



## BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION, WATER USE LICENSE, AND HERITAGE PERMIT FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EXISTING MODELKLOOF EXT 18 RESIDENTIAL TOWNSHIP LAYOUT, GENERAL PLAN, AND THE DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS IN MODELKLOOF, LADYSMITH WITHIN KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCE

#### Purpose of Document:

The purpose of this document is to:

- Provide all potential interested and affected parties (I&APs) with information about the proposed application.
- Introduce, explain, and initiate the public participation process (PPP) that is prescribed by the relevant legislation.

All I&APs are invited to comment on:

- The environmental (biophysical) and socio-economical environmental and/or considerations and potential impacts.
- The proposed public participation process (PPP) to be followed.
- The proposed application and authorisation process being followed.
- Any other suggestions and/or recommendations.

#### Location of the Project:

The subject property is located along the N11 in the Ladysmith town within Ward 22 at the following coordinates: -28.530156, 29.81622. The subject property is known as Modelkloof Township Extension 18 and is situated to the north-east of the Ladysmith town. It is surrounded by the Limit Hill Township and Danskraal Township.

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**Applicant:** Housing Development Agency

**EAP:** GKM Consulting PTY LTD

**Project No.:** P20005

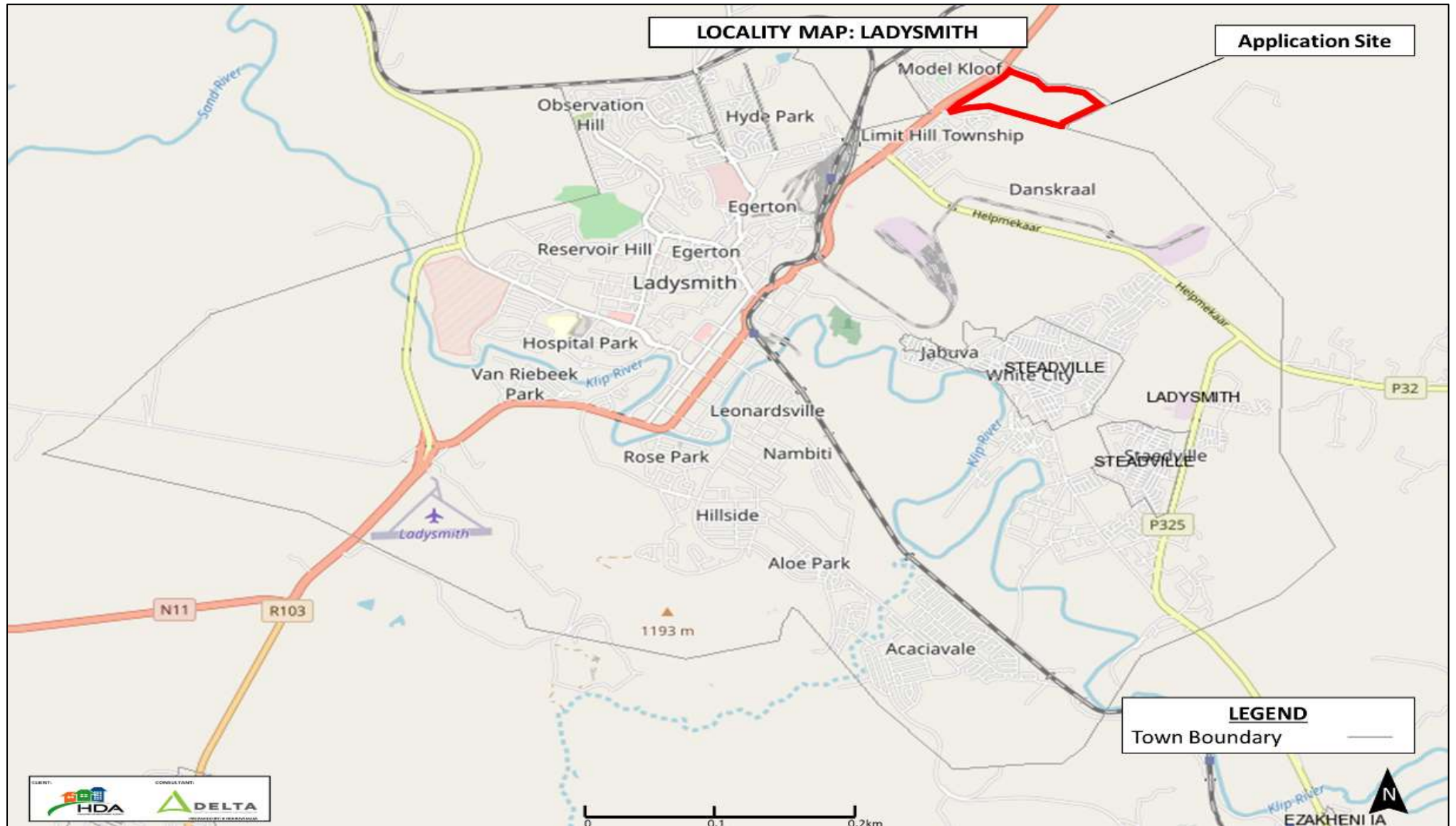
#### Project Description:

The Housing Development Agency working with the Alfred Duma Local Municipality wishes to amend the existing Modelkloof Ext 18 township, residential layout plan, general plan and the development conditions, to accommodate an integrated dense residential development with associated land uses and amenities i.e. commercial business, places for religion, education, public open spaces, transport services, etc.

#### Competent Authority:

The competent authority for this environmental authorisation is the KwaZulu Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Department of Water and Sanitation responsible for the Water Use License Application and The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) for a heritage permit.

Figure 1: Locality Map



## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER

GKM Consulting Services PTY LTD was appointed by Delta Built Environmental Consultants PTY LTD on behalf of Housing Development Agency (HDA) to undertake the required Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed amendment of the existing Modelkloof ext 18 residential layout plan, general plan and the development conditions, to accommodate an integrated more dense residential development with associated land uses and amenities i.e. commercial business, places for religion, education, public open spaces, transport services, etc.

Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP): Grace Magaya

Qualification: Bachelor's in environmental management

Experience: 8 years

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The NEMA, 1998 listed activities applied for in respect of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and for which Environmental Authorisation is required, are:

Regulation	Activity Number	Description
GNR Listing No 1	19 (i)	The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 10 cubic metres from a watercourse;
GNR Listing No 2	15	The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation.
GNR Listing No 3	12d (v) (viii)	The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan (d) KwaZulu Natal (v)(Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans;
GNR Listing No 3	14(ii) d (ii) (vii)	The development of (ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10square metres or more;(d) (vii) Critical biodiversity areas or ecological support areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans;

National Water Act listed activities applied for in respect of the Water Use License Regulation, 19988 and for which Water Use Licenses required are:

Regulation	Activity NO	Sub-section
Section	21C	impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse;
Section	21I	altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse

A Heritage License under the National Heritage Resources Act [NHRA], 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) for Heritage Impact Assessments as required in Section 38(8) of the NHRA.

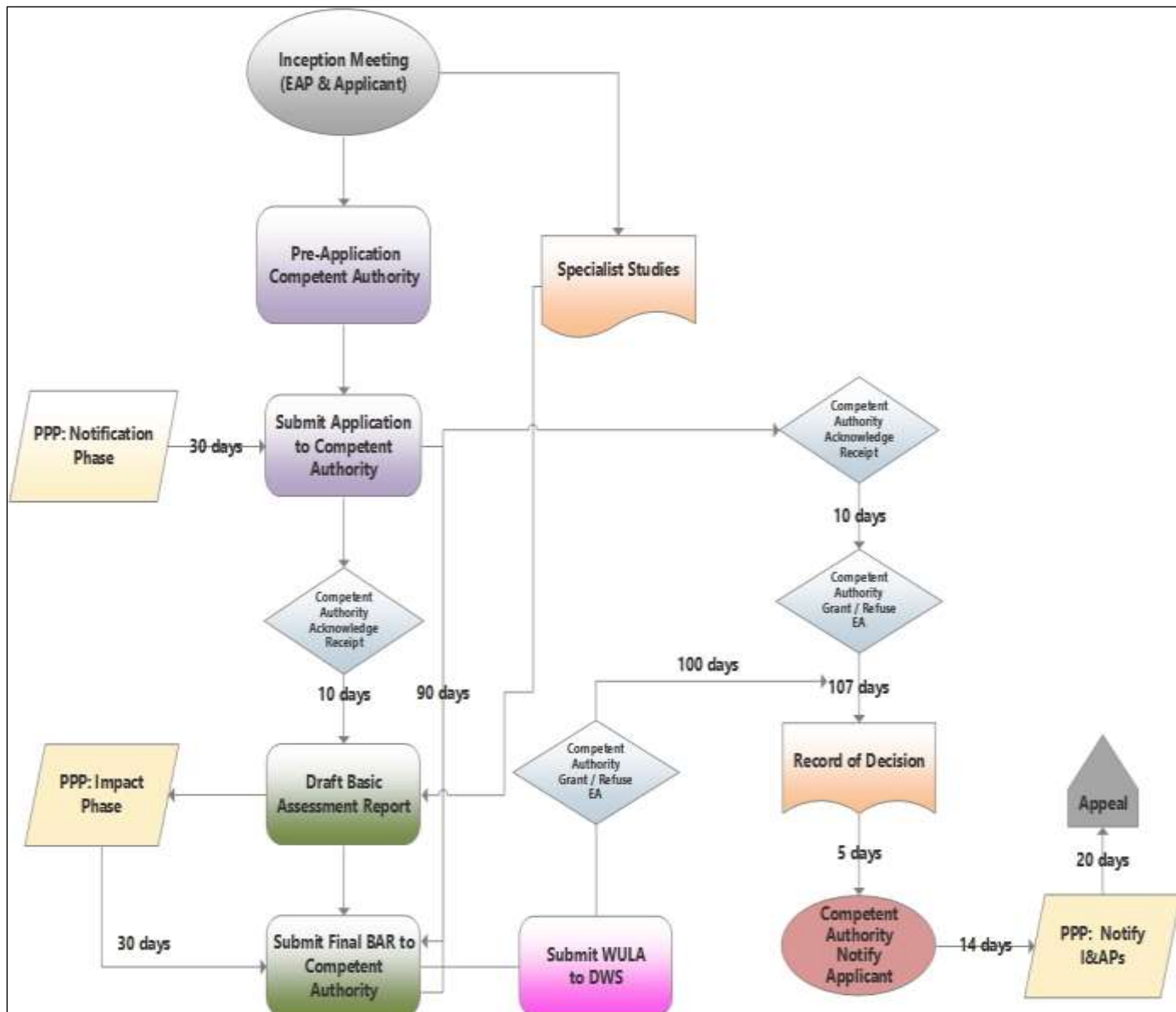
Regulation	Subsection
Section 38 (1) (c) (i)	any development or other activity which will change the character of a site— (i) exceeding 5 000 m <sup>2</sup> in extent; or

## YOUR INVOLVEMENT

### Be an Integral Part of the Environmental Impact Assessment Process:

Public involvement is an essential part of any environmental assessment process. Parties wishing to register as I&APs and participate by contributing comments or require additional information should register and / or submit their contact details and correspondence in writing to GKM Consulting Services PTY LTD, using the attached Comment Sheets. All comments received will be captured, considered and incorporated into the relevant impact assessment reports. Registered I&APs will be notified of all comment periods and availability of information within the various phases of the project.

**Figure 2: Basic Assessment and Water Use Licence Application Processes**



**REGISTER AS IAP**

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**Ref: MODELKLOOF TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHMENT**

If you would like to register as an interested and affected party, please complete the form below and return it to:

**Mrs Grace Magaya**

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Cell No: 081 494 1611

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Interest/Nature of Involvement, e.g. Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number Work / Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical address (Street)/Property Description (Name and Number):

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Postal Address:

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What is your main area of interest with regard to the proposed activities?

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Please register any possible comments, interests and/or concerns in this process:

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IAP COMMENTS

Ref: MODELKLOOF TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHMENT

Dear Sir/Madam,

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As an interested and affected party, I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name of owner/tenant of property)

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of property), agree with the following (kindly mark the applicable option/s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	I have <b>received information</b> regarding the application for environmental authorisation for the project on the property mentioned above.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not have any objections regarding the proposed project and I therefore wish to express my <b>consent or no-objection</b> for the proposed project.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I <b>do not agree</b> with the proposed project and I therefore wish to express my <b>objection</b> to the proposed application for environmental authorisation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I want to <b>register as an I&amp;AP</b> and be kept informed of the process and local open day sessions (please use attached form to fill in your contact details).
<input type="checkbox"/>	I want to attend an information session for the proposed project at Delta BEC's head office in Pretoria, Gauteng.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_