to be conducted with RI&APs, in order to address variety of impacts.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with the EIA Regulations must be met.	
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Scale of anticipated impacts:	Recommended Response	I
	If "yes"	If "No"
Are there widespread public concerns about the potential negative impacts of the project?	Broader consultation with all RI&APs will need to be undertaken.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with the EIA Regulations must be met.
Is there a high degree of conflict among RI&APs?	There might need to be more consultation to ensure that there is consensus reached among RI&APs.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with the EIA Regulations must be met.
Will the project impact on private land other than that of the applicant?	Consultation with the private landowner must be done, and all their concerns need to be addressed.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with the EIA Regulations must be met.
Does the project have the potential to create unrealistic expectations (e.g. that a new factory would create a large number of jobs)?	Thorough consultation that addresses the perceptions of unrealistic expectations needs to be carried out.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with the EIA Regulations must be met.
Potentially affected parties:		
Has very little previous public participation taken place in the area?	More thorough public participation should take place within the area, to ensure that all potential and RI&APs participate.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with the EIA Regulations must be met.
Did previous public participation processes in the area result in conflict?	Additional consultation might be needed to ensure that issues of conflict are addressed effectively.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with the EIA Regulations must be met.
Are there existing organisational structures (e.g. local forums) that can represent I&APs?	Organizational structures might minimise conflict whilst maximising the participation.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with the EIA Regulations must be met.
Is the area characterised by high social diversity (i.t.o. socio-economic status, language or culture)	Proper consultations that address language and cultural diversity should be promoted.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with the EIA Regulations must be met.
Were people in the area victims of unfair expropriations or relocation in the past?	PPP should be extensive and address any unfair practices that occurred in the past.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with the EIA Regulations must be met.
Is there a high level of unemployment in the area?	The PPP should ensure that there are no unrealistic expectations created due to the project. The consultation should ensure that any	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with the EIA Regulations must be met.



Scale of anticipated impacts:	Recommended Response	
	If "yes"	If "No"
	unrealistic expectations are adequately addressed before the project starts.	
Do the RI&APs have special needs (e.g. a lack of skills to read or write, disability, etc)?	Consultation should include mechanisms that will ensure full participation by people with special needs.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met. Minimum requirements for PP in accordance with the Act must be met as well as best practices relating to PP.

#### 2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TO DATE

#### 2.1 STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION AND CONSULTATION

Stakeholders were identified and will continue to be identified through several mechanisms. These include:

- Utilising existing databases from other projects in the area;
- Networking with local business owners, non-governmental agencies, community-based organisations, and local council representatives;
- Field work in and around the project area;
- Advertising in the press;
- Placement of community notices;
- Completed comment sheets; and
- Attendance registers at meetings.

All stakeholders identified to date have been registered on the project stakeholder database. The EAP endeavoured to ensure that individuals/organisations from referrals and networking were notified of the proposed project. Stakeholders were identified at the horizontal (geographical) and vertical extent (organisations level). A list of stakeholders captured in the project database is included in **Appendix A**.

All concerns, comments, viewpoints and questions (collectively referred to as 'issues') received to date have been documented and responded to in **Appendix I**.

**Table 2-1** provides a breakdown of stakeholders currently registered on the database.

Table 2-1 – Breakdown of stakeholders currently registered on the database

Representative Sector	Further Explanation	No. of Stakeholders
Government Departments/Commenting Authorities	All tiers of government, namely, national, provincial, local	27

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Representative Sector	Further Explanation	No. of Stakeholders
	government and parastatal organisations including:  GDARD  DFFE: Waste Division  DFFE: Biodiversity  Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality  SAHRA	
Neighbouring Landowners	I&APs adjacent to and surrounding the project site	74

**Appendix A** provides a list of stakeholders registered on the Project database. The stakeholder database will be updated throughout the S&EIR process.

#### 2.2 STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATIONS

#### 2.2.1 DIRECT NOTIFICATION

Notification of the proposed project was issued to potential I&APs, via direct correspondence (i.e., e-mail and sms) on 5 July 2021 prior to the release of the Scoping Report for public comment. Poof of notification is included in **Appendix C**, **Appendix D** and **Appendix E**. Proof of the notification letter that was circulated is included in **Appendix B**.

#### 2.2.2 SITE NOTICES

The EIA Regulations require that site notices be fixed at places that are conspicuous to and accessible by the public at the boundary or on the fence or along the corridor of the site where the application will be undertaken or any alternative site. In accordance with GNR 326, as amended, Section 41(2)(a-b), English site notices were developed (see **Appendix F**) and were placed at the following strategic places, as per **Table 2-2**:

- Rebontsheng Primary School;
- Orhovelani Education Centre;
- Masithwalisane Secondary School;
- Early Childhood Development Centre; and
- The boundary fence of the proposed chemical filling plant.

The site notice served to inform the occupiers of the land along with the newspaper advert and existing stakeholder database.



**Table 2-2 - Site Notice Distribution** 

Location	Zoomed in	Zoomed out
Site boundary fence		
Security Office	Billion and And Street Country and A	
Rebontsheng Primary School	SOURCE AND ENGINEERING, SPACE IN PROPERTY	



Location	Zoomed in	Zoomed out
Orhovelani Education Centre		
Masithwalisane Secondary School	SCOPPIN AND ENVIRONMENTAL WINACT SEPERATION PROCESS  For every self-dependent on the characteristic of the cha	
Early Childhood Development Centre	SOUTHER AND SOUTHERN TO, I THEN I THE	The state of the s

#### 2.2.3 NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

In accordance with GN. R 326 41(2)(c) of Chapter 6 an advert was placed in two newspapers and one online news site. There are many local languages spoken in the area with English being considered



a universal language; therefore, the newspaper adverts were published in English only. A copy of the adverts are included **Appendix G**.

Due to the COVID Adjusted Alert Level 4 Lockdown, and associated restrictions, announced on 25 June 2021 that was enforced at the time and the civil unrest in Vosloorus which was prevailing at the time, the weekly newspapers in which the advertisements were scheduled to be placed were not distributed between 28 June and 9 July 2021. As such WSP was only able to place the newspaper advertisements on 14 July 2021 and allowed registration and comments until 16 August 2021.

The relevant scoping phase advertisement date is listed in **Table 2-3** below.

Table 2-3 – Advertisement publication dates

Newspaper	Publication Date	Language
Kathorus Mail	14 July 2021	English
Ekurhuleni News	14 July 2021	English
Taxi Times (online newspaper)	7 July 2023	English

#### 2.3 PUBLIC REVIEW

#### 2.3.1 DRAFT SCOPING REPORT AVAILABILITY

The DSR was available for public review from 5 July 2021 to 16 August 2021 on the WSP website (<a href="https://www.wsp.com/en-za/services/public-documents">https://www.wsp.com/en-za/services/public-documents</a>) and at the site. Subsequently the SR was finalised and submitted to the GDARD on 14 September 2021. The submission of the FSR was within 44 days of receipt of the application by the GDARD as required by GNR 326.

#### 2.3.2 FINAL SCOPING REPORT AVAILABILITY

RI&APs were provide with a copy of the Final Scoping Report, proof of notification is included in **Appendix H.** 

#### 2.3.3 AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT EIA REPORT

The Draft EIAR will be made available for public review for a period of 30 days from 15 September 2023 to 16 October 2023, at the following places:

- The proposed site i.e., Waterlands Road, Vosloorus (26°21'27.36"S; 28°14'17.16"E).
- WSP website (https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents).

All registered stakeholders and authorising/commenting state departments will be notified of the public review period as well as the locations of the draft EIR via email and SMS.

#### 2.4 STAKEHOLDER REGISTRATION

All stakeholders that either call in or send written correspondence, such as emails, fax, or post, to the EAP will be added to the database and their comments and/or queries will be responded to.

#### 2.5 COMMENTS RECEIVED

All concerns, comments, viewpoints and questions (collectively referred to as 'issues') received during the comment period for the Scoping Report have been documented and responded to adequately in



the Comment and Response Report (CRR). The CRR and the original comments and responses have been included in **Appendix I**.

# **Appendix A**

STAKEHOLDER DATABASE





ORGANISATION	MR/MRS	NAME	SURNAME	POSITION	
AUTHORITIES					
DFFE Biodiversity Conservation Unit	Mr	Stanley	Tshitwamulomoni		
DFFE Biodiversity Conservation Unit	Ms	Portia	Makitla	Case Officer	
DFFE Biodiversity Conservation Unit	Ms	Thobekile	Zungu	Case Officer	
DFFE Biodiversity Conservation Unit	Mr	Seoka	Lekota		
DFFE Biodiversity Conservation Unit	Ms	Mmatlala	Rabothata		
DFFE Biodiversity Conservation Unit	Ms	Tsholofelo	Sekonko		
GDARD		Tendani	Rambuda		
GDARD		Nkhumeleni	Rammbasa		
GDARD		Andani	Ramuhulu		
GDARD	Mr	Steven	Mukhola		
DFFE Waste	Mr	Shiba	Sebone		
DFFE Waste	Mr	Lucas	Mahlangu		
SAHRA					
Local Authorities					

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ORGANISATION	MR/MRS NAME	SURNAME	POSITION
Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality			
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ORGANISATION	MR/MRS NAME	SURNAME	POSITION
Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality		•	
Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality			
	Surrounding Landowners		
Portion 84 of Vlakplaats, 138/IR (T106140/2006)			
Portion 82 of Vlakplaats, 138/IR (T37951/1990)			
Portion 80 of Vlakplaats, 138/IR (T101321/1998)			
Portion 220 of Vlakplaats, 138/IR (T87280/2008): Sam Lubbe	Inv Pty Ltd		



**ORGANISATION** MR/MRS NAME **SURNAME POSITION** Portion 81 of Vlakplaats, 138/IR (T13142/2010): Erf 2549 Brits Extension 39 CC Portion 85 of Vlakplaats, 138/IR (T157904/2002): Kgabang Ma-Afrika Chicken Farm CC Portion 89 of Vlakplaats, 138/IR (T81051/2018) Portion 91 of Vlakplaats, 138/IR (T75412/2003) Portion 93 of Vlakplaats, 138/IR (T36699/2003): Phutaditshaba Foods Pty Ltd Bulldog Projects Pty Ltd



### ORGANISATION MR/MRS NAME SURNAME POSITION Registered Stakeholders

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Rebontsheng Primary School
Masithwalisane Secondary School
Tirisano Creations
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Logico Logistics
Mgujulwa Farms
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ORGANISATION	MR/MRS NAME	SURNAME	POSITION
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ORGANISATION MR/MRS NAME SURNAME POSITION

ERF 16909 IN VOSLOORUS EXT 25 (JOHANNESBURG DEEDS OFFICE): 16909 UMDLEBE ROAD VOSLOORUS VOSLOORUS

ERF 16910 IN VOSLOORUS EXT 25 (JOHANNESBURG DEEDS OFFICE): 16910 UMDLEBE ROAD VOSLOORUS VOSLOORUS

Villageway Properties (Pty) Ltd - Ptn 109, Vlakplaats 138 IR

# **Appendix B**

**NOTIFICATION LETTER** 





WSP ref.: 41101911

30 June 2021

**PUBLIC** 

Dear Stakeholder

Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CHECMIAL FILLING PLANT AND ACID REGERNATION PLANT IN VOSLOORUS, GAUTENG PROVINCE (GDARD REF: GAUT 002/19-20/E0247, DFFE REF: 12/9/11/L210625152748/3//N)

Notice is given in terms of

- 1 Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (7 April 2017) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for submission of application for environmental authorisation (EA) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983, 984 and 985 (7 April 2017)
- 2 Section 47(3) of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008) (NEM:WA) and the list of waste management activities (GN 921), requiring submission of a waste management license (WML) application
- 3 Section 38(3) of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (No. 39 of 2004) (NEM:AQA) for the submission of an application for an atmospheric emission license (AEL) in respect of listed activities identified in terms of GNR 893.

#### **BACKGROUND AND LOCATION**

Richbay Chemicals (Pty) Ltd (Richbay) proposes to extend its chemical manufacturing and distribution business operations by establishing a filling plant in Vosloorus, Ekurhuneli Metropolitan Municipality. The following activities will be carried out:

- A solvent plant and a chemical filling plant for storing and decanting of various chemicals from bulk tankers into medium/small sized packaging.
- An acid regeneration plant for the reprocessing of waste HCL into Ferric Chloride and a small portion of Calcium Chloride.

The site is located on Portion 86 of Farm Vlakplaats 138 IR, approximately 26 Km South East of Johannesburg, between the N3 and the R103 roads, and can be accessed using the Waterlands road that connects to the R103 (refer to **Appendix A**).

Due to the nature of the development, Richbay is required to follow a Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process to gain environmental approval prior to the commencement of the Proposed Project.

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION**

The following listed activities are triggered:

NEMA: GNR 983, Activity 27

NEMA: GNR 984, Activities 4 and 6

- NEMA: GNR 985, Activity 10

NEM:WA: GNR 921

Category B, Activities 2, 4 and 10

Category C, Activity 2

NEM:AQA: GNR 893, Category 6 and Subcategory 7.2

#### REGISTRATION

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#### PUBLIC PLACE ADDRESS

Proposed Site	Waterlands Road, Vosloorus
	26°21'27.36"S
	28°14'17.16"E
WSP Website	https://wsp-engage.com/

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We look forward to your participation in this process.

Yours sincerely,

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# Appendix C

**EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS** 



#### Scheepers, Anri

From: Scheepers, Anri

Sent: Monday, 05 July 2021 17:16

Subject: 41101911 - CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CHEMICAL FILLING PLANT

AND ACID REGERNATION PLANT IN VOSLOORUS, GAUTENG PROVINCE [Filed 05

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Attachments: 41101911\_Richbay\_Vosloorus\_Draft Scoping\_Letter\_23Jun2021.pdf; 41101911

\_Richbay\_Site Locality\_Coords\_Apr2021.pdf

Dear Stakeholder,

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Please refer to the attached letter for further information and details of the Public Participation currently being undertaken.

#### Kind Regards



#### Anri Scheepers

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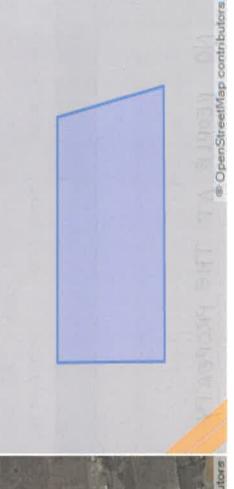


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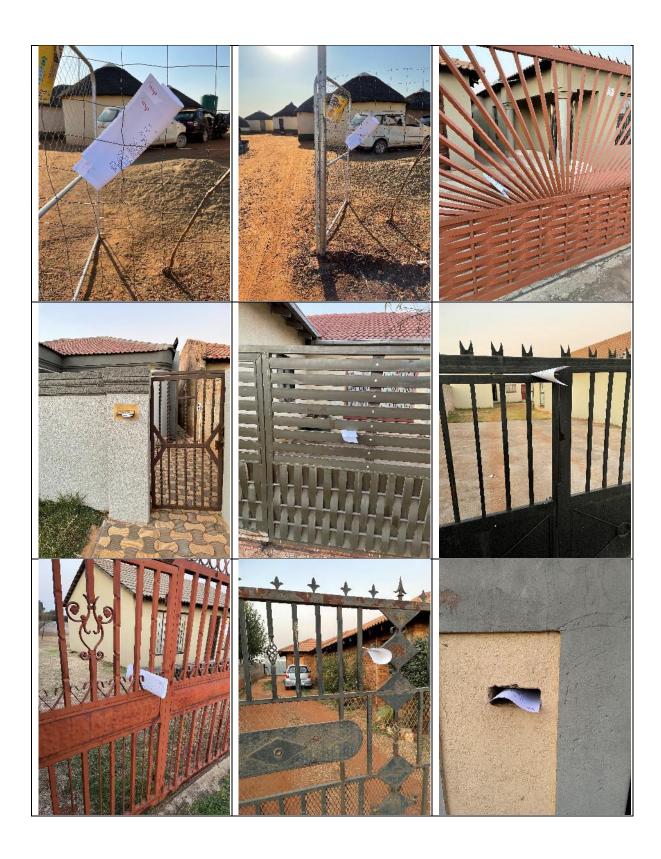
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### **GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE &** RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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Johannesburg

Administrative Unit telephone number (011) 240 3377

Departmental central telephone number (011) 240 2500

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In addition we hereby submit the Draft Scoping Report (BAR), the Draft Scoping Report is available for review and comment for 30 days from 5 July 2021 to 4 August 2021

Please contact us should you require any additional information or if you wish to discuss the matter in any further detail.

Yours sincerely,

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The site is located on Portion 86 of Farm Vlakplaats 138 IR, approximately 26 Km South East of Johannesburg, between the N3 and the R103 roads, and can be accessed using the Waterlands road that connects to the R103 (refer to **Appendix A**).

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### ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION

The following listed activities are triggered:

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NEMA: GNR 984, Activities 4 and 6

- NEMA: GNR 985, Activity 10

NEM:WA: GNR 921

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Signature:



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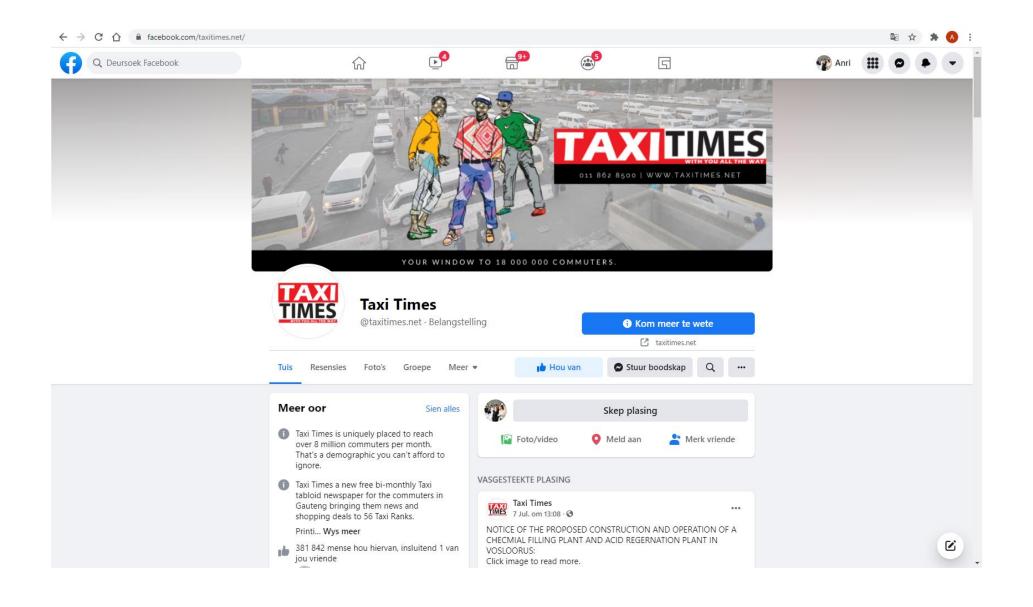
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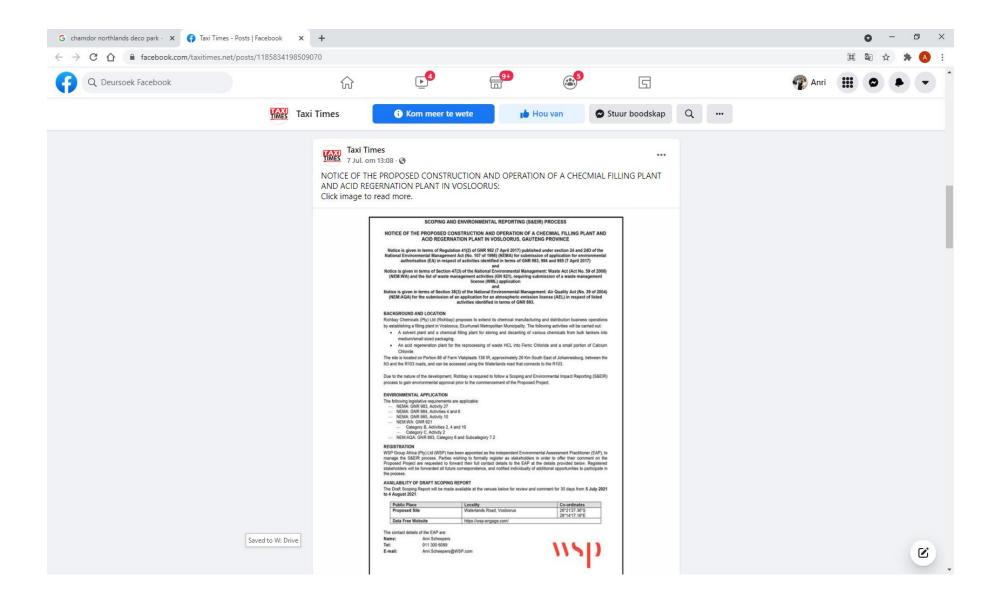


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The national commissioner of police, Gen Khehla Sitole, has welcomed the arrest of 23 suspects linked to truck hijackings in Midrand on June 25.

The arrests follow a multi-disciplinary team comprising members from SAPS Crime Intelligence, Johannesburg Flying Squad, Gauteng Highway Patrol, **EMPD** Specialised Task Team and JMPD K9.

At the time, the suspects were allegedly planning to hijack a truck between Pretoria and Johannesburg.

According to Brig Vishnu Naidoo, as the team entered President Park in Midrand, they were met with a hail of bullets, fired by some of the

suspects armed with rifles and handguns.

"There were 27 suspects on the premises, four suspects were shot and killed, while four others were wounded. A total of 23 suspects were arrested," said Naidoo.

Naidoo said the team seized three rifles, including an AK-47 rifle, a dash brown rifle, an R5 rifle, as well as two pistols.

The team confiscated 15 vehicles, four which were either hijacked or stolen in Garsfontein, Silverton, Wierdaburg and Olifantsfontein.

"The wounded suspects were taken to hospital under police guard, while the remaining 19 suspects are

being detained on charges of attempted murder, conspiring to commit armed robbery, unlawful possession of firearms, ammunition and the possession of vehicles suspected to be stolen."

Sitole said the work done by this multidisciplinary integrated team is a significant contribution to law enforcement's effort to curb organised crime.

Police continue to appeal to anyone who has any information to contact the SAPS's Crime Stop on 086 00 10111. Alternatively, information may be communicated via the MySAPS app. All information will be treated with strict confidence and callers may remain anonymous.

## Newly opened Lebo's Market gives back to the community

The newly opened Lebo's Market handed over a voucher of R5 000 to the Helping Hand NPO in Thokoza on July 9.

Thokoza-born sisters Lebohang and Dora Ramahanedza partnered with Pick n Pay to open the market on July 6.

The sisters said although they are still new to the industry and have not made any profit yet, they cannot move forward without look ing back.

"It is important for us to give back because this community made us who we are. We are always going to give back to our community, work with it and create opportunities," said Lebohang.

The founder and chairperson of Helping Hand, Nathabiseng Mofokeng, said the voucher will be of great assistance.

"All the projects we have been running since 2018 have been funded from our pockets, so this will help us a lot, especially for our Mandela Day plans," said Mofokeng.

She said because Mandela Day will be on a Sunday, they will run a feeding



Dora Ramahanedza, Lerato Thinane, founder and chairperson of Helping Hand Nthabiseng Mofokeng, Relebohile Tshosane and Lebohang Ramahanedza.

scheme in Crossroads, Katlehong, on July 16.

'We were invited by the community because they feel neglected in terms of their basic needs. So we decided to come on board and assist with food and

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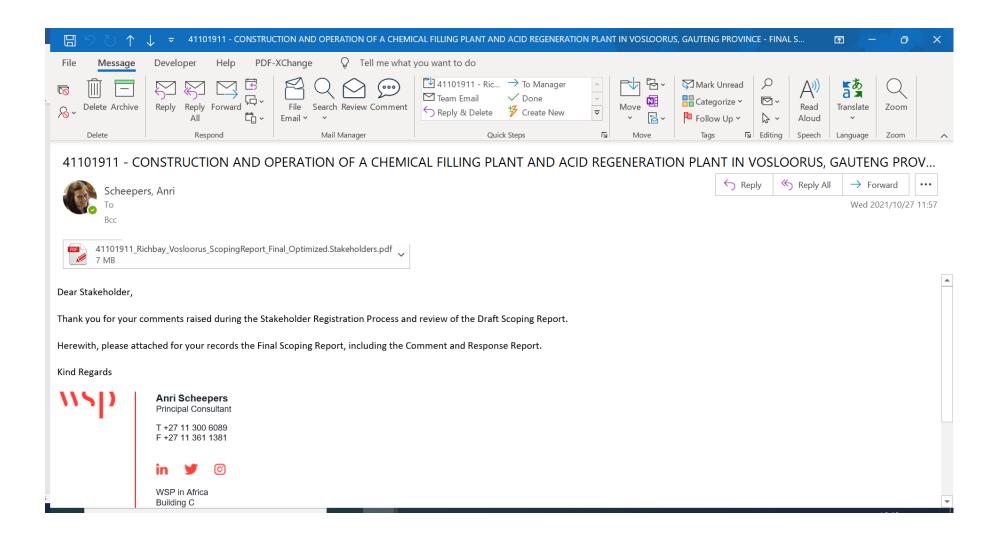




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# Appendix I

**COMMENT AND RESPONSE REPORT** 





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G OI S	3 August 2021	Email	2. Our client has been informed that Richbay is already operating-that surrounding tenants have been visited and that the sale of the preferred site is about to go through, building plans approved and construction about to start. Please confirm if this is correct.	Richbay Chemicals (Pty) Ltd is currently storing small quantities of dangerous goods and empty containers at the property. The current storage volumes are well below the EIA thresholds. We can confirm that Richbay is in the process of acquiring the property, the status of this process is not known to WSP however the application being made is supported by landowner consent which has been secured. Based on our understanding only the public participation team from WSP has visited the neighbouring properties to inform them of the proposed development and to request involvement in the Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting Process. The town planning and associated building plan approval process will only commence should environmental authorisation be granted. Construction can and will only be allowed to commence once environmental authorisation and town planning consent has been obtained.	Section 1.2 Appendix D
			3. Pre-Application Phase  In this phase as the independent EAP, WSP must inform stakeholders of the proposed project, feasible alternatives and the S&EIR process and afford them the opportunity to register and participate in the process and identify any issues and concerns associated with the proposed project. No such information was received by our client.	The EIA Regulations (GNR 982 of 11 June 2011) does not stipulate that a Pre-Application Phase must be undertaken, as such WSP did not undertake this phase.  WSP informed stakeholders of the proposed project along with the availability of the Draft Scoping Report and allowed 30 days for the registration and for the review of the Draft Scoping Report, from 5 July to 4 August 2021. This period was extended by 12 days, until 16 August 2021, in order to cater for COVID-19 and civil unrest at the time public participation commenced.	Appendix D
			4. Application and Scoping Phase  As the independent EAP, WSP must incorporate comments received from stakeholders during the pre-application phase into the DSR. This did not happen - our client was first advised of the EIA on 5 July 2021.	The EIA Regulations (GNR 982 of 11 June 2011) does not stipulate that a Pre-Application Phase must be undertaken, as such WSP did not undertake this phase.  WSP can confirm that all comments raised by stakeholders have been incorporated into the Final Scoping Report and Draft EIAR.  WSP informed stakeholders of the proposed project along with the availability of the Draft Scoping Report and allowed 30 days for the registration and for the review of the Draft Scoping Report, from 5 July to 4 August 2021. This period was extended by 12 days, until 16 August 2021, in order to cater for COVID-19 and civil unrest at the time public participation commenced.  Kindly note that the EIA Phase has not yet commenced.	Appendix D
			5. Documents and information contained in the DSR and provided by the Client were not clear and sufficient to provide a proper understanding of the project. Our client is extremely concerned about the noxious nature of the proposed plant and the effect on the environment.	Section 4 (Project Description) of the Scoping Report has been updated to include additional project information.  As part of the EIAR specialist studies were undertaken and the potential impacts associated with the plant identified. Where significant impacts were identified management and mitigation measures were stipulated in the EIAR.	Section 8 Section 9 Section 10 Appendix H



		6. Our client is further very concerned about the effect of the proposed project on surrounding land valued and in this regard whether a proper zoning process has been or will be followed.	The site is currently Zoned as Industrial 2 and a Town Planning processes is currently in progress by Richbay, however the Township Application does not form part of the S&EIR Process.	Section 2.3
		7. Alternative sites seem to have already been dismissed. Please confirm if alternative properties are still being evaluated.	Alternative sites were considered in the Scoping Report and are elaborated on in Section 6.2 of the Scoping Report. Based on the environmental sensitivity screening and a comparison between the sites the sites are very similar. However, the proximity to very high sensitive aquatic biodiversity areas makes Alternative 1 and 2 not feasible. In addition, Site Alternative 1 is not feasible due to the proximity of existing ammonia tanks. As such only the Preferred Site will be further assessed in the EIAR.  Layout alternatives are however being considered and will be informed by the specialist studies.  Following the Scoping Phase, Richbay proposes to only construct and operate Phase 1 and Phase 3 of the initial proposal, therefore the EIAR considers Phase 2 in addition to Phase 1 and 3 as an alternative.  Due to the potential risks associated with the chlorine tanks associated with Phase 2 (Alternative 1), Richbay are proposing to only proceed with the Preferred	Section 6.5 Section 8 Section 10
		8. Our client looks forward to being included in the required public participation going forward. Can you please confirm that our client is a registered I&AP and will be included in all correspondence in future on this project?  Please register our client:	Alternative (Phase 1 and Phase 3). In addition Alternative 1 is not being pursued further, due to the calcium chloride, that is part of Phase 2, that is potentially considered noxious.  We confirm that  3ve been registered as I&APs.	Appendix D
		9. Due to the fact that our client only received notification of this project on 5 July 2021 and was not included in the Pre-Application phases, our client fully reserves it rights to challenge the process and or to provide more substantive input into the process.	The EIA Regulations (GNR 982 of 11 June 2011) does not stipulate that a Pre-Application Phase must be undertaken, as such WSP did not undertake this phase.  WSP informed stakeholders of the proposed project along with the availability of the Draft Scoping Report and allowed 30 days for the registration and for the review of the Draft Scoping Report, from 5 July to 4 August 2021. This period was extended by 12 days, until 16 August 2021, in order to cater for COVID-19 and civil unrest at the time public participation commenced.  WSP will continue to inform and obtain contributions from stakeholders throughout the project and will ensure that all comments are captured and responded to.	Appendix D
10 August 2021	Email	Dear Anri, please may I ask you to help us with the report - could you ask for it to be tidied up it is hard to navigate and there are sections that appear more than once – appreciate, many thanks  Ok so its just the screening reports – but they aren't duplicated, just confusing as each numbered 1-18 and the appendices don't have	Thank you for the feedback, however, please can you advise which specific sections are hard to navigate and which once are duplicated.  Once we have received this information WSP will consider your comments and update the Final Scoping Report accordingly, should it be required.	Appendix D



		page numbers- but we'll cope-thanks for getting back to me	This issue was closed out based on feedback received from the I&AP.	
14 July 2021 28 July 2021	Email	Who can I speak to with regard to the zoning of that area? The assessment shows it as industrial. I would like to see an actual zoning certificate?	Below is an extract from the Ekurhuleni Town Planning Scheme, 2014.  Residential 1 Residential 2 Residential 3 Residential 3 Residential 3 Residential 4 Residential 3 Residential 4 Residential 8 Residential 4 Residential 8 Residential 8 Residential 8 Residential 1 Res	Appendix D
9 July 2021	Email	I would like to register as a stakeholder in the Proposed Construction and Operation of a Chemical Filling Plant and Acid Regeneration Plant in Vosloorus, Gauteng Province by Richbay Chemicals (Pty) Ltd.	We confirm that Bronwen Gore has been registered as an I&AP.	Appendix D
		I will be representing the interest of which is the owner of registration details must be as follows:	We confirm the e has been registered as an I&AP and that she will be representing Villageway Properties (Pty) Ltd.	Appendix D
		I will access the Draft Scoping Report on your website as communicated in your notice and forward comments if required.	The Draft Scoping Report remained available on the data free website until 16 August 2021 and no further comments were received from Villageway Properties (Pty) Ltd.	Appendix D
HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT:  ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE AND WASTE MANAGEMENT Ekurhuleni	Email / Letter	<ul> <li>The proposal entails to extend its chemical manufacturing and distribution business operations by establishing a filling plant in Vosloorus. The proposed activity will carry out the following;</li> <li>A solvent plant and a chemical filling plant for storing and decanting of various chemicals from bulk tankers into medium/small sized packaging.</li> <li>An acid regeneration plant for the reprocessing of waste HCL into Ferric Chloride and a small portion of Calcium Chloride.</li> </ul>	The project description noted by the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality is correct.	Section 6 Appendix D
		The environmental parameters/constraints of the construction and operation were assessed against the following environmental management tools:	The assessment criteria noted by the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality is correct.	Section 2
		<ul> <li>Gauteng Provincial Environmental Management Framework, 2015;</li> <li>The Ekurhuleni Bioregional Plan, 2012; and</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended in 2017;</li> </ul>		



			Applicable Environmental Legislation.		
			Based on the tools and the information contained in the application, the department comments as follows:  • The site is indicated to be within listed as a "Critical biodiversity area 1 and 2".  Critical Biodiversity Area 1- which are areas required to be maintained in a natural o near natural state to meet targets for biodiversity pattern or ecological processes.  Critical Biodiversity Area 2-cultivated landscapes which retain importance for supporting threatened species.  • As indicated in the DSR, the studies indicated must be compiled with.	The site is noted to be within a Critical Biodiversity Area and a Biodiversity Assessment was undertaken and is included in the EIAR.  As part of the EIAR specialist studies were undertaken and the potential impacts associated with the plant identified. Where significant impacts were identified management and mitigation measures were stipulated in the EIAR.  Based on the Biodiversity Assessment the area is of a low sensitivity and there are degraded grassland that has been impacted and has been modified from its original condition, this area does however still offer habitat to more adaptable species.	Section 8 Section 9 Section 10 Appendix G Appendix H
			All activities to be undertaken on the said property must be in accordance with all applicable By-Laws, Policies and requirements of the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality.	Compliance with legislative requirements is a condition contained in the EMPR.	Appendix G
			It should be noted that, in terms of Section 24F of the NEMA, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, no listed activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the competent authority.	The client has been advised that no activities, including construction, may commence prior to obtaining environmental authorisation.	Appendix G
			In addition to the above, all relevant legislation and requirement of other government Departments (i.e. National, Provincial), in particular Section 28 (duty of care) of NEMA, must be complied with. "Duty of care" to the environment, means that every person has the duty to avoid pollution and environmental degradation.	Compliance with legislative requirements is a condition contained in the EMPR.	Appendix G
4 20	August 021	Email	As resident of the state of the	We confirm that nas been registered as an I&AP.	Appendxi D
			I object to the location of chemical filling plant and acid regeneration plant in Vosloorus, because any leakage can affect the nearby resident of the area and of Vosloorus.	The objection is noted.  As part of the EIAR specialist studies were undertaken and the potential impacts associated with the plant identified. Where significant impacts were identified management and mitigation measures were stipulated in the EIAR.	Section 8 Section 9 Section 10 Appendix G Appendix H
	August 021	Email	Please note that with regards to the below, we just heard through neighbours and we received no information with regards to it.	It should be noted that due to the Protection of Personal Information Act (26 November 2013 (POPI), WSP was unable to obtain the contact details for all the owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site. WSP requested the contact information from the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, however on 5 July 2021 we were informed that the information cannot be provided. WSP also undertook a Windeed Property search, however only the contact details for some of the properties are available on this platform and no contact information	Appendix D



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				related to trusts and companies are available.	
				As such WSP undertook hand distribution of notification letters to surrounding properties on 5 and 6 July 2021, notifications were handed out to owners, persons in control of land and occupiers present at the site. If there was no one available notification letters were left in the property access gates where available.	
				It can be confirmed that notification letters were distributed to Vlakplaats, Number 138, Portion 89 on 5 July 2021.	
				The following additional stakeholder engagement was also undertaken:	
				Distribution of site notices in the area.	
				Distribution of letters to registered stakeholders via email and sms.	
				Placement of three advertisements.	
				We confirm that Nelly Maleswena has been registered as an I&AP.	
				Any additional information required can be requested from WSP.	
			In that regard, we would like to say we are not for the chemical filling plant being built close to where we are, as it sounds much unsafe,	The objection is noted.	Section 8
			maybe if they took time to come and explain or even let us know, it	As part of the EIAR specialist studies were undertaken and the potential impacts	Section 9
			would have been better.	associated with the plant identified. Where significant impacts were identified management and mitigation measures were stipulated in the EIAR.	Section 10
				The Draft EIAR will be made available for public review for a period of 30 days from 15 September 2023 to 16 October 2023.	Appendix G
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	3 August 2021	Email	As t g, I state that I want to be listed as an interested and affected Party in the above matter (I & AP).	We confirm that I has been registered as an I&AP.	Appendix D
			I object to the location of chemical filling plant and acid regeneration	The objection is noted.	Section 8
			plant in Vosloorus, because any leakage can affect the nearby resident of the area and of Vosloorus	As part of the EIAR specialist studies were undertaken and the potential impacts associated with the plant identified. Where significant impacts were identified	Section 9
				management and mitigation measures were stipulated in the EIAR.	Section 10
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Ec	3 August 2021	Email	As owner of the same of the sa	We confirm as been registered as an I&AP.	Appendix D
			I object to the location of chemical filling plant and acid regeneration plant in Vosloorus, because any leakage can affect the nearby	The objection is noted.	Section 8
			resident of the area and of Vosloorus.	As part of the EIAR specialist studies were undertaken and the potential impacts	Section 9
				associated with the plant identified. Where significant impacts were identified management and mitigation measures were stipulated in the EIAR.	Section 10
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19 July 2021	Email	I hope this email finds you well.  I am responding to a notice recently published around scoping and environmental impact reporting process. Kindly share background in lay man's language, what the process entails and our expected engagement.	Richbay Chemicals (Pty) Ltd (Richbay) is a company that manufactures and distributes chemicals used for cleaning, maintenance, and treatment of water. They also manufacturer and export of hydrochloric acid (HCl) and sulphuric acid (H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> ). Richbay currently stores dangerous goods (below 80m³) at a site in Vosloorus, Gauteng, however they want to increase the storage capacity and install/construct a Filling Plant. The Filling Plant will have large tanks that will be used fill smaller containers.	Section 6
			Richbay intends to do the following:	
			Phase 1 for the construction of a Filling Plant;	
			Phase 2 for the construction of a Acid Regeneration Plant; and	
			Phase 3 for construction of a Solvent Filling Plant.	
			The Filling Plant will be constructed in three stages and the following operational activities will be done:	
			Phase 1 of the development is the construction of the Filling Plant. There will be no manufacturing done during this phase. Chemicals will be brought to the site and arrive in a road tanker. The chemicals will be offloaded into bulk storage tanks or medium bulk storage tanks.	
			The chemicals will be transferred from bulk tankers to medium and small sized packages. The packed products will be taken to the warehouse where the storage pallets will be strapped before it is distributed to customers. Partial dilutions of the chemicals may be done.	
			The Filling Plant will have a maximum of approximately 1.155 m³ total storage capacity at full operational capacity. All HCl storage tanks will have a duct that leads to the HCl scrubber located in the Acid Regeneration Plant (Phase 2).	
			<b>Phase 2</b> includes the construction of an Acid Regeneration Plant that will be used for the reprocessing of waste HCl into ferric chloride (FeCl³) and a small portion of calcium chloride. This process is detailed as follows:	
			<ul> <li>Spent or used acid will be received from galvanizing plants in the area and from other users and producers of acid;</li> </ul>	
			<ul> <li>Waste acid will go through an ion exchange process (chemical change) and strengthened with HCI (from the Phase 1 Filling Plant);</li> </ul>	
			<ul> <li>The mixture will then be put through an evaporation process (with the use of a paraffin fuelled boiler) to increase the percentage of FeCl3 from approximately 30% to 40-44%;</li> </ul>	
			<ul> <li>FeCl<sub>3</sub> will be stored in bulk tanks and then transferred into smaller pack sizes or road tankers for distribution; and</li> </ul>	
			<ul> <li>Waste zinc chloride (ZnCl2) will be sold to the market as a dust suppressor or will be used in waste processes requiring Zinc Chloride.</li> </ul>	
			Exhaust emissions from the evaporator will pass through a scrubber (cleaning machine) to remove HCl from gases before release.	
			Phase 3 includes the construction of a Solvent Filling Plant. Products will be transferred from bulk storage tanks to medium tanks and then smaller package	



				sizes as required. The packed product is transferred to the warehouse where the storage pallets will be strapped before it is distributed to customers.	
				It is estimated that at full operational capacity, the Solvent Filling Plant will have a maximum of 352 m³ total storage capacity.	
				It is proposed that each of the three phases be operated on separate portions of the site, therefore, a large site is required.	
				However, Richbay now proposes to only construct and operate Phase 1 and Phase 3 of the initial proposal, therefore this EIAR considers Phase 2 in addition to Phase 1 and 3 as an alternative.	
GDARD	19 August 2021	Email	1. Description of the site/property/route and development  The proposed development entails construction of a filling plant, acid regeneration plant and solvent filling plant on Portion 86 of the farm Vlakplaats 138 IR. The proposed site measures 8.5653 hectares in extent, the Departmental GIS shows that the proposed site is on an environmental sensitive area, as it shows Ecological Support Area and Critical Biodiversity Area with the presence of Primary Vegetation, Orange Listed Plant Habitat and Dolomite on the proposed site.  The Gauteng Provincial Environmental Management Framework, 2015 identifies the proposed site as Environmental Management Zone 1. The intention with zone 1 is to streamline urban development activities in it and to promote development infill, densification and concentration of urban development within the urban development zones.	The description is as per the Scoping Report and the sensitivities has been identified therein. The layout plan overlaid on a sensitivity map is provided Appendix G of the Final Scoping Report.  The Gauteng Provincial Environmental Management Framework (GPEMF) Zone 1 is noted.	Section 2
			2. Listed activities applied for  All listed Activities are noted, however the activities listed must be relevant to the application applied for. The final scoping report must indicate all related activities, as per the applications in terms of Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (GNR 983, 984 and 985 respectively) as amended.	Table 2-1 of the Draft EIAR provides all the regulated activities in terms of GNR 983, 984 and 985 respectively.	Section 2
			3. Impacts Identification, Assessment and Mitigation  The assessment of impacts included in the draft report indicates that the impacts rating before the mitigation measures would be very low to high if mitigation measures are implemented correctly.	As part of the EIAR specialist studies were undertaken and the potential impacts associated with the plant identified. Where significant impacts were identified management and mitigation measures were stipulated in the EIAR.	Section 8 Section 9 Section 10 Appendix G Appendix H
			Studies  All specialist studies to be undertaken mentioned under Plan of Study on Page 66 in the draft Scoping report submitted is supported.	Noted.  As part of the EIAR specialist studies were undertaken and the potential impacts associated with the plant identified. Where significant impacts were identified management and mitigation measures were stipulated in the EIAR.	Section 8 Section 9 Section 10



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			5. Need and desirability of the development  The proposed development will assist with the shortage of employment opportunities in the City of Ekurhuleni, it will also assist with facilitating development and stimulating economic growth.  Currently, one company in the country produces Ferric Chloride to South Africa and other neighbouring countries. This serves as motivation for Richbay to increase supply of the product.	Noted.	Section 5
			<ul> <li>6. Maps, layout plans, service route positioning</li> <li>The locality map must be in colour and be to scale, clear, legible and indicate legend which corresponds with activity components. The Department will like the following recommendations to be included in the Final Scoping Report: <ul> <li>Locality map and Layout plan (A3 size) in colour and indicate the site's access point(s).</li> <li>The layout plan must be overlaid on a sensitive map.</li> <li>A description of all the activities to be undertaken must be listed.</li> <li>Comments from Storm Water Department from City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality must be obtained, as well as stormwater management plan.</li> <li>Comments from Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipal Department of Environmental Resource must form part of the report.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Appendix G of the Final Scoping Report includes various maps, including but not limited to the required maps, in A3 in colour.  The locality map and Layout plan has been updated to reflect the site access.  The layout plan has been overlaid on a sensitivity map and included in Appendix G.  Table 2-1 of the Final Scoping Report provides all the regulated activities in terms of GNR 983, 984 and 985 respectively.  Comments has been requested from the Water Department from City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, as per Appendix D.  Comments from Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipal Department of Environmental Resource have been obtained and are included in the Comment and Response Report.	Appendix D Appendix E
			7. Public Participation Process  Please note a full public participation process should be undertaken in accordance with Regulation 41. In terms of a transparent and inclusive public participation process the interested and affected parties, particularly relevant authorities and other institutions which in terms of their mandates are legally required to comment on the proposed development, should be informed and given an opportunity to comment on the proposal. All evidence of the Public Participation Process being undertaken must be included in the report. The newspaper advert and site notices photos must be attached on the Scoping report.	A full public participation process in terms of Regulation 41 has been undertaken. The process undertaken is detailed in Appendix D.	Appendix D
GDARD	20 October 2022	Email	The EIAR must comply with Regulation 23 of the Environmental impact Regulations, 2014 as amended.  All planned specialist studies must be undertaken by qualified	The EIAR has been compiled as per the requirements of the EIA Regulations.  As part of the EIAR specialist studies were undertaken and the potential impacts	Section 1.5  Appendix G
			specialist and must comply with GDARD Requirements for. Biodiversity Assessments and signed off by specialist registered with . South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNAPS).	associated with the plant identified. Where significant impacts were identified management and mitigation measures were stipulated in the EIAR.  The Biodiversity Specialist is SACNASP registered.	



All maps must be in colour, have a legend and be to correct scale.	All maps are in colour and have a legend.	Appendix E
Comments received from Council for Geosciences and Gauteng Heritage Resources Agency on specialist studies must be submitted as part of the draft EIAR.	Comments from the Council of Geoscience are included in the Comment and Response Report. The report was submitted to the Gauteng Heritage Resources Agency however no comments have been received.	Appendix D
Comparative assessment of all route alternatives taking into consideration, the sensitive areas on the site surrounding land uses, nature and scale of activity components must be done and outcomes reported in the draft EIAR.	There will be approximately 8 trucks a day and 15-30 light vehicles. The site has been used as an industrial facility for numerous years and this is not considered a significant increase.  It is proposed that the existing roads in the area be used to access the site and as such a comparative analysis has not been done.	Section 4.3 Section 8
A credible method of impact assessment, impact identification, rating and mitigation must be used to determine the impact of the proposed development on the biophysical environment on the site.	The EIR uses a methodological framework developed by WSP to meet the combined requirements of International Best Practice and NEMA 2014 EIA Regulations (GNR 326), as amended.	Section 4.1
A detailed storm water management plan for this development must be compiled and approved by the local authority before incorporating such plan into the draft EIAR.	The Stormwater Management Plan was compiled and included in the EIAR. Approval was also obtained form the City of Ekurhuleni Roads and Stormwater: Functional Planning & Strategic and is included in the Stakeholder Engagement Report	Appendix G Appendix D
The two types of Alternatives as mentioned is noted. Therefore, alternatives must be thoroughly assessed in such a way that it must inform decision making on the draft Environmental Assessment Report. No-Go alternative for the proposed activities needs also to be assessed and included in the draft Environmental Assessment Report. The applicant is advised to consider all. possible alternative.	The alternatives are outlined in the EIAR and alternative specific impacts are assessed.  Due to the potential risks associated with the chlorine tanks associated with Phase 2 (Alternative 1), Richbay are proposing to only proceed with the Preferred Alternative (Phase 1 and Phase 3). In addition Alternative 1 is not being pursued further, due to the calcium chloride, that is part of Phase 2, that is potentially considered noxious.	Section 6.5 Section 8 Section 10
The applicant must attach zoning certificate from municipality or title deed that indicate zoning and must form part of the draft EIAR.	The zoning certificate are included in the EIAR.	Appendix J
The Gauteng Provincial Environmental Management Framework, 2015 identifies the proposed site as Environmental Management Zone 1. The intention with zone 1 is to streamline urban development activities in it and to promote development infill, densification and concentration of urban development within the urban development zones.	Noted	Section 2
Please note a full public participation process should be undertaken in accordance with Regulation 41. In terms of a transparent and inclusive public participation process the interested and affected parties, particularly relevant authorities and other institutions which in terms of their mandates are legally required to comment on the proposed development, should be informed and given an opportunity to comment on the proposal. Ail issues raised by interested and affected parties must be properly addressed.	Public Participation was undertaken in terms of the EIA Regulations.	Appendix D



			The EMPr must be attached on the draft EIAR, the impact assessment and mitigation measures must be adequate to address impacts that may arise as a result of the proposed development.	The EMPr are attached to the EIAR.	Appendix H
Council for Geoscience	11 February 2022	Letter	This office is in broad in agreement with the hazard assessment of the site. KP has classified the site as IHC 2/3//3, with a D3 dolomite area designation.	Noted.	-
			KP has indicated that the proposed land use is commercial and miscellaneous non-residential usage structures, a C3, C5 & C6 type development. According to Table 2 of SANS 1936-1:2012, C3, C5 & C6 type developments are permissible on IHC 3 land, subject to footprint investigations/design level investigations and D3 precautionary measures:	Noted.	-
			<ul> <li>This office confirms that the drilling of eleven boreholes is considered adequate and meets the minimum drilling requirements as stipulated in SANS 1936:2012.</li> </ul>		
			<ul> <li>This office confirms that the geological conditions as revealed by the drilling results are considered suitable for the proposed development.</li> </ul>		
			KPC's conclusions and recommendations in Section 9 of the report are generally supported.	Noted.	-
			This office therefore confirms support of the proposed commercial and miscellaneous non-residential usage structures, a C3, C5 & C6 type development in Vosloorus, on Portion 86 of the farm Vlaakplaats 138 IR in Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, subject to the points above and the following:	Noted.	-
			Where necessary, additional drilling including FPI's, should be conducted for any new structures and the results thereof, be submitted to this office for final comments.	This has been included as a requirement in the EIAR and the EMPr.	Section 10.4 Appendix H
			A certified site development plan should be submitted to this office for co-signing.		
			All foundations should be suitably designed to span at least 5 m loss of support due to sinkhole or subsidence formation and these must adhere to SANS 10400-H requirements.		
			A site specific Dolomite Risk Management Plan in accordance with SANS 1936-4:2012 must be compiled and implemented for the site. The owners/responsible persons must be made aware of the risks involved in building on dolomite, and be informed about how to be vigilant and act pro-actively by applying sound water management principles.		
			General precautionary measures as set out in SANS 1936 Part 3:		



Design and construction of buildings, structures and infrastructure, must be studied and implemented for a D3 site.

Some precautions are listed below:

- All storm water from downpipes and gutters from buildings and structures shall discharge onto concrete-lined channels which, in turn, shall discharge the water at least 1.5 m away from structures onto areas permitting surface drainage away from buildings and structures. Joints between any open channel drains and buildings shall be suitably sealed.
- Where guttering is not provided, impervious paved areas or apron slabs shall be provided within 3 m (or greater if deemed appropriate by the competent person (engineer)) of buildings or structures, runoff from which shall drain into lined channels feeding into a designed storm water system or shall be spread as sheet flow. The paved areas or apron slabs shall include areas located below the drip line or the periphery of the building or structure that is subject to draining rainwater.
- Wet engineering services should, wherever possible, not be placed parallel to buildings unless they are at least 5 m away (if stand size allows) from the structure. Should this be unavoidable, a rational design shall be performed by the competent person (engineer).
- Liquid-retaining structures shall be watertight (zero leakage), constructed without any joints, and shall not be placed closer than 5 m from a building. Alternatively, the design of such pools shall be integrated into the rational design of the foundation of the residential structure.
- The preferred pipe type for all wet engineering services, and the sleeve systems for such services, on dolomite area designation D3 sites are polyethylene (PE) pipes and fittings that comply with the material manufacturing requirements of the relevant of parts 1, 2, 3 and 5 of SANS 4427.
- The water supply to a building shall be via a single water supply connection unless otherwise approved by the competent person (engineer). This also applies to other pressurised liquid bearing services.
- Wet engineering services, excluding storm water systems, shall be capable of spanning the projected notional sinkhole diameter (5 m), which has a high likelihood of formation in accordance with the requirements of SANS 1936-2, without the service rupturing or any joint leaking or separating from the pipeline.
- Gardens within 15 m of buildings and structures shall not include (a) water features, such as fish ponds, except where an impermeable lining is provided in accordance with a design prepared by a competent person (engineer); or (b) water features with automatic replenishment systems. No automated irrigation systems shall be installed within a distance of 5 m from any structure or building on sites designated as D3 dolomite land.



City of Ekurhuleni Roads and Stormwater:	1 August 2022	Letter	The builder must inform the professional team when the service/foundation trenches are open for inspection to takes place. The results of these inspections and quality controls must be recorded in a construction report (copy to the Local Authority and this Office).  The professional team involved, including KP shall carefully consider the appropriate water precautionary measures and then ensure and finally certify that these have been implemented.  Wet services should be laid exactly where indicated on the drawings presented to the Local Authority, and to this Office. Wet services may not be laid below structures. The Builder or his appointed professional team should certify that they have been placed as indicated. The Home Owner must also have a copy of the exact plan presented to this Office.  The Local Authority must implement a risk management system. Commenting on the suitability of sites within its jurisdiction is based on the premise that this system will be implemented.  The above matter refers. The Stormwater Management Plan received 17 May 2022 has been studied and the Department of Roads and Stormwater agrees with the findings of the report in	Noted.	-
Functional Planning & Strategic			It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all land-use rights for existing and future developments are in place prior to any construction.  Kindly note that despite the departments approval of the stormwater management plan, the registered engineering professional (DMV CONSULTANTS/REPRESENTATIVE) will remain responsible and liable for the correctness and adequacy of the designs and is therefore not exonerated from this responsibility and professional liability, in perpetuity.  Please note that this letter does not provide you with the authority to proceed with construction. Only once all applicable approvals, such as Environmental Authorisation, Water Use Licence, flood line assessment study in compliance with the National Water Act, Wayleaves (from all relevant road authorities /service owners), Land-Use Rights, Payable fees etc., have been obtained, may you	This has been included as a requirement in the EIAR and the EMPr.	Section 10.4 Appendix H
			commence with the work. Any servitude that is registered and required by local or national roads authority must be maintained and any design implication thereof must be accommodated.  Where applicable to the specific project the following is also required:  • Comments and approval from Department Water Affairs and Environment (DWAE),		



- Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD), Gautrans, etc.
- Letters of Consent from the owners of the neighbouring properties.

Should the need to review the design and implications of this report, the Roads & Stormwater Department may request to revise its commentary and approval.

The Department's representative on this project is Unabantu Taliwe. For any enquiries with related to this you may Liase with Unabantu Taliwe at 011 999 1228/ Unabantu.taliwe@ekurhuleni.gov.za

The Department must be notified of or provided with the following:

- When the project is about to commence
- Agenda of progress meetings when the representative is invited to the said meetings.
- Detailed drawings of the project.

On completion of the work, this Department's representative must be invited to the handover meeting and a completion report containing inter alia the following shall be submitted to this Department:

- Asbuilt-drawings [One sepia or plastic copy and in electronic format(dwg/pdf)] and one paper copy of the layout plans indicating the extent of the infrastructure provided.
- Completion certificate, certifying that the work was completed under your supervision, in terms of the approved design and specification.
- A copy of the Bill of Quantities, showing all information required to capitalize the infrastructure built in terms of the Engineering Services Agreements or in terms of any other requirement or agreement.
- A completed Asset capitalization certificate.
- · Quality data packs for Roads and Storm water
- Project Information required for the project (as and when required).

## Scheepers, Anri

From:	
Sent:	Friday, 09 July 2021 11:25
To:	Scheepers, Anri
Subject:	Stakeholder Registration: Proposed Chemical Filling and Acid Regeneration Plant
Importance:	High
Good day,	
•	older in the Proposed Construction and Operation of a Chemical Filling Plant and rus, Gauteng Province by Richbay Chemicals (Pty) Ltd.
I will be representing the interest of 138 IR. The full registration details	of Villageway Properties (Pty) Ltd, which is the owner c must be as follows:
I will access the Draft Scoping Reporequired.	ort on your website as communicated in your notice and forward comments if
Regards,	

## Scheepers, Anri

From:

Sent: Tuesday, 03 August 2021 13:19

To: Scheepers, Anri

Subject: FW: Request for Property owner Contact Details

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FYI

From

Sent: Monday, July 5, 2021 11:55 AM

To: Cc:

Subject. RE. Requestion Froperty owner contact Details

#### **EXTERNAL EMAIL**



## Good day

The affected properties are reflected below:

As discussed, we are busy with a Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting process in Vosloc and are unable to obtain contact details for the neighbouring land owners for the below properties

- Portion 84 of Vlakplaats, 138/IR (T106140/2006)
- Portion 82 of Vlakplaats, 138/IR (T37951/1990)
- Portion 85 of Vlakplaats, 138/IR (T157904/2002): Kgabang Ma-Afrika Chicken Farm CC
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- Portion 89 of Vlakplaats, 138/IR (T81051/2018)
- Portion 187 of Vlakplaats, 138/IR (T39823/2000): Trade Prop Ventures
   CC

## Mpho

From

Sent: 5 July, 2021 11:45 AlVI

Cc: Rhyno Pieterse

Subject: RE: Request for Property owner Contact Details

Please send the attachment

But I am not sure if the Area Manager in Boksburg there can send this information, especially in terms of the POPIA Act.

Thank you

#### Kind Regards

Good day Anneline

Reference is made to our telephonic discussion. Please can you assist with contact details of the property owners for contained in the attached list.

They may include postal address, email or contact number or any other contact that you have.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Mpho Molongoana

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#### Scheepers, Anri

From:

Sent: Thursday, 08 July 2021 14:29

To: Scheepers, Anri

Cc:

Subject: RE: Notification: Proposed Chemical Filling Plant and Acid Regernation Plant

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Kindly note that the project has been assigned to the Biodiversity officers Ms. Mmatlala Rabothata and both copied on this email).

From: BC Admin

Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2021 2:27 PM

To: Cc:

Subject: Notification: Proposed Chemical Filling Plant and Acid Regernation Plant

Good day Sir/Madam

Hope you are well.

DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation acknowledges the invitation to review and comment on the Draft Scoping report for the proposed construction and operation of a chemical filling plant and acid regernation plant in Vosloorus, Gauteng Province.

Please note that all Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota.

Kind Regards

**Biodiversity Conservation Administration** 

Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment

Email: bcadmin@environment.gov.za

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**Attention: Anri Schemers** 

**WSP** 

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Tel: +27 11 300 6089

Email: Anri.Scheepers@wsp.com

Reference: GAUT 002/19-20/E0247

DFFE:12/9/11/L210625152748/3//N

Dear Madam

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION Subject:

AND OPERATION OF A CHEMICAL FILLING PLANT AND ACID

REGENERATION PLANT IN VOSLOORUS, CITY OF EKURHULENI.

The DSR regarding the above-mentioned construction and operation of a chemical filling plant and acid regeneration received by the City of Ekurhuleni on 14 June 2021 has a reference.

- The proposal entails to extend its chemical manufacturing and distribution business operations by establishing a filling plant in Vosloorus. The proposed activity will carry out the following;
  - A solvent plant and a chemical filling plant for storing and decanting of various chemicals from bulk tankers into medium/small sized packaging.
  - An acid regeneration plant for the reprocessing of waste HCL into Ferric Chloride and a small portion of Calcium Chloride.
- The environmental parameters/constraints of the construction and operation were assessed against the following environmental management tools:
  - Gauteng Provincial Environmental Management Framework, 2015:
  - The Ekurhuleni Bioregional Plan, 2012; and
  - Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended in 2017;
  - Applicable Environmental Legislation.
- 3. Based on the tools and the information contained in the application, the department comments as follows:
  - The site is indicated to be within listed as a "Critical biodiversity area 1 and 2". Critical Biodiversity Area 1- which are areas required to be maintained in a natural o near natural state to meet targets for biodiversity pattern or ecological processes.

Comments on the Draft Scoping Report for the Construction and Operation of a Chemical Filling Plant and Acid Regeneration Plant in Vosloorus, City of Ekurhuleni.

<u>Critical Biodiversity Area 2</u>-cultivated landscapes which retain importance for supporting threatened species.

As indicated in the DSR, the studies indicated must be compiled with.

All activities to be undertaken on the said property must be in accordance with all applicable By-Laws, Policies and requirements of the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality.

It should be noted that, in terms of Section 24F of the NEMA, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, no listed activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the competent authority.

In addition to the above, all relevant legislation and requirement of other government Departments (i.e. National, Provincial), in particular Section 28 (duty of care) of NEMA, must be complied with. "Duty of care" to the environment, means that every person has the duty to avoid pollution and environmental degradation.

Regards,

MS F. WOTSHELA

**HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT:** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE AND WASTE MANAGEMENT** 

DATE:27/07/2021

Signed by Ms. N. Flara (Acting DH: Compliance) on behalf of HOD: ER&WM

RICHBAY CHEMICALS (PTY) LTD

### RICHBAY VOSLOORUS CHEMICAL FILLING PLANT DRAFT SCOPING REPORT, GDARD REF: GAUT 002/19-20/E0247, DFFE REF: 12/9/11/L210625152748/3//N

1. We act on behalf of

'our client") the part owner of

2. Our client has been informed that Richbay is already operating-that surrounding tenants have been visited and that the sale of the preferred site is about to go through, building plans approved and construction about to start. Please confirm if this is correct.

#### 3. Pre-Application Phase

In this phase as the independent EAP, WSP must inform stakeholders of the proposed project, feasible alternatives and the S&EIR process and afford them the opportunity to register and participate in the process and identify any issues and concerns associated with the proposed project. No such information was received by our client.

#### 4. Application and Scoping Phase

As the independent EAP, WSP must incorporate comments received from stakeholders during the pre-application phase into the DSR. This did not happen - our client was first advised of the EIA on 5 July 2021.

- 5. Documents and information contained in the DSR and provided by the Client were not clear and sufficient to provide a proper understanding of the project. Our client is extremely concerned about the noxious nature of the proposed plant and the effect on the environment.
- 6. Our client is further very concerned about the effect of the proposed project on surrounding land valued and in this regard whether a proper zoning process has been or will be followed.

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- 7. Alternative sites seem to have already been dismissed. Please confirm if alternative properties are still being evaluated.
- 8. Our client looks forward to being included in the required public participation going forward. Can you please confirm that our client is a registered I&AP and will be included in all correspondence in future on this project?

Please register our client:

9. Due to the fact that our client only received notification of this project on 5 July 2021 and was not included in the Pre-Application phases, our client fully reserves it rights to challenge the process and or to provide more substantive input into the process.

Please acknowledge receipt hereof.

Yours faithfully

GUNN ATTORNEYS
Commercial Mining Environmental

# NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CHEMICAL FILLING PLANT AND ACID REGENERATION PLANT IN VOSLOORUS, GAUTENG PROVINCE (GDARD REF: GAUT 002/19-20/E0247, DFFE REF: 12/9/11/L210625152748/3//N

Registration and Comment Sheet
Draft Scoping Report: 05 July 2021 to 16 August 2021

Your comments are an important contribution into this authorisation process. We would like to interact directly with you and encourage you to register as a stakeholder so that we can keep you updated as this project moves forward and respond to any questions or concerns that you may wish to raise.

	PERSONAL DETAILS				
Name	Surname	Title	Dep	nisation partment oplicable	
	CONTACT INFORMATION				
Mobile Number	Land Line Contact Number		Email Ad	ldress	
	REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED A			RTY?	
	ted and affected party (I&AP) for thi and notifications as the project deve and notifications as the project deve		so that I	YES	NO
In terms of the EIA Regulations, (as amended), I disclose below a direct business, financial, person other interest that I may have in approval or refusal of the applica	ny nal or the				
Date: $\frac{16}{08}$ Signature:					

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   These processes require us to keep stakeholder databases per project as a regulatory requirement.
- You are a stakeholder registered with WSP to participate in this project process based on previous projects undertaken by RPM in the area.
- If you wish to be deregistered, please send an email requesting to be removed from the database and
  instructing us to remove your personal information from the project database. If we do not receive any
  such notification, we will deem you to have consented to your personal information for use for the sole
  purpose of this project.

04 August 2021

Messrs WSP

Your ref: WSP41101911

Attention: To the Principal Consultant Mrs Anri Scheepers

email: anri.scheepers@wsp.com

Dear Madame,

# SUBJECT: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CHEMICAL FILLING PLANT AND ACID REGENERATION PLANT IN VOSLOORUS, GAUTENG PROVINCE (GDARD Ref: GAUT 002/19-20/E0247, DFFE REF: 12/9/11/L210625152748/3/N)

As resident of affected Party in the above matter (I & AP).

I state that I want to be listed as an interested and

I object to the location of chemical filling plant and acid regeneration plant in Vosloorus, because any leakage can affect the nearby resident of the area and of Vosloorus.

Yours faithfully,

From: Scheepers, Anri

Sent: Tuesday, 03 August 2021 14:50

To:

Subject: RE: 41101911 - CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CHEMICAL FILLING

PLANT AND ACID REGENERATION PLANT IN VOSLOORUS, GAUTENG PROVINCE

[Filed 03 Aug 2021 14:50]

We have requested the zoning certificate from Town Planning and I will provide a copy as soon as we receive it.

Kindly note that we have extended the comment period for the Draft Scoping Report to 16 August 2021.

Kind Regards

#### **Anri Scheepers**

Principal Consultant WSP in Africa

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Sent: Wednesday, 28 July 2021 09:59

To: Scheepers, Anri < Anri. Scheepers@wsp.com>

Subject: RE: 41101911 - CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CHEMICAL FILLING PLANT AND ACID REGENERATION PLANT IN VOSLOORUS, GAUTENG PROVINCE

Hi Anri,

This is just an indication – I would like to see an actual zoning certificate?

From: Scheepers, Anri [mailto:Anri.Scheepers@wsp.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 5:20 PM

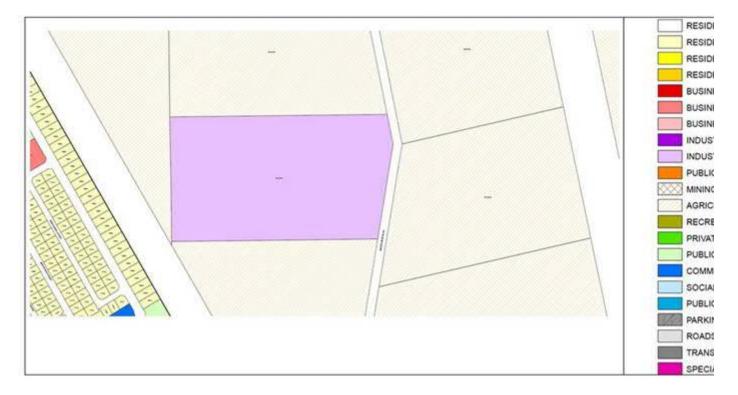
To Miller I believe in Area

Subject: RE: 41101911 - CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CHEMICAL FILLING PLANT AND ACID

REGENERATION PLANT IN VOSLOORUS, GAUTENG PROVINCE

Hi Nicholas,

Please find below an extract from the Ekurhuleni Town Planning Scheme, 2014.



I trust this meets your requirements.

#### Kind Regards

#### **Anri Scheepers**

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From

Sent: Thursday, 15 July 2021 08:42

To: Scheepers, Anri < Anri. Scheepers@wsp.com>

Subject: RE: 41101911 - CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CHEMICAL FILLING PLANT AND ACID REGENERATION

PLANT IN VOSLOORUS, GAUTENG PROVINCE

Sorry, Please could you send me a copy of the certificate.

#### Kind Regards,

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From: Scheepers, Anri [mailto:Anri.Scheepers@wsp.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 5:14 PM

Subject: RE: 41101911 - CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CHEMICAL FILLING PLANT AND ACID

REGENERATION PLANT IN VOSLOORUS, GAUTENG PROVINCE

We obtained the Zoning from the Ekurhuleni Town Planning Department, do you have a specific query that I can perhaps assist with?

Kind Regards

#### **Anri Scheepers**

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From:

Sent: Wednesday, 14 July 2021 13:23

To: Scheepers, Anri < <a href="mailto:Anri.Scheepers@wsp.com">Anri.Scheepers@wsp.com</a>>

Subject: RE: 41101911 - CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CHEMICAL FILLING PLANT AND ACID REGENERATION PLANT IN VOSLOORUS, GAUTENG PROVINCE

Hi Anri,

Who can I speak to with regard to the zoning of that area? The assessment shows it as industrial.



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From: Scheepers, Anri < <a href="mailto:Anri.Scheepers@wsp.com">Anri.Scheepers@wsp.com</a>>

Date: Mon, 5 Jul 2021 at 16:26

Subject: 41101911 - CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CHEMICAL FILLING PLANT AND ACID REGENERATION

PLANT IN VOSLOORUS, GAUTENG PROVINCE

To:

Dear Stakeholder,

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CHEMICAL FILLING PLANT AND ACID REGENERATION PLANT IN VOSLOORUS, GAUTENG PROVINCE (GDARD REF: GAUT 002/19-20/E0247, DFFE REF: 12/9/11/L210625152748/3//N)

#### Notice is given in terms of

- 1 Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (7 April 2017) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for submission of application for environmental authorisation (EA) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983, 984 and 985 (7 April 2017)
- 2 Section 47(3) of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008) (NEM:WA) and the list of waste management activities (GN 921), requiring submission of a waste management license (WML) application
- 3 Section 38(3) of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (No. 39 of 2004) (NEM:AQA) for the submission of an application for an atmospheric emission license (AEL) in respect of listed activities identified in terms of GNR 893.

Richbay Chemicals (Pty) Ltd (Richbay) proposes to extend its chemical manufacturing and distribution business operations by establishing a filling plant in Vosloorus, Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality. Due to the nature of the development, Richbay is required to follow a Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process to gain environmental approval prior to the commencement of the Proposed Project.

Please refer to the attached letter for further information and details of the Public Participation currently being undertaken.

#### Kind Regards



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From:

Sent: Wednesday, 04 August 2021 17:20

To: Scheepers, Anri

Subject: RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A

CHEMICAL FILLING PLANT AND ACID REGENERATION PLANT IN VOSLOORUS,

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Hi Anri,

Thank you so much! The extension is much appreciated. I am circulating and requesting comments.

From: Scheepers, Anri < Anri. Scheepers@wsp.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 4:39 PM

To:

Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CHEMICAL FILLING PLANT AND ACID REGENERATION PLANT IN VOSLOORUS, GAUTENG PROVINCE (GDARD REF: GAUT 002/19-20/E0247, DFFE REF:

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From:

**Sent:** Monday, 19 July 2021 08:14

To:Scheepers, AnriSubject:RE: inquiry

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Good morning Anri,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am responding to a notice recently published around scoping and environmental impact reporting process. Kindly share background in lay man's language, what the process entails and our expected engagement.

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We hereby confirm receipt of your correspondence and confirm the registration of Attorneys as registered Interested and Affected Parties.

Subject: RE: Richbay Chemicals (Pty) Ltd

Kindly note that due to Covid-19 and civil unrest in South Africa, the review and commenting period of the Draft Scoping Report has been extended to 16 August 2021.

Should you have any queries/comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at the details provided below.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Kind Regards

#### **Anri Scheepers**

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Subject: Richbay Chemicals (Pty) Ltd

Dear Ms Scheepers

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04 August 2021

Messrs WSP

Your ref: WSP41101911

Attention: To the Principal Consultant Mrs Anri Scheepers

email: anri.scheepers@wsp.com

Dear Madame,

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Our Ref:	16/3/6/2 115 ALB	Richard.Lubisi@ekurhuleni.gov.za
Enquiries:	U TALIWE	
Tel:	011 999 1228	
Date:	01 August 2022	

Subject: STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN: PORTION 86 OF 138-IR, VOSLOORUS.

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Trusting that you find the above-mentioned comment in order.

Yours faithfully

Comments by:

Unabantu Taliwe

Senior Engineer; Functional & Strategic

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Comments verified by:

Richard Lubisi

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Sent: Monday, 05 July 2021 18:02

To:

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- Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (7 April 2017) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for submission of application for environmental authorisation (EA) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983, 984 and 985 (7 April 2017)
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Kindly note that the Draft Scoping Report is available from 5 July 2021 to 4 August 2021.

Should you require a hard copy and/or cd delivered to your offices please notify me.

#### Kind Regards



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Good Day,

Please note that with regards to the below, we just heard through neighbors and we received no information with regards to it.

In that regard, we would like to say we are not for the chemical filling plant being built close to where we are, as it sounds much unsafe, maybe if they took time to come and explain or even let us know, it would have been better.

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11 February 2022

Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality P O Box 13 Kempton Park 1620

Dear Sir,

#### PROPOSED CHEMICAL PLANT: VOSLOORUS, EKURHULENI.

The firm, Knight Piesold Consulting (KPC) submitted their report: "Proposed New Chemical Plant: Vosloorus, Ekurhuleni Feasibility Dolomite Stability and Geotechnical Investigation", dated November 2021 to this office for comment on behalf of their client, Richbay Group (Pty) Ltd, on 23 November 2021. This office acts as an agent to state authorities in reviewing dolomite stability investigations on their behalf.

The sites covers a total area of approximately **8 ha** in size and is located approximately 2.5 km east of Vosloorus in Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality (EMM). The site lies immediately east of the N3 national highway and falls within the bounds of Portion 86 of the farm Vlaakplaats 138 IR. The intended use of the site is predominantly for the manufacture, packaging, storage and distribution of chemical products. Large laydown areas for products, storage tanks and parking facilities encompass most of the intended development. Warehouse structures and administration buildings are also anticipated.

The proposed land use is commercial and miscellaneous non-residential usage structures, a **C3, C5 & C6** type development in terms of SANS 1936:2012.



#### The following is noted from KPC's report:

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Significant erosion of the dolerite is interpreted given the regional topography and its inferred absence below the site. Locally the dolomite is intensely interfingered with dolerite across most of the site, with the latter being widespread.

2) In Section 5 of the report, KPC indicates that the water rest levels are generally above dolomite bedrock, except for boreholes PH1 (Dry) and PH7, which is 0.5 m above bedrock. The average water rest level for the site is regarded as 11 m below surface for the purpose of stability analysis. The site forms part of the Natalspruit East dolomite groundwater compartment with many ground water monitoring boreholes.

The median groundwater level in the compartment is recorded as 15.2 m with the minimum and maximum ad-hoc measurements varying between 12.3 m and 21.4 m below surface. The static water level (SWL) for this site has been taken as the regional median of 15 m below surface and used in the stability analysis.

- 3) The gravity survey of the site was conducted on a 20 m grid spacing by GeoFocus Geophysical Services mid-September 2021.
- 4) A total of eleven percussion boreholes were drilled during the current investigation. These boreholes varied in depth between 12 m and 28 m below surface and they generally intersected:
  - Transported material to between the surface and 2.5 m depths.
  - Residual materials (dolerite & shale) between surface and 18.0 m depths.
  - Chert dolomite residuum to between 2.0 and 16 m depths.
  - Weathered to hard rock (dolomite & dolerite) between 7.0 m and 28.0 m depths.
- 5) Based on the available information, KPC has classified the site as having an Inherent Hazard Class (IHC) 2/3//3, with a D3 dolomite area designation.
- 6) KPC has made conclusions and recommendations in Section 9 of the report to be implemented during the development of this site.



#### This office would like to comment as follows:

- a) This office is in broad in agreement with the hazard assessment of the site. KP has classified the site as IHC 2/3//3, with a D3 dolomite area designation.
- b) KP has indicated that the proposed land use is commercial and miscellaneous non-residential usage structures, a C3, C5 & C6 type development. According to Table 2 of SANS 1936-1:2012, C3, C5 & C6 type developments are permissible on IHC 3 land, subject to footprint investigations/design level investigations and D3 precautionary measures:
  - This office confirms that the drilling of eleven boreholes is considered adequate and meets the minimum drilling requirements as stipulated in SANS 1936:2012.
  - This office confirms that the geological conditions as revealed by the drilling results are considered suitable for the proposed development.
- c) KPC's conclusions and recommendations in Section 9 of the report are generally supported.

This office therefore confirms support of the proposed commercial and miscellaneous non-residential usage structures, a **C3**, **C5** & **C6** type development in Vosloorus, on Portion 86 of the farm Vlaakplaats 138 IR in Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, subject to the points above and the following:

- d) Where necessary, additional drilling including FPI's, should be conducted for any new structures and the results thereof, be submitted to this office for final comments.
- e) A certified site development plan should be submitted to this office for co-signing.
- f) All foundations should be suitably designed to span at least **5 m** loss of support due to sinkhole or subsidence formation and these must adhere to SANS 10400-H requirements.
- g) A site specific Dolomite Risk Management Plan in accordance with SANS 1936-4:2012 must be compiled and implemented for the site. The owners/responsible persons must be made aware of the risks involved in building on dolomite, and be informed about how to be vigilant and act pro-actively by applying sound water management principles.
- h) General precautionary measures as set out in SANS 1936 Part 3: Design and construction of buildings, structures and infrastructure, must be studied and implemented for a **D3** site.
   Some precautions are listed below:
  - All storm water from downpipes and gutters from buildings and structures shall discharge onto concrete-lined channels which, in turn, shall discharge the water at least 1.5 m away from structures onto areas permitting surface drainage away from



buildings and structures. Joints between any open channel drains and buildings shall be suitably sealed.

- Where guttering is not provided, impervious paved areas or apron slabs shall be provided within 3 m (or greater if deemed appropriate by the competent person (engineer)) of buildings or structures, runoff from which shall drain into lined channels feeding into a designed storm water system or shall be spread as sheet flow. The paved areas or apron slabs shall include areas located below the drip line or the periphery of the building or structure that is subject to draining rainwater.
- Wet engineering services should, wherever possible, not be placed parallel to buildings unless they are at least 5 m away (if stand size allows) from the structure. Should this be unavoidable, a rational design shall be performed by the competent person (engineer).
- Liquid-retaining structures shall be watertight (zero leakage), constructed without any
  joints, and shall not be placed closer than 5 m from a building. Alternatively, the design
  of such pools shall be integrated into the rational design of the foundation of the
  residential structure.
- The preferred pipe type for all wet engineering services, and the sleeve systems for such services, on dolomite area designation D3 sites are polyethylene (PE) pipes and fittings that comply with the material manufacturing requirements of the relevant of parts 1, 2, 3 and 5 of SANS 4427.
- The water supply to a building shall be via a single water supply connection unless otherwise approved by the competent person (engineer). This also applies to other pressurised liquid bearing services.
- Wet engineering services, excluding storm water systems, shall be capable of spanning the projected notional sinkhole diameter (5 m), which has a high likelihood of formation in accordance with the requirements of SANS 1936-2, without the service rupturing or any joint leaking or separating from the pipeline.
- Gardens within 15 m of buildings and structures shall not include (a) water features, such as fish ponds, except where an impermeable lining is provided in accordance with a design prepared by a competent person (engineer); or (b) water features with automatic replenishment systems. No automated irrigation systems shall be installed within a distance of 5 m from any structure or building on sites designated as D3 dolomite land.
- i) The builder must inform the professional team when the service/foundation trenches are open for inspection to takes place. The results of these inspections and quality controls must be recorded in a construction report (copy to the Local Authority and this Office).
- j) The professional team involved, including KP shall carefully consider the appropriate water precautionary measures and then ensure and finally certify that these have been implemented.



- k) Wet services should be laid exactly where indicated on the drawings presented to the Local Authority, and to this Office. Wet services may not be laid below structures. The Builder or his appointed professional team should certify that they have been placed as indicated. The Home Owner must also have a copy of the exact plan presented to this Office.
- The Local Authority must implement a risk management system. Commenting on the suitability of sites within its jurisdiction is based on the premise that this system will be implemented.

This letter reflects the view and approach of the Council for Geoscience to development on dolomite at this time, as reflected by the above date. These comments may not be viewed as open-ended. If a property changes ownership or land-use changes are made, the comment may in part or wholly no longer apply. This Office should be informed of such changes and the Competent Person responsible for the dolomite stability investigation should be given the opportunity to indicate the influence such changes could have on the overall stability.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours faithfully,



S NGUBELANGA Engineering Geologist

Proposed new chemical plant: Vosloorus (F6801.1)



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