

**FOURIES POULTRY FARMS (PTY) LTD. TRADING
NAME: CHUBBY CHICK ENTERPRISES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
AUTHORISATION APPLICATION: EXPANSION OF
THE ROODEKRAAL FREE-RANGE CHICKEN FARM
(EIA Ref: NWP/EIA/110/2012; SMS Ref: FOU-ROO-12-
10-22)**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

In terms of Regulation 54 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, GN. 543 of 18 June 2010, the Departments, Organs of State, Stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are herewith notified of the intent to carry out the following activity:

1 Legislation

In accordance with the regulations published in GN R 543 and R 544 of 18 June 2010, in terms of section 24D of the National Environment Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), the applicant is required to carry out a Basic Environmental Impact Assessment for the following activities:

Listing notice 1, R. 544 of 18 June 2010, Activity No. 32:

The expansion of facilities for the concentration of poultry, excluding chicks younger than 20 days, where the capacity of the facility will be increased by:

- (ii) more than 5 000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area.

Listing notice 1, R. 544 of 18 June 2010, Activity No. 47:

The widening of a road by more than 6 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre-

- (ii) where no reserve exists, where the existing road is wider than 8 metres –
excluding widening or lengthening occurring inside urban areas.

Listing notice 3, R. 546 of 18 June 2010, Activity No. 12:

The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation.

- a) Within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004;
- b) Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans;
- c) Within the littoral active zone or 100 metres inland from high water mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever distance is the greater, excluding where such removal will occur behind the development setback line on erven in urban areas.

Listing notice 3, R. 546 of 18 June 2010, Activity No. 13:

The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more of vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation, except where such removal of vegetation is required for:

- 1) the undertaking of a process or activity included in the list of waste management activities published in terms of section 19 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008), in which case the activity is regarded to be excluded from this list.
- 2) the undertaking of a linear activity falling below the thresholds mentioned in Listing Notice 1 in terms of GN No. 544 of 2010.
 - a) Critical biodiversity areas and ecological support areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority.
 - b) National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus areas.
 - (e) In North West:
 - i. Outside urban areas, in:
 - (aa) A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies;
 - (bb) National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus areas;
 - (cc) Sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority;
 - (dd) Sites or areas identified in terms of an International Convention;
 - (ee) Critical biodiversity areas (Type 1 only) and ecological support areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans;
 - (ff) Core areas in biosphere reserves;
 - (gg) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core areas of a biosphere reserve.

Listing notice 3, R. 546 of 18 June 2010, Activity No. 19:

The widening of a road by more than 4 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre.

- (c) In North West:
 - i. Outside urban areas, in:

- (aa) A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies;
- (bb) National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus areas;
- (cc) Sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority;
- (dd) Sites or areas identified in terms of an International Convention;
- (ee) Critical biodiversity areas (Terrestrial Type 1 and 2 and Aquatic Type 1) as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans;
- (ff) Core areas in biosphere reserves;
- (gg) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core area of a biosphere reserve.

2 Applicant

Fouries Poultry Farms (Pty) Ltd. Trading name: Chubby Chick Enterprises.

3 Location

Portion 2 of the farm Roodekraal 454 IQ. The project site is located approximately 16.6km to the south-east of Potchefstroom. The GPS coordinates for the site are: 26°50'42.01"S; 27°10'59.52"E. The site falls under the jurisdiction of the Tlokwe City Council and Dr. Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, Northwest Province.



Figure 1: Google earth image of site

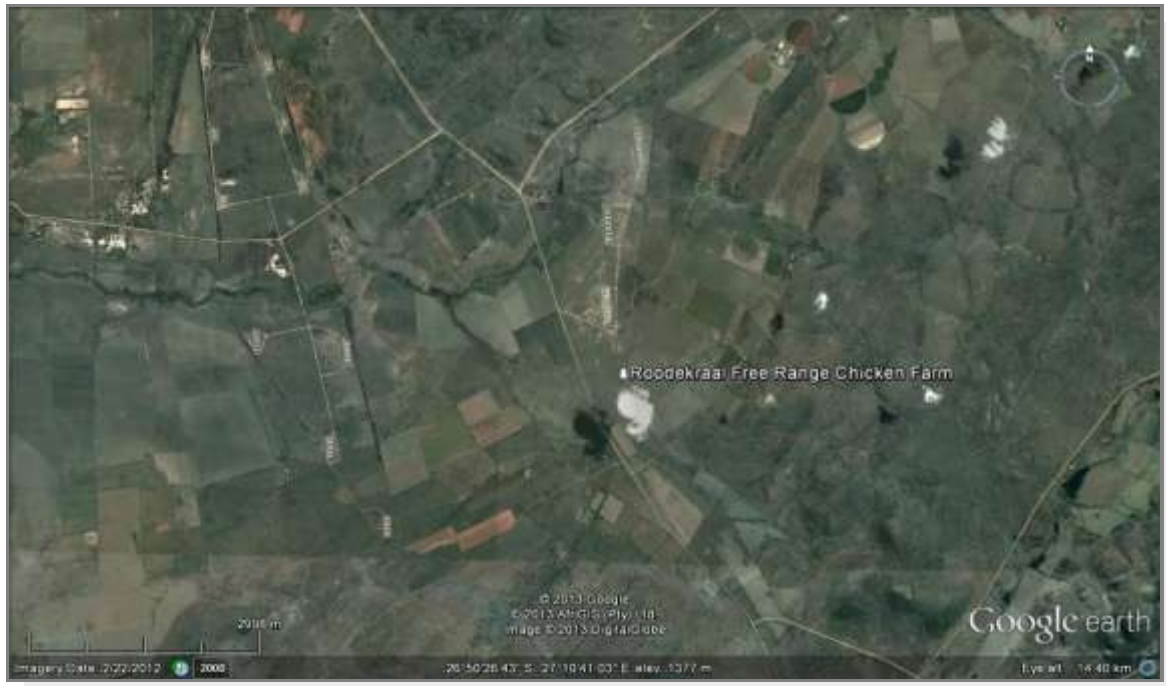


Figure 2: Google earth image of the areas surrounding the site.

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5 Activity Description

An application for environmental authorisation has been submitted to the competent authority, the North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (DEDECT). The proposed expansion project will entail the following:

- An existing free-range chicken farm (situated outside of an urban area) will be expanded through the construction of an additional cluster of chicken houses.
- The cluster will consist of ten (10) free-range chicken houses. Each house will accommodate 15 000 chickens per production cycle. The new cluster will therefore house 150 000 chickens per production cycle.
- The development footprint of the new cluster will be approximately 5.5ha.
- An existing access road to the proposed site will be expanded and upgraded.

6 Public Participation Process

Public participation is an integral part of the Basic Assessment Process, and will include the following components:

First part of the Public Participation:

The primary purpose of this phase is to give potential interested and affected parties (I&APs) an opportunity to register as an interested or affected party for the project.

Comment on the Basic Assessment Report:

The draft Basic Assessment Report will be made available to registered I&APs to provide them with an opportunity to comment, in writing, on this document before it is submitted to the competent authority. All comments received will be included in a comments and response report compiled by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner. This report will describe the issue raised, the date it was raised and by whom, and how the issue will be, or has been dealt with.

Comments received on the draft Basic Assessment Report are included in the final report prior to submission to the North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (DEDECT).

Invitation to Participate

Should you require any further information or wish to register as I&AP and/or inform us of any other I&APs and/or organisation and/or organ of state that should be notified, please contact Lizette Crous before the expiry date on 16 April 2013.