

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

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**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF HOTEL SEBATA, RESTAURANT,  
CONFERENCE AND WEDDING FACILITIES, HEALTH SPA AND  
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ON PORTION 48 (A PORTION OF PORTION 39)  
OF THE FARM 272 JQ, RIETVLY, RUSTENBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY,  
NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

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## 1. BACKGROUND

Nemai Consulting C.C. has been appointed as independent environmental consultants by Sebata Group to undertake a Basic Assessment Process for the proposed development of Hotel Sebata, Restaurant, Conference and Wedding Facilities, Health Spa and Recreational Facilities on Portion 48 (A Portion of Portion 39) Of The Farm 271 JQ, Rietvly, Rustenburg Local Municipality, North West Province

The aim of this Background Information Document includes:

- To provide a brief description of the proposed project;
- To provide details on the Basic Assessment Process to be followed;
- To inform the general public of their rights and responsibilities regarding participation, and how to become involved; and
- To provide the general public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed development.

## 2. PROJECT BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION

The proposed development was initially authorised by Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment on 30 November 2007. An amendment to the authorization was undertaken by Nemai Consulting in December 2008 and it was authorised on 04 May 2009. However due to financial constraints the development did not take place and the authorisation period has lapsed.

A new application was submitted in terms of the current legislation. The new application entails the same scope of work as per the December 2008 amendment undertaken by Nemai Consulting and authorised on 04 May 2009 and is described as follows:

The proposed development entails the construction of A 7 storey hotel with an approximate floor space of 11 350 m<sup>2</sup>, restaurant of approximate floor space of 435m<sup>2</sup>, Wedding facility with approximate floor space of 962 m<sup>2</sup> and associated infrastructure. The total area for the proposed development is 8,715 hectares.

Portion 48 (A Portion of Portion 39) of the Farm 271 JQ, Rietvly, North West Province is located within the boundaries of Rustenburg Local Municipality. The study area is located approximately 4kms west of the intersection of the old Swartruggens Road (P2-3) with Phokeng Road (P115-1). Please refer to Figure 1 below for the location of the proposed development.

## 3. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

### National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998)

In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2010 as amended, the proposed development requires a Basic Assessment Process and the activities triggered by the proposed development are as follows:

#### Activity 23 of GNR 544:

*The transformation of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land to -*

- Residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use, outside an urban area and where the total area to be transformed is bigger than 1 hectare but less than 20 hectares*

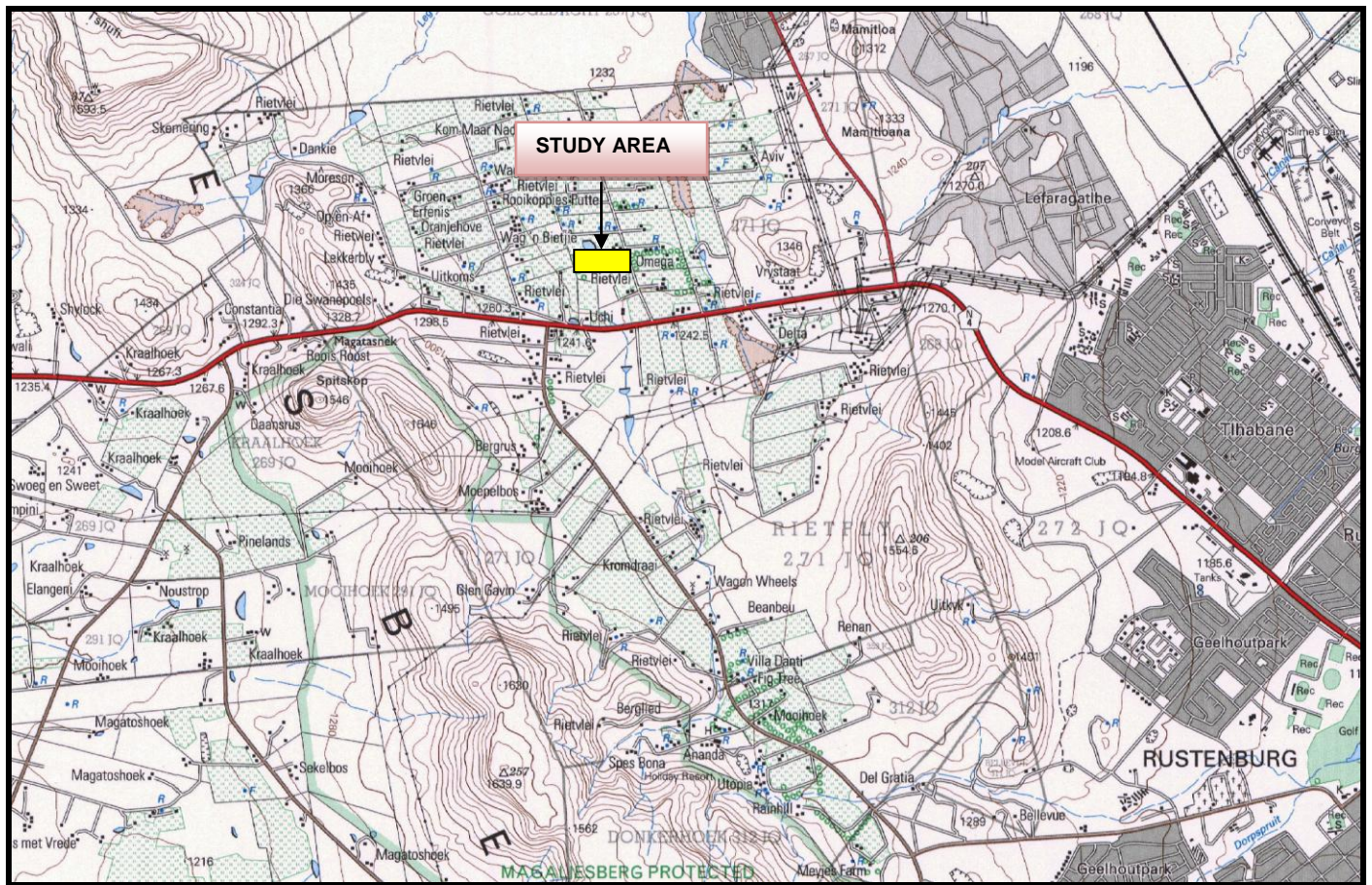
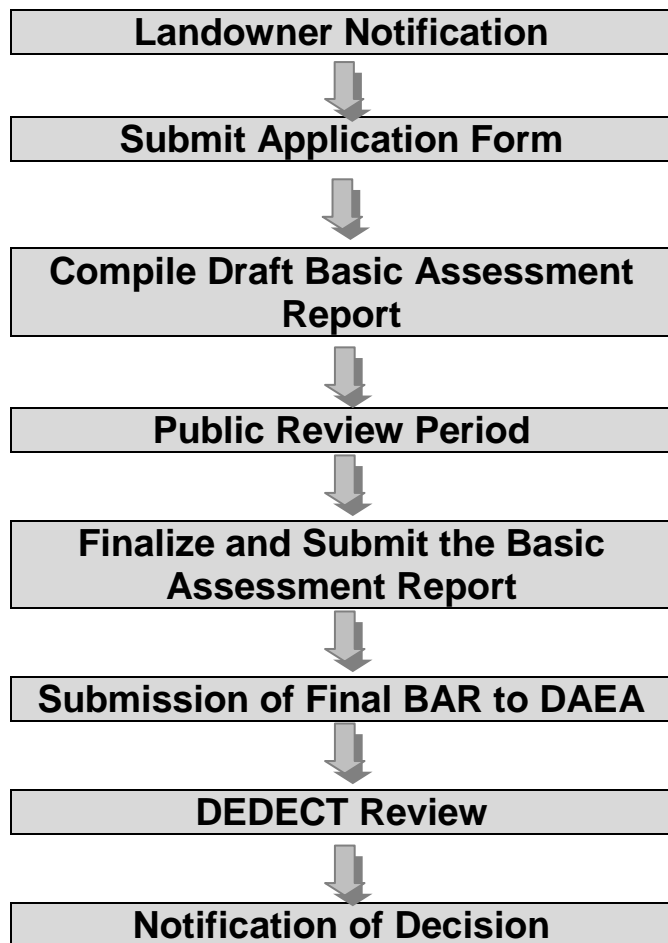


Figure 1: Locality Map indicating the location of the proposed development

#### 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A vital step in the EIA process is Public Participation. As stated in Chapter 5, Section 23(2)(d) of NEMA, the public must be afforded an adequate and appropriate opportunity to participate in decisions that may affect the environment. I&APs are therefore given the opportunity to comment on, or identify issues relevant to this application.

To ensure effective public participation, the process includes the following steps:



**Figure 2: Basic Assessment Process**

In order to register as an I&AP please complete the attached Comment and Reply Form and submit it to the contact person below.

Please forward all your comments to Nemai Consulting by **16 November 2012**. Comments may be submitted in writing, via fax, post or email.

All issues and concerns will be incorporated into a Comments and Responses Report which will be included in the Basic Assessment Report to be submitted to the Department of Economic

Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism.

#### 5. CONTACT DETAILS



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