

**PALM RIDGE X42 RESIDENTIAL TOWNSHIP**  
**PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL TOWNSHIP ON PORTION 55**  
**OF THE FARM RIETSPRUIT 152-IR**  
**CITY OF EKURHULENI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY**

**COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT**

**Confirmation of Public Participation Process Followed**

The process followed in the Public Participation Process undertaken for this project involves the following:

**Initial Advertising Process**

- A list of Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs) had been compiled and is included as Appendix E(1) of the Basic Assessment Report. The register will be maintained throughout the Environmental Authorisation Process.
- Notification letters were emailed to Key Stakeholders on 5 & 8 April 2022 with a 30 day commenting period.
- Notification letters were hand delivered to the adjacent landowners on 6 April 2022 with a 30 day commenting period.
- Two laminated A2 site notification had been placed on site on 5 April 2022. A 30-day advertising period for registration as a stakeholder was stated on the notice.
- An advertisement was placed in the Citizen Newspaper on 5 April 2022 for a 30-day commenting period.

**Communication of the Draft Basic Assessment Report**

- All the stakeholders on the Register of I&APs have now been notified of the availability of the Draft BAR for comment.
- A 30-day commenting period is applicable.

**Final Basic Assessment Report**

All communication received on the **Draft BAR** will be included in the **Final BAR** to be submitted to GDARD for their consideration for Environmental Authorisation.

**Notification of Environmental Authorisation**

All registered stakeholders will be informed of the decision of the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) as soon as Environmental Authorisation had been received. All stakeholders will also be notified of the relevant appeal procedure.

*Proof of the actions referred to above are included as follows in Appendix E of the Basic Assessment Report as follows:*

**Appendix E: Public participation information**

Appendix E(1)	Register of Interested & Affected Parties
Appendix E(2)	First Phase Notification and Proof of Placement
Appendix E(3)	Onsite Notice and Proof of Placement
Appendix E(4)	Newspaper Advertisement and Proof of Placement
Appendix E(5)	Written Communication with I&APs resulting from Initial Advertising
Appendix E(6)	Proof of Distribution of Draft BAR ( <i>Will be included in the Final BAR</i> )
Appendix E(7)	Written Communication with I&APs on Draft BAR ( <i>Will be included in the Final BAR</i> )
Appendix E(8)	Comments and Responses Report

**All comments and responses thereto are summarised and addressed on the following pages under the following headings:**

- Communication resulting from the Initial Advertising Period
- Communication resulting from the distribution of the Draft Basic Assessment Report
- Communication on the Final Basic Assessment Report (if applicable)

## Communication resulting from the Initial Advertising Period

Initial comments on the project were received via email from the following stakeholders and addressed as follows:

- ❖ Mr Bertus Odendaal (11 April 2022)
- ❖ SANRAL (13 April & 17 May 2022)
- ❖ Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport (GPDRT) (13 April 2022)
- ❖ Mr Martin Madonsela (13 & 19 April 2022)

### **Mr Bertus Odendaal (dated 11 April 2022)**

- The stakeholder requested to be registered.

#### ***Response from EAP:***

*The stakeholder was already registered.*

### **SANRAL, Ms Ria Barkhuizen (dated 13 April & 17 May 2022)**

- On 13 April 2022 Ms Ria Barkhuizen supplied the contact details of the relevant official and confirmed the response period in terms of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act as well as the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act.

#### ***Response from EAP***

*The mentioned Acts are not relevant in terms of NEMA since this is not an official access and wayleave approval application which will be handled by the engineers responsible for the project.*

- On 17 May 2022 Ms Ria Barkhuizen indicated that SANRAL is not affected.

#### ***Response from EAP***

*The Applicant was informed that SANRAL is not affected. No further actions required.*

### **GPDRT, Ms Itumeleng Moresele (dated 13 April 2022)**

- The Department acknowledges that they have received the notification and indicated that the provincial road **K91** is affected by the proposed development. As a result, an application for a township establishment or change in land use (rezoning, subdivision, consent use, etc.) must be lodged with this Department in terms of the Gauteng Transport Infrastructure Act (Act 8 of 2001).

#### ***Response from EAP***

*The comments have been acknowledged and the Applicant has been informed accordingly.*

### **Mr Martin Madonsela (dated 13 & 19 April 2022)**

- The stakeholder requested to be registered.
- He provided his contact details and address.
- He indicated that he is interested to use the land for farming of vegetation.

#### ***Response from EAP:***

- *The stakeholder was registered.*
- *His address details were updated on the I&APs Register.*
- *The application is for the development of a residential township.*

## Communication resulting from the distribution of the Draft Basic Assessment Report

Comment on the Draft BAR will be communicated below once the 30-day commenting period has expired.

## Communication on the Final Basic Assessment Report

If significant comment is received on the Draft BAR which will change the findings and recommendations in the report, the Final BAR will again be circulated for comment. If no significant comment had been received, it will be submitted without further public consultation.

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