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NEMA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON ERF 544 & ERF 745, OLYVENHOUTSDRIFT, UPINGTON, NORTHERN CAPE (EnviroAfrica REF NO: 0398)

Notice is hereby given of the public participation process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended ("NEMA"), Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014.

The proposed housing development includes the below activities listed in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014. EnviroAfrica cc has been appointed to undertake the **Basic Assessment** process for the proposed project.

Application for environmental authorization to undertake the following activities:

Government Notice R983 (Listing Notice 1): Activity No. 9, 12, 19 and 28
Government Notice R985 (Listing Notice 3): 4 and 12

Project Description & Location: The influx of people, due to the steep increase in employment opportunities in the area, causes a direct increase in the need for goods, services and especially housing in the Upington area. The need and desirability for a housing development, as proposed, thus arises. The proposed site is located off Jooste Eiland Road, Olyvenhoutsdrift, Upington, Northern Cape. Coordinates: **S 28°28'19.40"**, **E 21°14'57.09"**. The Spatial Development Framework of the //Khara Hais Municipality supports the development of the proposed area for mixed use. Erf 544 and Erf 745 are to be consolidated and zoned Special (internal roads), Residential I (townhouses) and Residential II (apartments and guesthouse) for the proposed construction of a housing development. The proposed development will contribute positively to the land value of the involved property, as well as that of surrounding properties. The proposed utilisation of the involved properties will entail a very high quality, partly temporary and partly permanent, residential development that will greatly contribute to the south-eastern entrance of the town of Upington.

Civil & Electrical services for the proposed development: Access to the site will be obtained from the existing Jooste Eiland road. Internal roads to be constructed shall be 6m in width for internal collector roads and 5.5m in width for access roads to residential units. Water provision to the property will be from the existing municipal water pipeline running adjacent to the eastern boundary of the erven, along the N10. No municipal sanitation infrastructure exists in the immediate vicinity. Sewage would be pumped to the nearest municipal sewerage infrastructure, which will be Rosepark pump station. Electrical distribution for both bulk supply and internal reticulation will be provided by the //Khara Hais Municipality.

Public Participation: Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby notified of the application and invited to register (in writing) and/or provide initial comments and identify any issues, concerns or opportunities relating to this project to the contact details provided below, on or before **15 April 2015**. In order to register or submit comment, I&APs should refer to the project name and reference number above, and provide their name, address & contact details (*indicating your preferred method of notification*) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which they have in the application. Please note that future correspondence will only be sent to registered Interested and Affected Parties. You are also requested to pass this information to any person you feel should be notified.

Please note that only Registered I&APs:

- will be notified of the availability of reports and other written submissions made (or to be made) to the Department by the applicant, and be entitled to comment on these reports and submissions;
- will be notified of the outcome of the application, the reasons for the decision, and that an appeal may be lodged against a decision; and
- will be notified of the applicant's intention to appeal the decision of the competent authority, together with an indication of where and for what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection.

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