

COSMO CITY X55 FILLING STATION
PROPOSED FILLING STATION ON PART OF PORTION 2 OF
THE FARM NIETGEDACHT 535-JQ
CITY OF JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT

Confirmation of Public Participation Process Followed

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as per instructions from the Department of Environmental Affairs, timeframes approach of advertising had been amended. Refer to the Public Participation Plan and Request for Approval in Appendix E(9).

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

Initial Advertising Process

- Three laminated A2 site notification had been placed on site on 29 September 2021. A 37-day advertising period for registration as a stakeholder was stated on the notice.
- An advertisement was placed in the Citizen Newspaper on 29 September 2021 for a 37-day commenting period.
- A list of Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs) had been compiled and is included as Appendix E(8) of the Basic Assessment Report.

Please take note that during the initial advertising process the site layout and property extension were not yet finalised and the project was referred to as “Cosmo City X21 Filling Station”. The project is now referred to as “Cosmo City X55 Filling Station” and the relevant maps have been updated to reflect the exact layout. This will not influence the Public Participation Process and all I&APs will be notified of the changes with the distribution of the Draft Basic Assessment Report.

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 37-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)	Public Participation Plan Request for Approval from GDARD
Appendix E(2)	Register of Interested & Affected Parties
Appendix E(3)	First Phase Notification Letter and Proof of Distribution
Appendix E(4)	Onsite Notice and Proof of Placement
Appendix E(5)	Newspaper Advertisement and Proof of Placement
Appendix E(6)	Written Communication with I&APs resulting from Initial Advertising
Appendix E(7)	Proof of Distribution of Draft BAR (<i>Will be included in the Final BAR</i>)
Appendix E(8)	Written Communication with I&APs on Draft BAR (<i>Will be included in the Final BAR</i>)
Appendix E(9)	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:

- ❖ ESKOM
- ❖ EISD Applications
- ❖ Office of the Ward Councillor
- ❖ Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)
- ❖ Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport (GPDRT)
- ❖ Rand Water
- ❖ Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (PHRA-G)
- ❖ SANRAL

ESKOM, Intherin Chetty (dated 30 September 2021)

- Notification was forwarded to Bongi Buthelezi to investigate.

Response from EAP:

No additional information or communication was received to date.

EISD Applications, Mr Geli Mabunda (dated 30 September 2021)

- Mr Geli Mabunda requested a hard copy of the Draft BAR.

Response from EAP:

Once the Draft Basic Assessment Report has been submitted to GDARD it will be made available to all I&APs.

Office of the Ward Councillor, Cllr Sbusiso Mthembu (dated 30 September 2021)

- Letter of support attached to email.

Response from EAP:

Support was acknowledged.

DWS, Ms Lillian Siwelane (dated 1 October 2021)

- Ms Lillian Siwelane requested a copy of the Draft BAR for review.

Response from EAP:

Once the Draft Basic Assessment Report has been submitted to GDARD it will be made available to all I&APs.

GPDRT, Mr Itumeleng Morosele (dated 4 October 2021)

- Mr Morosele of the Directorate Transport Infrastructure Planning confirmed that the Gauteng Strategic Road Network namely, provincial roads **K52** and **K29**, are possibly affected by the proposed development. As a result, an application for a change in land use (rezoning, subdivision, consent use, etc.) must be lodged with the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport in terms of the Gauteng Transport Infrastructure Act (Act 8 of 2001) for evaluation.

Response from EAP:

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

Rand Water, Me Lindiwe Gamede (dated 5 October 2021)

- Me Gamede indicated that Rand Water services are “Not Affected”.

Response from EAP

The notification had been acknowledged and the Applicant has been informed.

PHRA-G, Ms Tebogo Molokomme (dated 28 October 2021)

- Ms Tebogo indicated that a heritage impact study with public participation process need to be conducted.
- A hard copy of the report is requested.

Response from EAP

The PPP will be concluded by 5 November 2021 and the Heritage Impact Study Report will be submitted once the comments have been included.

SANRAL, Ms Ria Barkhuizen (dated 12 November 2021)

- She attached an application form that need to be populated by the Applicant. She further highlighted that the section number of the road need to be included.

Response from EAP

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

Communication resulting from the distribution of the Draft Basic Assessment Report

Comment on the Draft BAR will be communicated below once the 37-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.
