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**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION
REPORT FOR**

*Proposed Bus and Taxi
Holding Area
Development in Mahikeng*



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Glossary of terms and acronyms

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| BAR | Basic Assessment Report |
| BID | Background Information Document |
| DM | District Municipality |
| DWS | Department of Water and Sanitation |
| EA | Environmental Authorisation |
| EAP | Environmental Assessment Practitioner |
| EIA | Environmental Impact Assessment |
| GNR | Government Notice Regulation |
| I&AP | Interested and affected party |
| LM | Local Municipality |
| NEMA | National Environmental Management Act No. 107 of 1998 |
| NWA | National Water Act No. 36 of 1998 |
| PPP | Public Participation Process |
| SAHRA | South African Heritage Resources Agency |

1. Introduction

According to Appendix 1, Section 3 (1), of the 2014 EIA Regulations (as amended in 2017), a Basic Assessment Report must include “(h) a full description of the process followed to reach the proposed development footprint within the approved site as contemplated in the accepted scoping report, including:

- (ii). details of the public participation process undertaken in terms of regulation 41 of the Regulations, including copies of the supporting documents and inputs;
- (iii). a summary of the issues raised by interested and affected parties, and an indication of the manner in which the issues were incorporated, or the reasons for not including them.”

Public Participation Process (PPP) forms an integral part of the application process. It provides people with the opportunity to raise their issues and concerns about the proposed **development**. The public participation process to which this **BAR** process is subjected to must “give all potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, a period of at least 30 days to submit comments.” In addition, the public participation process “must provide access to all information that reasonably has or may have the potential to influence any decision with regard to an application.”

Public participation must include “consultation with—

- a) the competent authority.
- b) every State department that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to an application for an environmental authorisation.
- c) all organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates; and
- d) all potential stakeholders, landowners, land users, where relevant, registered interested and affected parties.”

In terms of the NEMA (ACT NO.107 of 1998) Chapter 6, public participation process provides people who may be affected by the proposed development with an opportunity to provide comment and to raise issues of concern about the project, or to make suggestions that may result in enhanced benefits for the project. Comments and issues raised during the PPP will be captured, evaluated, and included in a comments and responses register. The issues will be addressed and included in the final version of the report, submitted to the decision-making authority, North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism.

2. Development locality

The proposed taxi and bus holding area and its associated infrastructure development to be established on erven, 3781, 3780, 710, 602 and 600 Mahikeng CBD, Registration Division Mahikeng, North West Province, forms part of a larger development project known as the Mahikeng Intermodal Facility. The proposed taxi and bus holding area and its associated infrastructure is wedged between Carrington Street to the east and the railway to the west, South of the Mafikeng cemetery. The study area for the proposed development, the area to be transformed, consist of 5 erven with a combined size of approximately 3.53 ha.

This location was regarded as the ideal site for the proposed development and the main reasons for this site selection are:

- The accessibility of the site;

- The visibility of the site;

- The locality of the site;

- The availability of services and infrastructure;

The fact that the proposed new holding area will service and compliment the proposed new taxi rank as part of the intermodal facility.















The proposed development, which forms part of the intermodal facility will not only generate rates and taxes, but will also contribute significantly to social and economic upliftment in the city and surrounding area. The long-term strategy is to create a local and regional node that will promote sustainable development. Furthermore, the local authority is in full support of the proposed developments location.

Take note that no alternative sites were investigated since the availability of large enough open, undeveloped areas within the CBD is very limited. Any other site locality will not make economic sense, because the success of the project depends on the movement of people to and from the CBD.

3. Project description

JM Professional Services CC appointed Environmental Management Group (Pty) Ltd to apply for Environmental Authorisation on behalf of the Mahikeng Local Municipality, for a proposed taxi and bus holding area development which forms part of a larger development project known as the Mahikeng Intermodal Facility, on erven, 3781, 3780, 710, 602 and 600, Mahikeng CBD, Registration Division Mahikeng, North West Province. Mahikeng is located 25.4 km South of the Botswana/South Africa border, approximately 262 km from and almost directly west of Pretoria. Within Mahikeng, the proposed development is located South of the Mahikeng Cemetery (North), the Railroad (West), Carrington Street (East) and North Road (South). The study area for the proposed development, the area to be transformed, consist of 5 erven with a combined size of approximately 3.53 ha. The proposed development therefore requires prior environmental authorization through a Basic Assessment process in terms of the Amended 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations.




Mahikeng Local Municipality (the applicant) along with JM Professional Services CC (the project managers - a development company that specializes in the development of strategically located land) have earmarked the site as described above, for a bus and taxi holding area development comprising of the following land-uses:

-  Filling Station
-  Car Wash Area
-  Tyre and Fitment Centre
-  Clinic
-  Spares and Fitment Centre
-  Restaurant
-  Taxi Association Office Buildings
-  Standard Taxi Bays (584)
-  22-Seater Bus Bay (32)
-  Taxi Office Bays (19)
-  Car Wash Bays (14)
-  Cleaning Bays (16)
-  Filling Station Parking Bays (20)
-  Tyre/ Spares and Fitment Centre's Parking Bays (13)

This report deals with the proposed development of a bus and taxi holding area and its associated infrastructure as listed above, in the Mahikeng CBD, North West Province. Take note: No alternative sites were investigated since the availability of a directly accessible, large enough undeveloped, open area is very limited. Furthermore, as the proposed development is dependent on providing a service of transportation to and from the CBD, the accessibility of the development needs to be direct. Thus, any other alternative site locality cannot be justified for the proposed development to meet economic demand and supply.

3.1. Environmental authorisation process:

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended) promulgated in terms of Chapter 5 of NEMA, provides for the control of certain listed activities. Such activities are prohibited from commencing until written authorisation is obtained from the competent authority. The listed activities are indicated in three (3) Listing Notices:

-  Listing Notice 1 (GNR. 327, 07 APRIL 2017)
-  Listing Notice 2 (GNR. 325, 07 APRIL 2017)
-  Listing Notice 3 (GNR. 324, 07 APRIL 2017)

Any development which triggers activities in Listing Notice (LN) 1 and 3 are subject to a Basic Assessment Report Environmental Authorisation Process and activities triggered within LN 2 are subject to a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment EA process.

As per the EIA regulations, 2014 (as amended) the following listing notice activities are triggered:

| Listed activity nr. | Listed activity description | Relevance to the project |
|---|---|--|
| Listing Notice 1 (GN R 327, 07 April 2017) | | |
| Activity 14 | The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure, for the storage, or for the storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 cubic meters or more but not exceeding 500 cubic meters. | As part of the development a filling station is proposed of which the storage capacity might be more than 80 cubic meters. |
| Activity 19 | The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic meters 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; | Construction will overlap with an existing storm water channel. |
| Activity 27 | The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation. | The proposed development will entail the removal of approximately 3.53 hectares of indigenous vegetation classified as having low sensitivity. |
| Listing Notice 3 (GN R324, 07 April 2017) | | |
| Activity 12 (h) (iv) | h) The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation; iv) Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority | The proposed development will clear an area of 35 300 square metres within an identified critical biodiversity area 2 (CBA2). |

3.2. Water use license.

A General Authorisation section 21 C: impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse & I: altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse Water use license has been obtained from Department of Water and Sanitation. On the 2nd of June 2022, File No: **27/2/2/D141/13/3**.

3.3. Timeframes

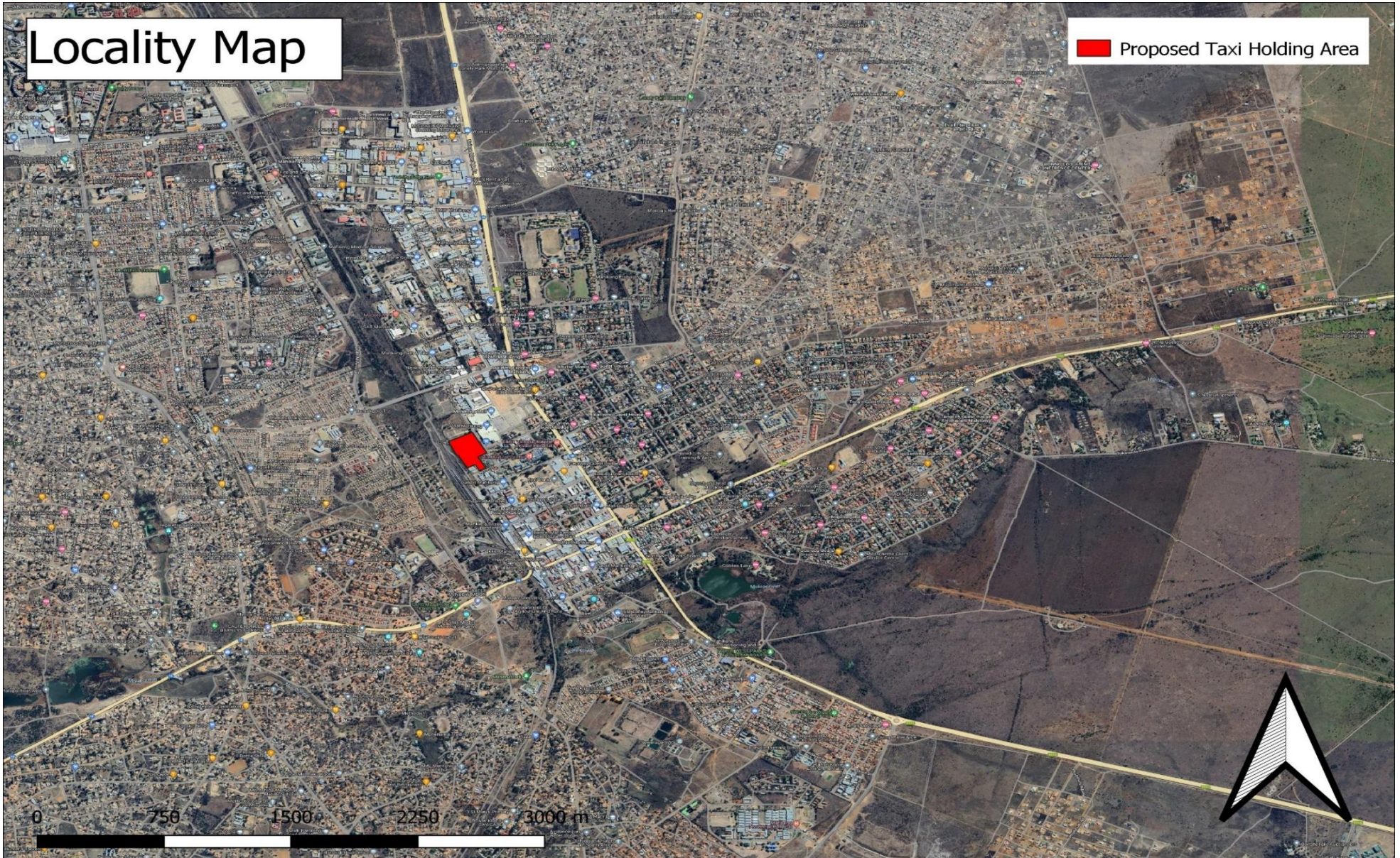
3.3.1. Basic Assessment Report timeframe

| process steps (in accordance with chapter 6 of gn326) | responsible party | timeframe |
|---|---------------------|-----------|
| Initial communication to clarify the application with the Authorising Department. | EAP | 1 day |
| EAP to conduct a site investigation | EAP | 1 day |
| EAP to submit Application for Environmental Authorisation to the competent authority. | | 1 day |
| Competent authority Accepts Application. | Competent authority | 14 day |
| EAP to compile a Basic Assessment Report subjected to 30 days Public Participation Process. | EAP | 90 day |
| EAP to submit Final Basic Assessment Report inclusive of comments to competent authority. | EAP | 1 day |
| Competent authority to grant or decline Approval for Environmental Authorisation. | Competent authority | 107 day |
| Environmental Authorisation subject to 20 day appeal process. | EAP | 20 day |
| Final Approval of Environmental Authorisation. | Competent authority | 1 day |

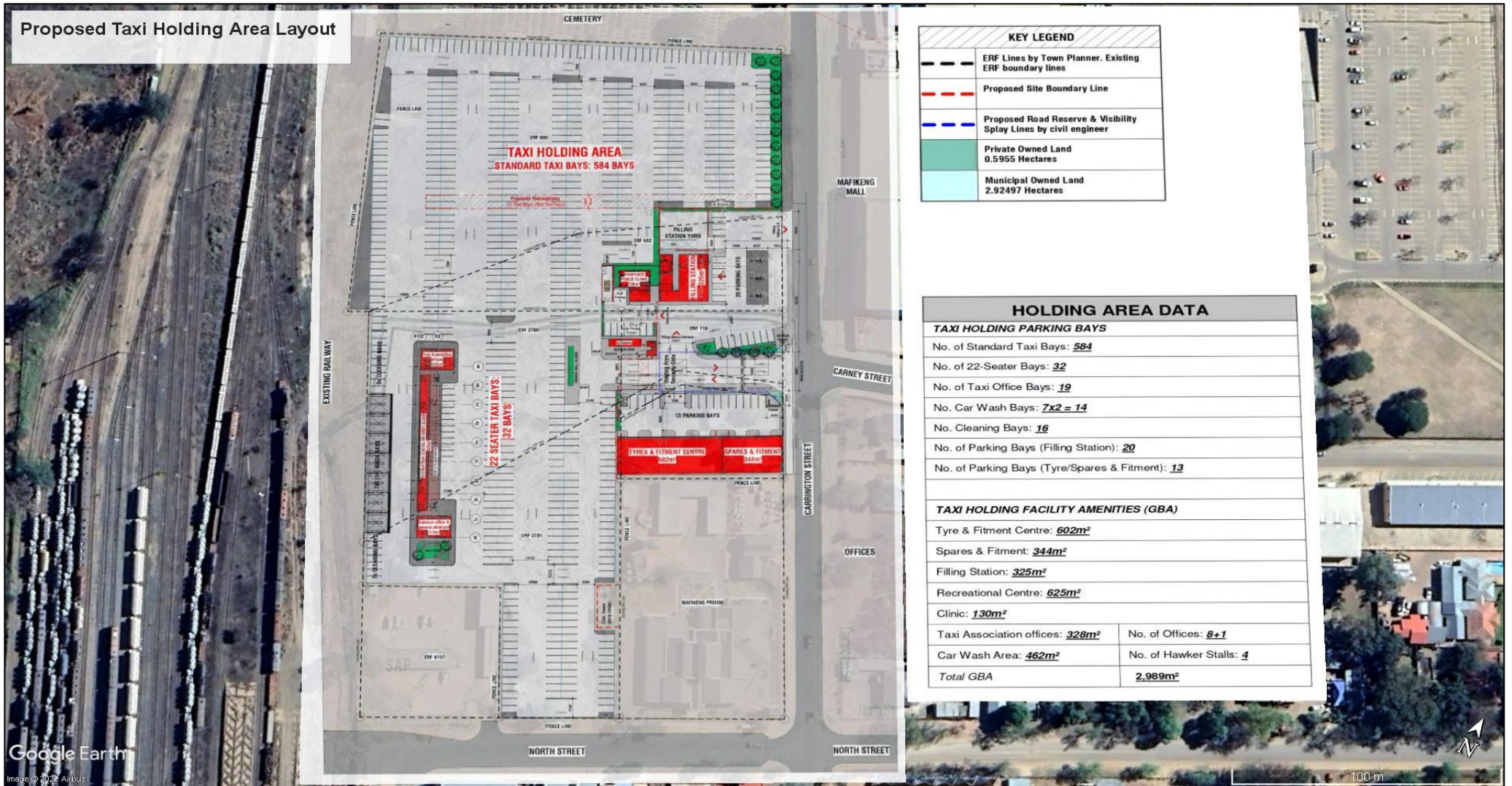
4. Maps



Locality Map



Layout Map



| KEY LEGEND | |
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| | ERF Lines by Town Planner. Existing ERF boundary lines |
| | Proposed Site Boundary Line |
| | Proposed Road Reserve & Visibility Splay Lines by civil engineer |
| | Private Owned Land 0.5955 Hectares |
| | Municipal Owned Land 2.92497 Hectares |

| HOLDING AREA DATA | |
|--|-----------------|
| TAXI HOLDING PARKING BAYS | |
| No. of Standard Taxi Bays: | 584 |
| No. of 22-Seater Bays: | 32 |
| No. of Taxi Office Bays: | 19 |
| No. Car Wash Bays: | 7x2 = 14 |
| No. Cleaning Bays: | 16 |
| No. of Parking Bays (Filling Station): | 20 |
| No. of Parking Bays (Tyre/Spares & Fitment): | 13 |
| TAXI HOLDING FACILITY AMENITIES (GBA) | |
| Tyre & Fitment Centre: | 602m² |
| Spares & Fitment: | 344m² |
| Filling Station: | 325m² |
| Recreational Centre: | 625m² |
| Clinic: | 130m² |
| Taxi Association offices: | 328m² |
| No. of Offices: | 8+1 |
| Car Wash Area: | 462m² |
| No. of Hawker Stalls: | 4 |
| Total GBA | 2,989m² |




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100 m



5. Approach and methodology

The Public Participation Process was conducted as per GNR326 chapter 6 sections 39-44 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014 (as amended 07 April 2017) and the Public Participation Guidelines, 2017 were considered. Steps, which were taken to inform the identified I&APs and surrounding community of the proposed development included:

-  Newspaper advertisement.
-  Site notices
-  Distribution of background information document

5.1. Newspaper advertisement

The project was advertised in the local newspaper, Mahikeng Mail on the 16th of July 2021 to inform the I&AP's of the application for Environmental Authorisation for the proposed Bus and Taxi Holding Area Development in Mahikeng.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR BASIC ASSESSMENT

Notice is hereby given in terms of regulation 41 of Government Notice No. R326 under the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) as amended 7 April 2017, of intent to carry out the following project:

APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A BUS AND TAXI HOLDING AREA

NEMA: Listing Notice 1 (NO. 327, 07 APRIL 2017)

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| R327 | 14 | The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure, for the storage, or for the storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 cubic metres or more but not exceeding 500 cubic metres. |
| R327 | 19 | The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic meters 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; |
| R327 | 27 | The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for- (i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or (ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan. |

LOCATION: Situated on the Erf 600 RE, Erf 602 RE, Erf 3780 RE and Erf 13 remaining extent, in the Mahikeng Local Municipality, North West Province

PROPONENT: Mahikeng Local Municipality

CONSULTANT: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT GROUP
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In order to ensure that you are identified as an interested and/or affected party, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter to the consultant given above within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Thirty days are allowed for your comments to reach us as per NEMA (Act 107, 1998, amended 7 April 2017), GNR 326.

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5.2. Site notices

On site and surrounding area site notices was placed on the 6th of December 2022, to bring the proposed Bus and Taxi Holding Area development to the attention of I&APs including surrounding land users.



Site notice 1:





Site
notice 2:





**Site
notice 3:**





Site notice 4



6. List of I&Aps

| List of Stakeholders and I&AP's | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|---|---|---------------------|
| Department / Organisation | Contact Person | E-Mail Address | Address | Contact Nr |
| Department Community Safety and Transport Management | Ms B Mofokeng | bmofokeng@nwpg.gov.za – nwcommsafety@nwpg.gov.za | Tirelo Building Albert Lithuli Drive Mahikeng 2735 | 018 200 8001 / 9 |
| Department of Water & Sanitation | Mr H Pretorius | pretorih@dws.gov.za – peensh@dws.gov.za | | 012 253 1093 |
| Department of Public Works and Roads | Mr M Moremi | portia.midisi@dpw.gov.za | Ngaka Modiri Molema Road Old Parliament Complex Provincial Office Mmabatho 2735 | 018 388 1435 / 1377 |
| Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality MM | Mr Allan Olehile Losaba | losabao@nmmdm.gov.za – vanrooyenm@nmmdm.gov.za | Cnr Carrington str and 1st Avenue Industrial Site Private Bag X2167 Mafikeng 2745 | 018 381 9400 |
| Mahikeng Local Municipality | Mr Mike Mokgwamme | mahikenglocal@gmail.com | Cnr University Drive & Hector Peterson Street Mmabatho 2735 | 018 389 0111 |
| Mahikeng Local Municipality - Executive Mayor | Cllr Betty Diakanyo | neo.magida@gmail.com | Cnr University Drive & Hector Peterson Street Mmabatho 2735 | 018 389 0111 |
| Mahikeng Local Municipality Ward Councillor 7 | | mahikenglocal@gmail.com | Cnr University Drive & Hector Peterson Street | 018 389 0111 |

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| | | | Mmabatho 2735 | |
| Mahikeng Mall | M VD Westhuizen / Mrs Mbongeni Gaduka | MvdWesthuizen@broll.com / mgaduka@broll.com | C/O Carrington & Carney Street Mahikeng 2745 | (018) 381 7589 / (060) 371 4008 |
| Dainty's Wholesalers & Hardware (Pty) Ltd | | abudaintys@yahoo.com | 17 Carrington St Mahikeng Industrial Mahikeng | 018 381 6162 |
| Mahikeng (Northwest) Police Service | | mahikeng.sc@saps.gov.za | 5 Tillard Street Mahikeng 2745 | 018 397 5057 |
| Correctional Services | Head of Department | legaeletebele@dcs.gov.za | 11 Carrington St, Mafikeng | 018 381 1601 |
| Simunye Funeral Services | | simunyebs@telkomsa.net | 65 Carrington St, Mafikeng | 018 381 8070 |
| Transnet Head of Department | Mr Neo Mosebo | Neo.Mosebo2@transnet.net / Johan.Basson@transnet.net / Kabelo.Monchusi@transnet.net / Moabelo@transnet.net | | 011 584 0702 |
| <u>Mahikeng Cemetery</u> | <u>Mrs Grace Moloko</u> | Grace.moalosi@gmail.com / grace.moloko@masikeng.gov.za | 3 Carrington St, Mafikeng Industrial, Mahikeng | 018 389 0111 |

7. Proof of notification to relevant authorities and I&APs

BID circulated to all I&AP's, Stakeholders and Departments.

Proposed Bus and Taxi Holding Area Development in Mahikeng, Background Information Document - Message (HTML)

Tue 29 Jun 2021 12:20

Christien Kruger <ckruger@envmmp.com>

Proposed Bus and Taxi Holding Area Development in Mahikeng, Background Information Document.

To 'MvdWesthuizen@brill.com'; 'mgaduka@brill.com'; 'legaelelele@ds.gov.za'; 'Neo.Mosebola@transnet.net'; 'Johan.Basson@transnet.net'; 'Kabelo.Mondrus@transnet.net'; 'Moabelo@transnet.net'; 'Grace.makos@gmail.com'; 'grace.moko@msiskeng.gov.za'

Cc CW Vermeulen

Message BID Mahikeng.pdf (562 KB)

Good Day Sir/ Madam

Please find attached background information document (BID) for your attention.

Re: Notice is hereby given in terms of regulation 4 of Government Notice No. R328 under the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1989) as amended 7 April 2017, of intent to carry out the following activity:

Proposed Bus and Taxi Holding Area Development


We have been appointed by All Professional Services CC on behalf of Mahikeng Local Municipality regarding the application for Basic Assessment for the proposed Bus and Taxi Holding Area development, situated on the following 4 properties ERF000 RE, ERF02 RE, ERF3780 RE and ERF13 RE in Mahikeng, North West Province.

Please find attached a copy of the Background Information Document (BID) for your comments. Thirty days for comments to reach us are allowed per NEMA (Act 107, 1989, amended 7 April 2017), (SNR 328).

Your comments on the project will be appreciated.

Should you have any project-related queries, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



CW Vermeulen

8. Comment and response register

| Person | I&AP comment | EAP response |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| No comments were received during the 30 day public participation. | | |

9. Conclusion

It is concluded that the methods incorporated in the public participation process to inform the surrounding landowners, organs of state and identified government authorities was adequate. All the identified I&APs were given an opportunity to give input regarding the proposed development and all comments are included in the comments register.