



**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
PROCESS
BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE
PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF
BORAKALALO BRIDGE IN BORAKALALO
VILLAGE WITHIN THE NORTH-WEST
PROVINCE**

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PROJECT DETAILS

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1. SUMMARY AND OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

It is Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality`s intention to construct a new bridge in the Borakalalo Village which falls within the jurisdiction of the Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality, North-West Province. The construction of a new river bridge will do away the existing unsafe gravel walkway crossing through the riverbed. The new bridge will provide uninterrupted and safe access to amenities for the community in general, on both sides of the stream of the river.

The proposed development will also include the upgrading of approximately 990 meters of approach roads on either side of the bridge. This road extends from 0.00km at a Side-junction to the Left with a surfaced local road before the sharp-bend (Clinic and Cemetery Road) in a North-Westerly direction, for 0.980km, to link to the surfaced roads. The road then follows a north-westerly direction for 0.430 km, past Clinic and bends slightly to the left, towards the stream where the new bridge is coming. It bends westward at 0.880km towards the other surfaced road at 0.990 km.

1.1 SITE LOCATION

The following property will be affected by the construction of the proposed bridge (refer to Table 1.1 and Figure 1):

Table 1.1: Location of the study area

Province	North-West Province
District Municipality	Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality
Local Municipality	Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality
Ward number(s)	04
Nearest townships(s)	~1km east of Motswedi Matjiesfontein and ~2 km south of Poosedumane
Farm name(s) and number(s)/ Erf number	Moilos 412 JO
Portion number(s)	412
SG 21 Digit Code	T0J000000000041200000
Co-ordinates	25° 16' 39.8"S 25° 54' 58.0"E

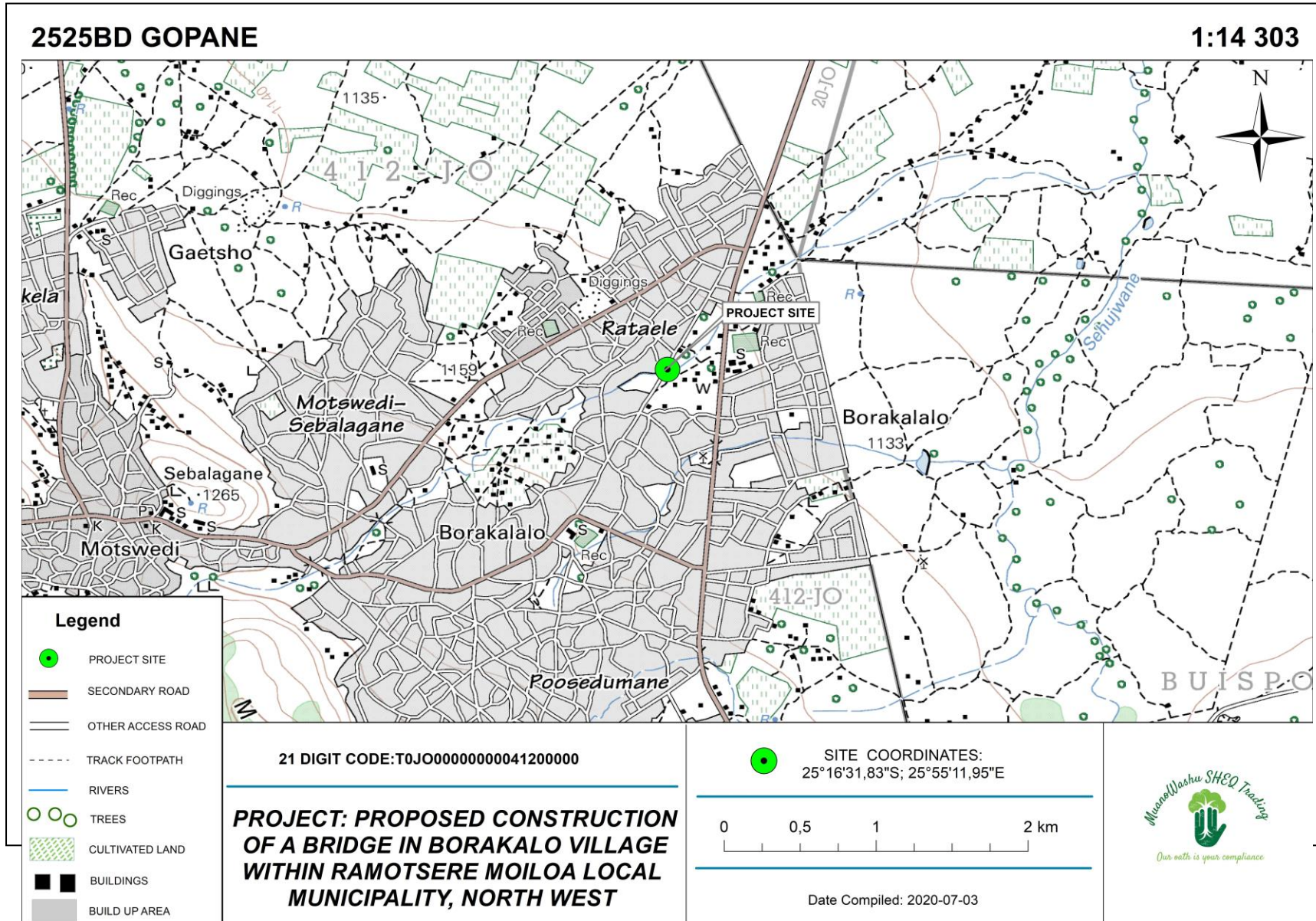
1.2 NEED AND DESIRABILITY FOR THE PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE

The aim of the proposed construction of the new river bridge is to eradicate the existing unsafe gravel road crossing through the riverbed. The new bridge will provide uninterrupted and safe access to school children and the community in general, over the river. Currently there is no existing drainage structure. Vehicles and pedestrians must cross the river at riverbed level. The riverbed is \pm 5m deep at the crossing and has steep banks. The eroded banks and riverbed are most possibly symptoms of some high flood velocities. There is no exposed bedrock visible at the existing crossing position.

The bridge site has always been crossing point between the Goo-Nonyane section, which hosts the churches, schools, clinic; and the Ledubana section which hosts the village cemetery and sports ground. There is therefore a need for proper access and crossing between these two sections of one village. Evidence on the ground show that people still walk across and have been doing makeshift plan like packing stones and rubble to assist crossing, but rain always washes these away while erosion makes the crossing deeper and steeper.

From an overall sensitivity and planning perspective, the proposed construction supports the broader strategic context of the municipality and is in line with broader societal needs and the public interest. No exceedance of social, ecological or heritage limits will result from the construction of the proposed bridge and it associated infrastructures, and no significant disturbance of biological diversity is anticipated, as detailed in this Basic Assessment Report.

For the two years prior the municipality failed to implemented MIG allocations as awarded to the municipality for upgrading of streets from gravel to tar or paving. Delay in procurement process impacted negatively for implementation of the MIG Projects. The implementation of storm water projects is not possible due to the costs as per MIG standards, thus the roads also serves as the storm water channels.



1.3 REQUIREMENTS FOR A BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of December 2014, as amended, published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No. 107 of 1998), Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality requires authorisation for the construction of the new bridge and its associated infrastructure. In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of NEMA (No 107 of 1998), as read with the EIA Regulations of GN R982 – R985, a Basic Assessment process is required to be undertaken in support of the application for authorisation for the proposed project.

In terms of Section 24(1) of NEMA, the potential impact on the environment associated with these activities must be considered, investigated, assessed and reported on to the competent authority that has been charged by NEMA with the responsibility of granting Environmental Authorisations. The North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (DEDECT) is the competent authority.

This report has been compiled in accordance with the requirements of the EIA Regulations of December 2014 (as per Table A below), and includes details of the activity description; the site, area and property description; the public participation process; the impact assessment; and the recommendations of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner.

1.4 DETAILS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER AND EXPERTISE TO CONDUCT THE BASIC ASSESSMENT

The Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality, through an appointed implementer, Nathoo Mbenyane Engineers and Project managers has appointed Muanowashu SHEQ Trading as the independent environmental consultant to undertake the required Basic Assessment process and to identify and assess all the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project and propose appropriate mitigation and management measures in an Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). As part of these environmental studies, Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs) have been actively involved through the public involvement process. Neither Muanowashu SHEQ Trading nor any of the specialist sub-consultants on this project are subsidiaries of or are affiliated to Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality. In addition, Muanowashu SHEQ Trading

does not have any interest in secondary developments that may arise out of the authorisation of the proposed project.

The Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) and the project team from Muanowashu SHEQ Trading who are responsible for this project are:

Mr Tambudzani Mulaudzi is an Environmental Consultant and holds a Master`s Degree in Natural Sciences and a Post Grad Diploma in Business Management, and is registered with the South African Council of Natural Science Professions (SACNSP) as an Environmental Scientist. He has workplace training certificates in EIA Administration, Environmental law, EMS ISO 14001 Implementation, and Environmental management Inspector. He has 9 years` experience in EIA review, administration and project management in both public and private sector for small and large scale projects. He is also experienced in auditing compliance monitoring and enforcement.

Mr Errol Baloyi is an Environmental Consultant and holds a Honors Degree in Environmental Sciences. He is an experienced project manager both in public sector and private as waste specialist and an experience EIA consultant.

Curricula Vitae for the project team are included in **Appendix F**.

1.5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

According to Annex 2 of the *Directions regarding measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of covid -19 relating to national environmental management permits and licences* (June 2020), a public participation plan must be approved by the competent authority. Below are the public participation activities for your consideration:

- [Advertise in the Mmegadikgang](#) (Mafikeng/Mmabatho/ Setlagole/ Madibogo/ Delareyville / Sannieshof/ **Zeerust**/ Lichtenburg/ Itsoseng/ Boikhutso/ Coligny)- 31 July 2020
- Two site notices on all accesses to the bridge site (22 July)
- Notice at the Ramotshwere Moiloa Local municipality notice board (22 July 2020)
- Notice at Borakalalo Tribal Office (22 July 2020)
- NW DEDECT office for authority comments (22 July 2020)

Evidence of public participation plan as indicated above will be submitted with the final report with the full public participation report as required in the NEMA EIA regulations.

A public participation plan was submitted and approved by the competent authority. Appendix D contains all public participation documentation.



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Basic assessment report in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended.

Kindly note that:

1. This **basic assessment report** is a standard report that may be required by a competent authority in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 and is meant to streamline applications.
2. This report format is current as of **December 2014**. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ascertain whether subsequent versions of the form have been published or produced by the competent authority
3. The report must be typed within the spaces provided in the form. The size of the spaces provided is not necessarily indicative of the amount of information to be provided. The report is in the form of a table that can extend itself as each space is filled with typing.
4. Where applicable **tick** the boxes that are applicable in the report.
5. The use of "not applicable" in the report must be done with circumspection. An incomplete report or that does not meet the requirements in terms of Regulation 19 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, will be rejected to be revised and be resubmitted.
6. The report must be handed in at offices of the relevant competent authority as determined by each authority.
7. No faxed or e-mailed reports will be accepted.
8. The signature of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) on the report must be an original.
9. The report must be compiled by an independent EAP.
10. Unless protected by law, all information in the report will become public information on receipt by the competent authority. Any interested and affected party should be provided with the information contained in this report on request, during any stage of the application process.
11. A competent authority may require that for specified types of activities in defined situations only parts of this report need to be completed.
12. Should a specialist report or report on a specialised process be submitted at any stage for any part of this application, the terms of reference for such report must also be submitted.
13. Two (2) colour hard copies and one (1) electronic copy of the report must be submitted to the competent authority.
14. Shape files (.shp) for maps must be included on the electronic copy of the report submitted to the competent authority.

2. SECTION A: ACTIVITY INFORMATION

2.1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

a) Describe the project in association with the listed activities applied for

It is Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality intention to construct a new bridge in the Borakalalo Village which falls within the jurisdiction of the Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality, North-West Province. The construction of a new river bridge will eradicate the existing unsafe gravel road crossing through the riverbed. The new bridge will provide uninterrupted and safe access to school children and the community in general, over the river.

The proposed development will also include the upgrading of approximately 990 meters of approach roads on either side of the bridge. This road extends from 0.00km at a Side-junction to the Left with a surfaced local road before the sharp-bend (Clinic and Cemetery Road) in a North-Westerly direction, for 0.980km, to link to the surfaced roads. The road then follows a north-westerly direction for 0.430 km, past Clinic and bends slightly to the left, towards the stream where the new bridge is coming. It bends westward at 0.880km towards the other surfaced road at 0.990 km.

Thirty thousands (30 000m³) earth material for the construction of the bridge will be obtained from a planned borrow pit which will also undergo mining permit application with the department of mineral resources.

A 100m deep borehole will be drilled to obtain water for construction. It is estimated that 20 000 000 litres of water will be used for the construction. Water use application (Abstraction General Authorisation) will be applied for with the Department of Water Sanitation alongside with Section 21 c)& i) General Authorisation.



2.2. SITE LOCATION

The following property will be affected by the construction of the proposed bridge (refer to Table 1.1 and Figure 1):

Locality Map will confirm the farm name or erf number.

Table 1.1: Location of the study area

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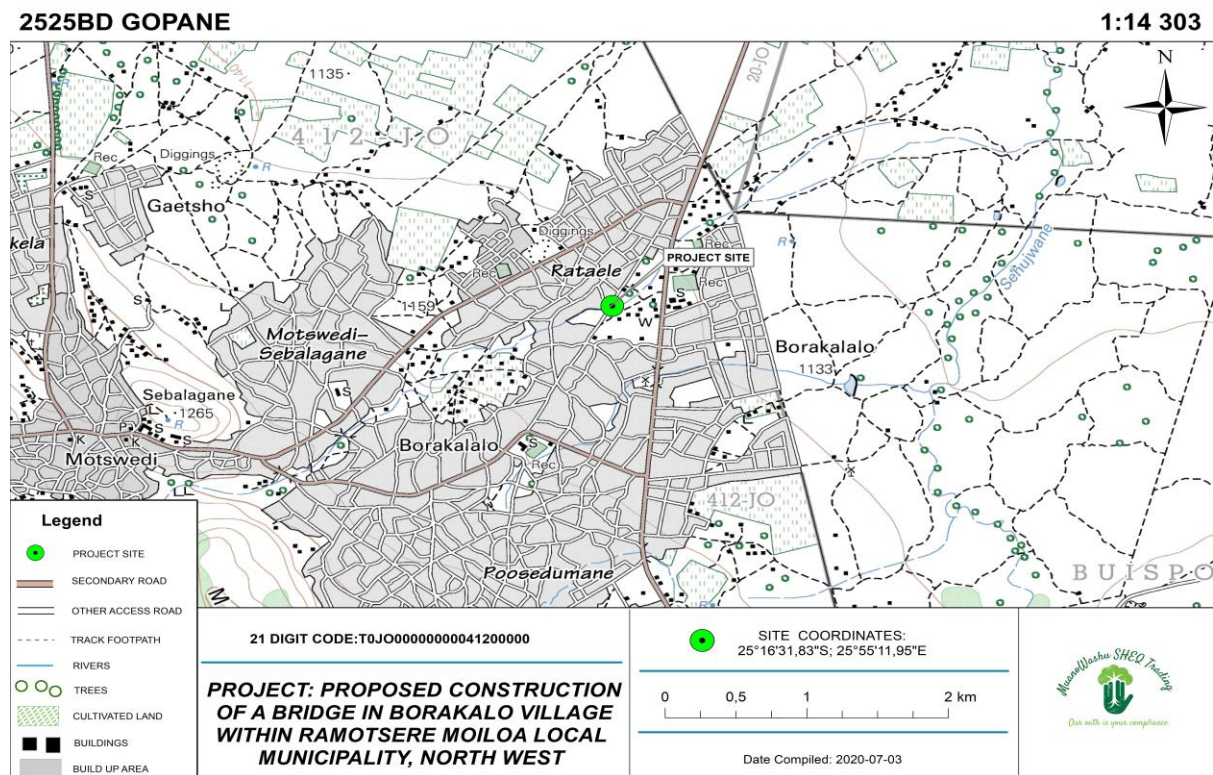


Figure 1: Locality Map



b) Provide a detailed description of the listed activities associated with the project as applied for

Indicate the number and date of the relevant notice:	Activity No (s) and Activity Description (in terms of the relevant notice)	Describe each listed activity as per project description
GN R 983 (Listing Notice 1), 4 December 2014	Item 19: <i>The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic metres 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.</i>	Construction of a 90m long and 15m wide bridge across a ephemeral stream.
GN R 983 (Listing Notice 1), 4 December 2014	Item 21: <i>Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a mining permit in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), including – (a) associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks, directly related to the extraction of a mineral resource shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 10 cubic metres from a watercourse.</i>	Establishment of a burrow pit from which to obtain construction earth material for the bridge and road. The earth material required to complete the work is in excess of 30 000m ³

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Local Municipality	Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality
Ward Number(s)	4
Farm name and number	Moilos 412 JO
Portion number	412 JO
21 digit Surveyor General Code	T0J000000000041200000



Where a large number of properties are involved (e.g. linear activities) please attach a full list to this application including the same information as indicated above

2.3. FEASIBLE AND REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES

"alternatives", in relation to a proposed activity, means different means of meeting the general purpose and requirements of the activity, which may include alternatives to—

- (a) the property on which or location where it is proposed to undertake the activity;**
- (b) the type of activity to be undertaken;**
- (c) the design or layout of the activity;**
- (d) the technology to be used in the activity;**
- (e) the operational aspects of the activity; and**
- (f) the option of not implementing the activity.**

Describe alternatives that are considered in this application as required by EIA Regulation, 2014 Appendix 1(h) Alternatives should include a consideration of all possible means by which the purpose and need of the proposed activity (NOT PROJECT) could be accomplished in the specific instance taking account of the interest of the applicant in the activity. The no-go alternative must in all cases be included in the assessment phase as the baseline against which the impacts of the other alternatives are assessed.

The determination of whether site or activity (including different processes, etc.) or both is appropriate needs to be informed by the specific circumstances of the activity and its environment. After receipt of this report the, competent authority may also request the applicant to assess additional alternatives that could possibly accomplish the purpose and need of the proposed activity if it is clear that realistic alternatives have not been considered to a reasonable extent.

Should the alternatives include different locations and lay-outs, the co-ordinates of the different alternatives must be provided. The co-ordinates should be in degrees, minutes and seconds using the Hartebeeshoek94 WGS84 co-ordinate system.

a) Site alternatives

List alternative sites, if applicable.

Site Alternative	Description
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Alternative Site 1 (preferred or only alternative)	The project site is located within the Borakalalo Village, which is in the Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipal area, North-West Province. There are no site alternatives for the proposed development. This is an intervention needed where the road actually crosses the river.
Alternative Site 2	
Alternative Site 3	

Site Co-ordinates

	Latitude (S):			Longitude (E):		
Alternative S1 (preferred or only site alternative) (bridge)	25°	16'	38.33"	25°	55'	11.95"
Alternative S1 (preferred or only site alternative) (borrow pit)	25o	16'	5"	25o	55'	49.8"
Alternative S2 (if any)	°	┘	┘	°	┘	┘
Alternative S3 (if any)	°	┘	┘	°	┘	┘

~~**In the case of linear activities:
Alternative:**~~

~~Alternative S1 (preferred or only route alternative)~~

- ~~• Starting point of the activity~~
- ~~• Middle/Additional point of the activity~~
- ~~• End point of the activity~~

°	┘	┘	°	┘	┘
°	┘	┘	°	┘	┘
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~~Alternative S2 (if any)~~

- ~~• Starting point of the activity~~

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- Middle/Additional point of the activity
- End point of the activity

°	∟	〃	°	∟	〃
°	∟	〃	°	∟	〃

Alternative S3 (if any)

- Starting point of the activity
- Middle/Additional point of the activity
- End point of the activity

°	∟	〃	°	∟	〃
°	∟	〃	°	∟	〃
°	∟	〃	°	∟	〃

For route alternatives that are longer than 500m, please provide an addendum with co-ordinates taken every 250 metres along the route for each alternative alignment.

In the case of an area being under application, please provide the co-ordinates of the corners of the site as indicated on the lay-out map provided in Appendix A.

b) Lay out alternatives

Alternatives	Description
Alternative 1 (preferred or only alternative)	
Alternative 2	
Alternative 3	

c) Technology alternatives

Alternatives	Description
Alternative 1 (preferred or only alternative)	
Alternative 2	



Alternative 3	
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d) Other alternatives (design alternatives)

Alternatives	Description
Alternative 1 (Column Bridge)	The proposed column bridge as presented in the facility illustration in Appendix D
Alternative 2 (Box culverts)	Precast box culverts to be installed into the river to connect and form a bridge.
Alternative 3	

e) No-go alternative

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f) Please motivate for preferred site, activity and technology alternative

It should be noted that no site alternatives are being considered for the proposed development. The position of the bridge is on the existing street that connects the two section of on village. Vehicles and pedestrians must cross the river at riverbed level. The riverbed is ± 5m deep at the crossing and has steep banks. There is no exposed bedrock visible at the existing crossing site. It is currently unsafe for the school children and the community in general to use or cross the existing gravel road through the riverbed.

The preferred bridge design is desirable compared to culverts as the bridge can be easily spanned over and further away from the river to avoid being cut into the river as the soil is not very stable. Culverts can be easily flooded and eroded from the sides.

Paragraphs 3 – 13 below should be completed for each alternative.

2.4. PHYSICAL SIZE OF THE ACTIVITY

a) Indicate the physical size of the preferred activity/technology as well as alternative activities/technologies (footprints):

Alternative:

Size of the activity:

Alternative A1¹ (Bridge)

1000m²

Alternative A1² (borrow pit)

1000m²

Alternative A2 (if any)

m²



Alternative A3 (if any)

m ²

or, for linear activities:

Alternative:

Length of the activity:

~~Alternative A1 (preferred activity alternative)~~

xxxm

~~Alternative A2 (if any)~~

m

~~Alternative A3 (if any)~~

m

~~b) Indicate the size of the alternative sites or servitudes (within which the above footprints will occur):~~

Alternative:

Size of the site/servitude:

~~Alternative A1 (preferred activity alternative)~~

xxm²

~~Alternative A2 (if any)~~

m²

~~Alternative A3 (if any)~~

m²

2.5. SITE ACCESS

Does ready access to the site exist?

YES	NO
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If NO, what is the distance over which a new access road will be built

m

Describe the type of access road planned:

Access exist to the bridge site as it is an existing street. However access to the borrow pit will be a one vehicle track of 2 meters wide not more than 300 meters long, which will require only a clearing of a few bushes.



Include the position of the access road on the site plan and required map, as well as an indication of the road in relation to the site.

2.6. LOCALITY MAP

An A3 locality map must be attached to the back of this document, as Appendix A1. The scale of the locality map must be relevant to the size of the development (at least 1:50 000. For linear activities of more than 25 kilometres, a smaller scale e.g. 1:250 000 can be used. The scale must be indicated on the map.). The map must indicate the following:

- an accurate indication of the project site position as well as the positions of the alternative sites, if any;
- indication of all the alternatives identified;
- closest town(s);
- the accurate indication of the site in relation to closest protected environments or national parks (i.e. within 2.5 km);
- road access from all major roads in the area;
- road names or numbers of all major roads as well as the roads that provide access to the site(s);
- all roads within a 1km radius of the site or alternative sites; and
- a north arrow;
- a legend; and
- locality GPS co-ordinates (Indicate the position of the activity using the latitude and longitude of the centre point of the site for each alternative site. The co-ordinates should be in degrees, minutes and seconds using the Hartebeeshoek94 WGS84 co-ordinate system)

2.7. LAYOUT/ROUTE PLAN

A detailed site or route plan(s) must be prepared for each alternative site or alternative activity. It must be attached as Appendix A2 to this document.

The site or route plans must indicate the following:

- the property boundaries and numbers of all the properties within 50 metres of the site;
- the current land use as well as the land use zoning of the site;
- the current land use as well as the land use zoning each of the properties adjoining the site or sites;
- the exact position of each listed activity applied for (including alternatives);
- servitude(s) indicating the purpose of the servitude;
- a legend; and
- a north arrow.



2.8. SENSITIVITY MAP

The layout/route plan as indicated above must be overlain with a sensitivity map that indicates all the sensitive areas associated with the site, including, but not limited to:

- watercourses;
- the 1:100 year flood line (where available or where it is required by Department of Water and Sanitation);
- ridges;
- for gentle slopes the 1 metre contour intervals must be indicated on the plan and whenever the slope of the site exceeds 1:10, the 500mm contours must be indicated on the plan; and
- cultural and historical features;
- areas with indigenous vegetation (even if it is degraded or infested with alien species); and
- critical biodiversity areas and ecological support area.
- protected areas (e.g Magaliesberg Protected Environment, Pilanesberg National Park etc.)

The sensitivity map must also cover areas within 100m of the site and must be part of Appendix A3.

2.9. SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

Colour photographs from the centre of the site must be taken in at least the eight major compass directions with a description of each photograph. Photographs must be attached under Appendix B to this report. It must be supplemented with additional photographs of relevant features on the site, if applicable.

2.10. FACILITY ILLUSTRATION

A detailed illustration of the activity must be provided at a scale of at least 1:200 as Appendix C for activities that include structures. The illustrations must be to scale and must represent a realistic image of the planned activity. The illustration must give a representative view of the activity.

2.11. ACTIVITY MOTIVATION

Motivate and explain the need and desirability of the activity (including demand for the activity):

1. Is the activity permitted in terms of the property's existing land use rights?	YES	NO	Please explain
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The planned approach roads of the proposed new bridge will be within the existing road servitudes			
2. Will the activity be in line with the following?			
(a) Provincial Spatial Development Framework (PSDF)	YES	NO	Please explain
The bridge is to the aid of the existing street reticulation.			
(b) Urban edge / Edge of Built environment for the area	YES	NO	Please explain
The proposed development is proposed within the Borakalalo Village.			
(c) Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Spatial Development Framework (SDF) of the Local Municipality (e.g. would the approval of this application compromise the integrity of the existing approved and credible municipal IDP and SDF?).	YES	NO	Please explain
The project will not compromise IDP objectives but will assist in reaching these objectives as the IDP of the municipality aims to ensure that the quality of life of the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality community through purposeful and quality service, and the effective and optimal utilisation of resources is achieved. The project will further assist in job creation which will further help achieve IDP objectives.			
(d) Approved Structure Plan of the Municipality	YES	NO	Please explain
The municipality is aware of the proposed development and it does not compromise the structure of the municipal plan.			



(e) An Environmental Management Framework (EMF) adopted by the Department (e.g. Would the approval of this application compromise the integrity of the existing environmental management priorities for the area and if so, can it be justified in terms of sustainability considerations?)	YES	NO	Please explain
The approval of this application will not compromise the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality Environmental Management Framework. The aim of the proposed construction of the new river bridge is to solve the issues of the unsafe gravel road crossing through the riverbed. The new bridge will provide uninterrupted and safe access to school children and the community in general, over the river.			
(f) Any other Plans (e.g. Guide Plan)	YES	NO	Please explain
An Environmental Implementation Plan (EIP) was compiled by the North-West Province. In order to encourage cooperative governance across departments, NEMA calls for the development of a national and provincial Environmental Implementation Plans (EIPs) and Environmental management plans (EMPs). The EIP aims to ensure that land use decision-making is carried out using adequate available environmental resource information in order to ensure sustainable and appropriate environmental management to the benefit of its residents. One of the set goals for the Programme is ensuring that all environmental issues are appropriately addressed. This is achieved for this project through this Basic Assessment process.			
3. Is the land use (associated with the activity being applied for) considered within the timeframe intended by the existing approved SDF agreed to by the relevant environmental authority (i.e. is the proposed development in line with the projects and programmes identified as priorities within the credible IDP)?	YES	NO	Please explain
The aim of the proposed construction of the new river bridge is to solve the dangers existing unsafe gravel road crossing through the riverbed and ease of access to the parts of the village. The new bridge will provide uninterrupted and safe access to school children and the community in general, over the river. The project is proposed within the existing road reserve.			



4. Does the community/area need the activity and the associated land use concerned (is it a societal priority)? (This refers to the strategic as well as local level (e.g. development is a national priority, but within a specific local context it could be inappropriate.)	YES	NO	Please explain
The new bridge will provide uninterrupted and safe access to school children and the community in general, over the river. The project is proposed within the existing road reserve.			
5. Are the necessary services with adequate capacity currently available (at the time of application), or must additional capacity be created to cater for the development? (Confirmation by the relevant Municipality in this regard must be attached to the final Basic Assessment Report as Appendix E.)	YES	NO	Please explain
All the services needed for the project have been adequately provided for and should any need for other services arise the relevant authority will be communicated with.			
6. Is this development provided for in the infrastructure planning of the municipality, and if not what will the implication be on the infrastructure planning of the municipality (priority and placement of services and opportunity costs)? (Comment by the relevant Municipality in this regard must be attached to the final Basic Assessment Report as Appendix I.)	YES	NO	Please explain
The proposed project is to be developed by the municipality. It therefore falls within the infrastructure planning of the municipality. The project will not have any implications for the municipality apart from assisting them in their achievement of their IDP objectives.			
7. Is this project part of a national programme to address an issue of national concern or importance?	YES	NO	Please explain
8. Do location factors favour this land use (associated with the activity applied for) at this place? (This relates to the contextualisation of the proposed land use on this site within its broader context.)	YES	NO	Please explain
The proposed construction of a new bridge is proposed within an existing road servitude.			
9. Is the development the best practicable environmental option for this land/site?	YES	NO	Please explain



The proposed construction of a new bridge is proposed within an existing road servitude.			
10. Will the benefits of the proposed land use/development outweigh the negative impacts of it?	YES	NO	Please explain
The new bridge will provide uninterrupted and safe access to school children and the community in general, over the river. Currently there is no existing drainage structure. Vehicles and pedestrians must cross the river at riverbed level. The impact assessment undertaken as part of this Basic Assessment conclude that the development of the proposed project will have low to medium environmental impacts which can be mitigated to acceptable levels.			
11. Will the proposed land use/development set a precedent for similar activities in the area (local municipality)?	YES	NO	Please explain
Similar developments within the area/village will establish the safety of the community in general. However this is the only stream crossing that interrupts community activities in the area.			
12. Will any person's rights be negatively affected by the proposed activity/ies?	YES	NO	Please explain
The proposed construction of a new bridge is proposed within an existing road servitude.			
13. Will the proposed activity/ies compromise the "urban edge" as defined by the local municipality?	YES	NO	Please explain
The proposed project fall outside the urban edge/ developed area. Therefore the proposed project does not impact upon the urban edge.			
14. Will the proposed activity/ies contribute to any of the 17 Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPS)?	YES	NO	Please explain
N/A			
15. What will the benefits be to society in general and to the local communities?			Please explain
The new bridge will provide uninterrupted and safe access to school children and the community in general, over the river. Currently there is no existing drainage structure. Vehicles and pedestrians must cross the river at riverbed level.			
16. Any other need and desirability considerations related to the proposed activity?			Please explain



<p>The construction of the bridge will come with the surfacing of the 90m access street on either side of the bridge. This development will also come with local labour jobs for the locals. During planning over ten (10) local people and one (1) business have already been appointed and trained in different aspects of the project.</p>	
<p>17. How does the project fit into the National Development Plan for 2030?</p>	<p>Please explain</p>
<p>N/A</p>	
<p>18. Please describe how the general objectives of Integrated Environmental Management as set out in Section 23 of NEMA as amended have been taken into account.</p>	
<p>The general objectives of Integrated Environmental Management have been taken into account for this Basic Assessment report by means of identifying, predicting and evaluating the actual and potential impacts on the biophysical environment, socio-economic conditions and cultural heritage.</p> <p>The risks, consequences, alternatives as well as options for mitigation of activities have also been considered with a view to minimise negative impacts, maximise benefits, and promote compliance with the principles of environmental management.</p>	
<p>19. Please describe how the principles of environmental management as set out in Section 2 of NEMA as amended have been taken into account.</p>	



Section 2 of NEMA states that environmental management must place people and their needs at the forefront, and serve their physical, psychological, developmental, cultural and social interests equitably. These principles of NEMA include the following:

- » Development must be sustainable;
- » Pollution must be avoided or minimised and remedied;
- » Waste must be avoided or minimised, reused or recycled;
- » Negative impacts must be minimised; and
- » Responsibility for the environmental health and safety consequences of a policy, project, product or service exists throughout its life cycle.

The principles of NEMA have been considered in this assessment through compliance with the requirements of the relevant legislation in undertaking the assessment of potential impacts, as well as through the implementation of the principle of sustainable development where appropriate mitigation measures have been recommended for impacts which cannot be avoided.

This process has been undertaken in a transparent manner and all effort has been made to involve interested and affected parties, stakeholders and relevant Organs of State such that an informed decision regarding the project can be made by the Competent Authority.



2.12. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND/OR GUIDELINES

List all legislation, policies and/or guidelines of any sphere of government that are applicable to the application as contemplated in the EIA regulations, if applicable:

Title of legislation, policy or guideline	Applicability to the project	Administering authority	Activity
National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998)	<p>The EIA Regulations have been promulgated in terms of Chapter 5 of the Act. Listed activities which may not commence without an environmental authorisation are identified within these Regulations.</p> <p>In terms of S24(1) of NEMA, the potential impact on the environment associated with these listed activities must be assessed and reported on to the competent authority charged by NEMA with granting of the relevant environmental authorisation.</p> <p>In terms of GNR 983 and 985 of April 2014 a Basic Assessment Process is required to be undertaken for the proposed project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries Affairs (DEFF) » Department of Economic Development Environment, Conservation and Tourism (DEDECT) 	Application lodged with DEDECT



National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998)	In terms of the Duty of Care provision in S28(1) the project proponent must ensure that reasonable measures are taken throughout the life cycle of this project to ensure that any pollution or degradation of the environment associated with a project is avoided, stopped or minimised.	» DEFF » DEDECT	Part of this application
National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act No. 10 of 2004)	In terms of S57, the Minister of Environmental Affairs has published a list of critically endangered, endangered, vulnerable, and protected species in GNR 151 in Government Gazette 29657 of 23 February 2007 and the regulations associated therewith in GNR 152 in GG29657 of 23 February 2007, which came into effect on 1 June 2007. In terms of GNR 152 of 23 February 2007: Regulations relating to listed threatened and protected species, the relevant specialists must be employed	» DEFF » DEDECT	A specialist walk through will be done to confirm presence of species of concern.



	<p>during the EIA Phase of the project to incorporate the legal provisions as well as the regulations associated with listed threatened and protected species (GNR 152) into specialist reports in order to identify permitting requirements at an early stage of the EIA Phase.</p> <p>The Act provides for listing threatened or protected ecosystems, in one of four categories: critically endangered (CR), endangered (EN), vulnerable (VU) or protected. The first national list of threatened terrestrial ecosystems has been gazetted, together with supporting information on the listing process including the purpose and rationale for listing ecosystems, the criteria used to identify listed ecosystems, the implications of listing ecosystems, and summary statistics</p>		
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	and national maps of listed ecosystems (National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act: National list of ecosystems that are threatened and in need of protection, (GG 34809, GN 1002), 9 December 2011).		
National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008)	The project does not trigger a Waste Management Licence (WML), but will generate waste from construction activities.	» DEFF » DEDECT	Project will comply to the National Norms and Standards for storage of waste
National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998)	Water uses under S21 of the Act must be licensed unless such water use falls into one of the categories listed in S22 of the Act or falls under the general authorisation. In terms of S19, the project proponent must ensure that reasonable measures are taken throughout the life cycle of this project to prevent and remedy the effects of pollution to water resources from occurring, continuing, or recurring.	» National Department of Water and Sanitation	Application to be lodged in the e-wulas for a GA
Environment	National Noise Control	» DEFF	Compliance



Conservation Act (Act No. 73 of 1989)	Regulations (GN R154 dated 10 January 1992)	» DEDECT	during construction
National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999)	<p>» S38 states that Heritage Impact Assessments (HIAs) are required for certain kinds of development including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » The construction of a road, power line, pipeline, canal or other similar linear development or barrier exceeding 300 m in length; » Any development or other activity which will change the character of a site exceeding 5 000 m² in extent » The relevant Heritage Authority must be notified of developments such as linear developments (i.e. roads and power lines), bridges exceeding 50 m, or any development or other activity which will change 	» South African Heritage Resources Agency	Notification to be done on SAHRIS online



	<p>the character of a site exceeding 5 000 m²; or the re-zoning of a site exceeding 10 000 m² in extent. This notification must be provided in the early stages of initiating that development, and details regarding the location, nature and extent of the proposed development must be provided.</p> <p>Standalone HIAs are not required where an EIA is carried out as long as the EIA contains an adequate HIA component that fulfils the provisions of S38. In such cases only those components not addressed by the EIA should be covered by the heritage component.</p>		
Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act No 28 of 2002)	» The project will require a mining permit in terms of section 27 of the Act with regard to the borrow pit to be established for earth material required for the	» Department of Mineral Resources (DMR)	Application lodged



	construction of the bridge and the road.		
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2.13. WASTE, EFFLUENT, EMISSION AND NOISE MANAGEMENT

a) Solid waste management

Will the activity produce solid construction waste during the construction/initiation phase?

If YES, what estimated quantity will be produced per month?

YES	NO
	Not determined at this time. Minimal waste is expected to be generated by the activity m ³

How will the construction solid waste be disposed of (describe)?

It is anticipated that construction waste will be comprised mainly of packaging material such as cement bags and wood. Non-recyclable waste will be removed from site by a suitable contractor and will be transported to the nearest registered waste disposal facility for appropriate disposal.

Where will the construction solid waste be disposed of (describe)?

In order to comply with legal requirements, should there be excess solid construction waste after recycling options have been exhausted, the waste will be transported to the nearest registered waste disposal facility for appropriate disposal.

Will the activity produce solid waste during its operational phase?

If YES, what estimated quantity will be produced per month?

How will the solid waste be disposed of (describe)?

YES	NO
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If the solid waste will be disposed of into a municipal waste stream, indicate which registered landfill site will be used.

Where will the solid waste be disposed of if it does not feed into a municipal waste stream (describe)?



If the solid waste (construction or operational phases) will not be disposed of in a registered landfill site or be taken up in a municipal waste stream, then the applicant should consult with the competent authority to determine whether it is necessary to change to an application for scoping and EIA.

Can any part of the solid waste be classified as hazardous in terms of the NEM:WA?

YES	NO
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If YES, inform the competent authority and request a change to an application for scoping and EIA. An application for a waste permit in terms of the NEM:WA must also be submitted with this application.

~~Is the activity that is being applied for a solid waste handling or treatment facility?~~

YES	NO
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~~If YES, then the applicant should consult with the competent authority to determine whether it is necessary to change to an application for scoping and EIA. An application for a waste permit in terms of the NEM:WA must also be submitted with this application.~~

b) Liquid effluent

Will the activity produce effluent, other than normal sewage, that will be disposed of in a municipal sewage system?

YES	NO
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If YES, what estimated quantity will be produced per month?

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Will the activity produce any effluent that will be treated and/or disposed of on site?

YES	NO
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If YES, describe the type of effluent and the disposal mechanism/method

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Will the activity produce effluent that will be treated and/or disposed of at another facility?

YES	NO
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If YES, provide the particulars of the facility:

Facility name:			
Contact person:			
Postal address:			
Postal code:			
Telephone	Cell:		
E-mail:	Fax:		



Describe the measures that will be taken to ensure the optimal reuse or recycling of waste water, if any:

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c) Emissions into the atmosphere

Will the activity release emissions into the atmosphere other than exhaust emissions and dust associated with construction phase activities?

YES	NO
YES	NO

If YES, is it controlled by any legislation of any sphere of government?

If YES, the applicant must consult with the competent authority to determine whether it is necessary to change to an application for scoping and EIA.

If NO, describe the emissions in terms of type and concentration:

N/A

d) Waste Licence/Registration

Will any aspect of the activity produce waste that will require a waste licence/registration in terms of the NEM:WA?

YES	NO
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If YES, please submit evidence that an application for a waste licence/registration has been submitted to the competent authority

e) Generation of noise

Will the activity generate noise?

YES	NO
YES	NO

If YES, is it controlled by any legislation of any sphere of government?

If YES, the applicant should consult with the competent authority to determine whether it is necessary to change to an application for scoping and EIA.

If NO, describe the noise in terms of type and level:

Short term noise impacts are anticipated during the construction phase of the project. It is however anticipated that the noise will be localised and contained within the construction area and its immediate surroundings. The operation phase will not generate any noise.

2.14. WATER USE

Please indicate the source(s) of water that will be used for the activity by ticking the appropriate box(es):

Municipal	Water board	Groundwater	River, stream, dam or	Other	The activity will not use water
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			lake		
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If water is to be extracted from groundwater, river, stream, dam, lake or any other natural feature, please indicate the volume that will be extracted per month:

20 000 000 litres

Does the activity require a water use authorisation (general authorisation or water use license) from the Department of Water and Sanitation?

YES	NO
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If YES, please provide proof that the application has been submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation.

2.15. ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Describe the design measures, if any, that have been taken to ensure that the activity is energy efficient:

Not applicable.

Describe how alternative energy sources have been taken into account or been built into the design of the activity, if any:

Not applicable.

Has a specialist been consulted to assist with the completion of this section?

YES	NO
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If YES, please complete the form entitled "Details of specialist and declaration of interest" for the specialist appointed and attach in Appendix F.



3. SECTION B: SITE/AREA/PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Important notes:

- For linear activities (pipelines, etc) as well as activities that cover very large sites, it may be necessary to complete this section for each part of the site that has a significantly different environment. In such cases please complete copies of Section B and indicate the area, as it appears on the Site Plan.
- Paragraphs 1 - 6 below must be completed for each alternative.

Current land-use zoning as per local municipality IDP/records:

Residential rural

In instances where there is more than one current land-use zoning, please attach a list of current land use zonings that also indicate which portions each use pertains to, to this application.

Is a change of land-use or a consent use application required?

YES NO

3.1. GRADIENT OF THE SITE

Indicate the general gradient of the site.

Alternative S1:

Steep (bridge site)	1:50 1:20	-	1:20 1:15	-	1:15 1:10	-	1:10 1:7,5	-	1:7,5 1:5	-	Steeper than 1:5
Flat (Borrow pit site)	1:50 1:20	-	1:20 1:15	-	1:15 1:10	-	1:10 1:7,5	-	1:7,5 1:5	-	Steeper than 1:5

Alternative S2 (if any):

Flat	1:50 1:20	-	1:20 1:15	-	1:15 1:10	-	1:10 1:7,5	-	1:7,5 1:5	-	Steeper than 1:5
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Alternative S3 (if any):

Flat	1:50 1:20	-	1:20 1:15	-	1:15 1:10	-	1:10 1:7,5	-	1:7,5 1:5	-	Steeper than 1:5
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3.2. LOCATION IN LANDSCAPE

Indicate the landform(s) that best describes the site:

2.1 Ridgeline	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.4 Closed valley	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.7 Undulating plain / low hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.2 Plateau	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.5 Open valley	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.8 Dune	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.3 Side slope of hill/mountain	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.6 Plain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.9 Seafront	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.3. GROUNDWATER, SOIL AND GEOLOGICAL STABILITY OF THE SITE

Is the site(s) located on any of the following?

	Alternative S1:		Alternative S2 (if any):		Alternative S3 (if any):	
Shallow water table (less than 1.5m deep)	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Dolomite, sinkhole or doline areas	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Seasonally wet soils (often close to water bodies)	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Unstable rocky slopes or steep slopes with loose soil	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Dispersive soils (soils that dissolve in water)	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Soils with high clay content (clay fraction more than 40%)	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Any other unstable soil or geological feature	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
An area sensitive to erosion	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO

If you are unsure about any of the above or if you are concerned that any of the above aspects may be an issue of concern in the application, an appropriate specialist should be appointed to assist in the completion of this section. Information in respect of the above will often be available as part of the project information or at the planning sections of local authorities. Where it exists, the 1:50 000 scale Regional Geotechnical Maps prepared by the Council for Geo Science may also be consulted.

3.4. GROUNDCOVER

Indicate the types of groundcover present on the site. The location of all identified rare or endangered species or other elements should be accurately indicated on the site plan(s).



Natural veld— good condition ^E	Natural—veld with scattered aliens ^E	Natural veld with heavy alien infestation ^E	Veld dominated by alien species ^E	Gardens
Sport field	Cultivated land	Paved surface	Building— or other structure	Bare soil

If any of the boxes marked with an “E” is ticked, please consult an appropriate specialist to assist in the completion of this section if the environmental assessment practitioner doesn’t have the necessary expertise.

3.5. SURFACE WATER

Indicate the surface water present on and or adjacent to the site and alternative sites?

Perennial River	YES	NO	UNSURE
Non-Perennial River	YES	NO	UNSURE
Permanent Wetland	YES	NO	UNSURE
Seasonal Wetland	YES	NO	UNSURE
Artificial Wetland	YES	NO	UNSURE

If any of the boxes marked YES or UNSURE is ticked, please provide a description of the relevant watercourse.

It is a non-perennial stream that collect water from the hill up down. It is very shallow upstream near the foot of the ridge where there is rocks and substrate. It is even crossed by low water crossing made of small culverts upstream. The widening and deepening happens when the geology changes to sandy soil. It is obvious that the stream is non perennial, and flows only during rainy days because small shrubs and grass even grow in the middle of the watercourse. The watercourse is dry all around the year except for the rainy days. It is thus by reason not a water resource but a drainage line.

3.6. LAND USE CHARACTER OF SURROUNDING AREA

Indicate land uses and/or prominent features that currently occur within a 500m radius of the site and give description of how this influences the application or may be impacted upon by the application:



Natural area	Dam or reservoir	Polo fields
Low density residential	Hospital/medical centre	Filling station ^H
Medium density residential	School	Landfill or waste treatment site
High density residential	Tertiary education facility	Plantation
Informal residential ^A	Church	Agriculture
Retail commercial & warehousing	Old age home	River, stream or wetland ^N
Light industrial	Sewage treatment plant ^A	Nature conservation area ^N
Medium industrial ^{AN}	Train station or shunting yard ^N	Mountain, koppie or ridge ^N
Heavy industrial ^{AN}	Railway line ^N	Museum
Power station	Major road (4 lanes or more) ^N	Historical building ^N
Office/consulting room	Airport ^N	Protected Area ^N
Military or police base/station/compound	Harbour	Graveyard ^N
Spoil heap or slimes dam ^A	Sport facilities	Archaeological site ^N
Quarry, sand or borrow pit	Golf course	Other land uses (describe)

If any of the boxes marked with an "N" are ticked, how will this impact / be impacted upon by the proposed activity? Specify and explain

The bridge construction across the stream will have erosion impacts on the stream, but this will be limited to the construction phase. Excavation on the river bed will affect the flow regime of the stream, but only if construction happens during the rainy season.

If any of the boxes marked with an "AN" are ticked, how will this impact / be impacted upon by the proposed activity? Specify and explain:

N/A

If any of the boxes marked with an "H" are ticked, how will this impact / be impacted upon by the proposed activity? Specify and explain:

N/A

Does the proposed site (including any alternative sites) fall within any of the following:

Critical Biodiversity Area (as per provincial conservation plan)	YES	NO
Core area of a protected area?	YES	NO
Buffer area of a protected area?	YES	NO
Planned expansion area of an existing protected area?	YES	NO
Existing offset area associated with a previous Environmental	YES	NO



Authorisation?		
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If the answer to any of these questions was YES, a map indicating the affected area must be included in Appendix B (as part of sensitivity map).

3.7. BIODIVERSITY

Please note: The Department may request specialist input/studies depending on the nature of the biodiversity occurring on the site and potential impact(s) of the proposed activity/ies. To assist with the identification of the biodiversity occurring on site and the ecosystem status consult <http://bgis.sanbi.org> or BGIShelp@sanbi.org. Information is also available on compact disc (cd) from the Biodiversity-GIS Unit, Ph (021) 799 8698. This information may be updated from time to time and it is the applicant/ EAP's responsibility to ensure that the latest version is used. A map of the relevant biodiversity information (including an indication of the habitat conditions as per (b) below) and must be provided as an overlay map to the property/site plan as Appendix B to this report.

a) Indicate the applicable biodiversity planning categories of all areas on site and indicate the reason(s) provided in the biodiversity plan for the selection of the specific area as part of the specific category)

Systematic Biodiversity Planning Category				If CBA or ESA, indicate the reason(s) for its selection in biodiversity plan
Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA)	Ecological Support Area (ESA)	Other Natural Area (ONA)	No Natural Area Remaining (NNR)	

b) Indicate and describe the habitat condition on site

Habitat Condition	Percentage of habitat condition class (adding up to 100%)	Description and additional Comments and Observations (including additional insight into condition, e.g. poor land management practises, presence of quarries, grazing, harvesting regimes etc).
Natural	10%	No natural aquatic or riparian habitat at all. This is an indication that the stream of no ecological value. There are some aloe and natural vegetation



		in patches around the borrow pit site.
Near Natural (includes areas with low to moderate level of alien invasive plants)	40%	Water still flows in the stream during rainy season without any impediment. However the area is characterised by illegal dumping of waste erosion, alien plants, and the invasive suikerbos. The site for the borrow pit is still somewhat intact but it is a livestock grazing land which has evidence of small scale earth material mining and illegal dumping.
Degraded (includes areas heavily invaded by alien plants)	40%	The stream is enlarged by heavy erosion which is the problem after all. Desperate attempts by locals to put material in the stream crossing to aid access across has exacerbated erosion and some level of well intended dumping
Transformed (includes cultivation, dams, urban, plantation, roads, etc)	20%	Residential land uses, such as streets, subsistence livestock and cultivation agricultural practises

c) Complete the table to indicate:

- (i) the type of vegetation, including its ecosystem status, present on the site; and**
(ii) whether an aquatic ecosystem is present on site.

Terrestrial Ecosystems		Aquatic Ecosystems		
Ecosystem threat status as per the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act No. 10 of 2004)	Critical	Wetland (including rivers, depressions, channelled and unchannelled wetlands, flats, seeps pans, and artificial wetlands)		
	Endangered			
	Vulnerable			
	Least Threatened			
		YES	NO	UNSURE

d) Please provide a description of the vegetation type and/or aquatic ecosystem present on site, including any important biodiversity



features/information identified on site (e.g. threatened species and special habitats)

Water still flows in the stream during rainy season without any impediment. However the area is characterised by illegal dumping of waste erosion, alien plants, and the invasive suikerbos.

No natural aquatic or riparian habitat at all. This is an indication that the stream of no ecological value. There are some aloe and natural vegetation in patches around the borrow pit site.

The site for the borrow pit is still somewhat intact but it is a livestock grazing land which has evidence of small scale earth material mining in the past and illegal dumping.

3.8. CULTURAL/HISTORICAL FEATURES

Are there any signs of culturally or historically significant elements, as defined in section 2 of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999, (Act No. 25 of 1999), including Archaeological or paleontological sites, on or close (within 20m) to the site? If YES, explain:	YES	NO
	Uncertain	

If uncertain, conduct a specialist investigation by a recognised specialist in the field (archaeology or palaeontology) to establish whether there is such a feature(s) present on or close to the site. Briefly explain the findings of the specialist:

Will any building or structure older than 60 years be affected in any way?	YES	NO
Is it necessary to apply for a permit in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act 25 of 1999)?	YES	NO

If YES, please provide proof that this permit application has been submitted to SAHRA or the relevant provincial authority.

3.9. SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTER

a) Local Municipality

Please provide details on the socio-economic character of the local municipality in which the proposed site(s) are situated.



Level of unemployment:

Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality falls under Ngaka Moridi Molome District Municipality and has a population of about 160 000. Unemployment level of the municipality is around 25%.

Economic profile of local municipality:

The economy of the municipality is driven mainly by agriculture and mining, chrome, slate quarry, lime, and manganese being the major resources

Level of education:

For people above the age of 20, people with no schooling accounts for 15% and people with matric accounting to 29% and people with higher education accounting to just 6%

b) Socio-economic value of the activity

What is the expected capital value of the activity on completion?	R 31 000 000.00
What is the expected yearly income that will be generated by or as a result of the activity?	No economic activity but service infrastructure
Will the activity contribute to service infrastructure?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is the activity a public amenity?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
How many new employment opportunities will be created in the development and construction phase of the activity/ies?	100 labours
What is the expected value of the employment opportunities during the development and construction phase?	R 700 000.00
What percentage of this will accrue to previously disadvantaged individuals?	40%
How many permanent new employment opportunities will be created during the operational phase of the activity?	None
What is the expected current value of the employment opportunities during the first 10 years?	R700 000.00
What percentage of this will accrue to previously disadvantaged individuals?	40%

3.10. SPECIALIST(S) CONSULTATION

Has a specialist been consulted to assist with the completion of this section?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
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If YES, please complete the form entitled "Details of specialist and declaration of interest" for each specialist thus appointed and attach it in Appendix F. All specialist reports must be contained in Appendix G and must meet the requirement in Appendix 6 of EIA Regulations, 2014.



4. SECTION C: IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The assessment of impacts must adhere to the minimum requirements in the EIA Regulations, 2014, and should take applicable official guidelines into account. The issues raised by interested and affected parties should also be addressed in the assessment of impacts.

4.1. CONSTRUCTION, OPERATIONAL, DECOMMISSIONING AND CLOSURE PHASES AS WELL AS PROPOSED MANAGEMENT OF IDENTIFIED IMPACTS AND PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

Provide a summary and anticipated significance of the potential direct, indirect and cumulative impacts that are likely to occur as a result of the planning and design phase, construction phase, operational phase, decommissioning and closure phase, including impacts relating to the choice of site/activity/technology alternatives as well as the mitigation measures that may eliminate or reduce the potential impacts listed. This impact assessment must be applied to all the identified alternatives to the activities identified in Section A(2) of this report.

Activity	Impact summary	Significance	Proposed mitigation
Alternative 1 (preferred alternative)			
Clearance of vegetation and establishment of borrow pit	Direct impacts: » <i>Loss of commercialised specimens of Aloe Forex in the area of the borrow pit.</i>	medium	» Keep removal of vegetation and trampling to a minimum. » Do not remove vegetation in areas outside of the construction footprint. » Educate staff to keep construction activities within the demarcated areas. » New access roads must be kept to a minimum and existing access roads used where feasible. » The



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			<p>construction footprint should be physically demarcated with, for example, orange snow netting.</p> <p>» Vegetation impacted on during the construction phase in areas not required during the operation phase must be restored. It is likely that this will occur naturally but given the presence of alien species, active rehabilitation and the removal of alien species will be required to ensure that only indigenous species remain.</p>
	Indirect impacts:		
	Cumulative impacts:		
Transport of earth material from borrow pit to the bridge site	<p>Direct impacts:</p> <p><i>Dust generation</i></p>		<p>» Implement appropriate dust suppression measures such as wetting of the affected project area during dry, windy periods;</p> <p>» Limit the height of stockpiles to <u>1.5m</u> as a far as possible;</p> <p>» <u>Vehicles to be covered with tarpaulins at all times.</u></p> <p>» <u>Cease</u></p>



Activity	Impact summary	Significance	Proposed mitigation
			<p><u>construction activities that cause dust in high winds.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Where practical, do not leave large cleared areas exposed for longer than necessary; and » Enforce speed limits for vehicles associated with the construction activities (40 km/h is recommended).
	<p><i>Construction equipment noise</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Mitigation of this impact is difficult, but noise reduction measures, e.g. silencers that are in good working order, should be implemented in all sensitive areas. » As far as possible, no construction activities should take place between sunset and sunrise. No construction activities after 13:00 on Saturdays; not on Sundays or Public Holidays. » Machinery that generates noise must be regularly maintained to



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			<p>ensure that no unnecessary additional noise is produced.</p> <p>» Equipment with lower sound levels should be selected where feasible.</p>
	<p>Indirect impacts: <i>Erosion of top soils</i></p>	medium	<p>» Control storm water runoff.</p> <p>» Control soil erosion.</p> <p>» Transport vehicle to stick to one route that will be rehabilitated after project.</p>
	<p>Cumulative impacts <i>Erosion - The area has loose sandy soil that is eroding with little disturbance</i></p>	low	<p>» Strong adherence to dust control and erosion control measures.</p>
<p>Excavation of bridge foundation and mining of the borrow pit</p>	<p>Direct impacts: <p>» <i>Erosion</i> » <i>Heritage discoveries</i></p> </p>	low	<p>» Use of rapid bridge construction methods</p> <p>» Synchronise construction activities away from the rainy season.</p> <p>» No mitigation is proposed before construction starts because the archaeological remains are of low significance</p>



Activity	Impact summary	Significance	Proposed mitigation
			<p>(excluding human remains). However, if concentrations of archaeological materials are exposed then all work must stop in the specific area for an archaeologist to investigate.</p> <p>» If any human remains (or any other concentrations of archaeological heritage material) are exposed during construction, all work must cease and it must be reported immediately to the nearest museum/ archaeologist or to the North West Heritage Resources Authority, so that a systematic and professional investigation can be undertaken. Sufficient time should be allowed to investigate and to remove/collect such material. Recommendations will follow from the investigation.</p>



Activity	Impact summary	Significance	Proposed mitigation
	Indirect impacts:		
	Cumulative impacts:		
Social impacts	Direct impacts: » Accidents- the route from the borrow pit to the bridge construction site intersect a public road.	Medium	» Implement traffic calming measures at the intersection in collaboration with the road authority » Implement road signages » Negotiate for traffic police presence in the section of the road intersection.
	» Influx of construction workers employed on the project and job seekers. » Job creation (positive impact). » Increase skills » Local business participation (positive)	low	» The movement of construction workers on and off the site should be closely managed and monitored by the contractors. » Incoming and outgoing vehicles should be monitored to control traffic » Employ local staff, as far as possible. » Use of deserving local business in in the project. » Attempt to provide skills development/ training for local employees. » Enhance skills development



Activity	Impact summary	Significance	Proposed mitigation
			programme
	Indirect impacts: <i>Social ills -disease, unplanned pregnancies</i>	medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Attention should be given to the extension and improvement of the existing HIV / Aids awareness programmes in the area. » Provision of condoms at construction camp. » HIV awareness campaigns
	Cumulative impacts: <i>Disease burden and social ills- prevalent of HIV and then ever rising COVID19 cases</i>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Compliance to covid19 regulatory regime during construction. » Intensified social programmes and campaigns
No-go option			
Socio-economic	Direct impacts: <i>Undesirable state of affairs remains</i>	medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Construction of the bridge to facilitate safe access to amenities on both sides of the stream and encourage economic activities.
	Indirect impacts:		
	Cumulative impacts:		

A complete impact assessment which include process undertaken to identify, assess and rank the impacts, the activity will impose on the site through the life of the activity in terms of EIA Regulation 2014, Appendix 1(i) and (j) of GN R.982 must be included as Appendix H.



4.2. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Taking the assessment of potential impacts into account, please provide an environmental impact statement that summarises the impact that the proposed activity and its alternatives may have on the environment after the management and mitigation of impacts have been taken into account, with specific reference to types of impact, duration of impacts, likelihood of potential impacts actually occurring and the significance of impacts.

Alternative A (preferred alternative)

The proposed bridge only have construction environmental impacts, relating to erosion, heritage, biodiversity loss, dust pollution and noise.

All the anticipated impacts are manageable to non-significant levels.

The project comes with positive impacts in job creation and skill upgrading and offering local small business opportunity to participate.

There are no environmental impacts at all for the operational phase of the development.

The impacts associated with the borrow pit would be minimised to the lowest during the closure of the burrow pit in accordance with the closure plan to be submitted as part of the DMR permit application.

Overall, the project is a low risk environmentally. The positive impacts of the proposed bridge far outweighs the negative environmental impact after mitigation.

Alternative B

Alternative C

No-go alternative (compulsory)

The indirect socio-economic impacts of the status quo are undesirable and hence the conception of the project.



5. SECTION D: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5.1. ADVERTISEMENT AND NOTICE

Publication name	Mmegadikgang (including Zeerust) - 24 July 2020	
Date published	29 July 2020	
Site notice position	Latitude	Longitude
	25° 16' 38.33"	25° 54' 57.50"
Date placed	22 July 2020	

Include proof of the placement of the relevant advertisements and notices in Appendix I1.

5.2. DETERMINATION OF APPROPRIATE MEASURES

Provide details of the measures taken to include all potential I&APs as required by Regulation 41(2)(e) and 41(6) of GN R.982.

Key stakeholders (other than organs of state) identified in terms of Regulation 40(2)(d) of GN R.982:

Title, Name and Surname	Affiliation/ key stakeholder status	Contact details (tel number or e-mail address)
Mr Kenneth Mediro	RMLM	Kenneth.mediro@ramotshere.gov.za
Chief Tiro	Traditional Leader of Borakalalo	Rtmolokwene79@gmail.com
Mr Desmond Makamu	Dept Of Mineral Resources	Desmond.makamu@dmr.gov.za
Ms Ellof Tilde	Dept of Water and Sanitation	elloft@dws.gov.za
Mr Elijah Mkhabela	NME Consultants	elijahkadlomo@gmail.com

Include proof that the key stakeholder received written notification of the proposed activities as Appendix I2. This proof may include any of the following:

- e-mail delivery reports;
- registered mail receipts;
- courier waybills;
- signed acknowledgements of receipt; and/or
- or any other proof as agreed upon by the competent authority.



5.3. ISSUES RAISED BY INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

Summary of main issues raised by I&APs	Summary of response from EAP

5.4. COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT

The practitioner must make report (s) available to I&APs record all comments received from I&APs and respond to each comment before is submitted. The comments and responses must be captured in a comments and response report as prescribed in the EIA Regulations and be attached to the Final BAR as Appendix I3.

5.5. AUTHORITY PARTICIPATION

Authorities and organs of state identified as key stakeholders. Key stakeholders identified in terms of Regulation 7(1) and (2) and Regulation 40(2) (a)-(c) of GN R.982:

Authority/Organ of State	Contact person (Title, Name and Surname)	Tel No	e-mail	Postal address
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Traditional Leader of Borakalalo	Chief Tiro	0739064 714	Rtmolokwene79@gmail.com	
Dept Of Mineral Resources	Mr Desmond Makamu	0184874 300	Desmond.makamu@dmr.gov.za	
Dept of Water and Sanitation	Ms Ellof Tilde	0828837 899	elloft@dws.gov.za	

Include proof that the Authorities and Organs of State received written notification and draft reports of the proposed activities as Appendix I4.

6. CONSULTATION WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS



Note that, for any activities (linear or other) where deviation from the public participation requirements may be appropriate, the person conducting the public participation process may deviate from the requirements of that sub-regulation to the extent and in the manner as may be agreed to by the competent authority.

Proof of any such agreement must be provided, where applicable. Application for any deviation from the regulations relating to the public participation process must be submitted prior to the commencement of the public participation process.

A list of registered I&APs must be included as Appendix I5.

Copies of any correspondence and minutes of any meetings held must be included in Appendix I6.



7. SECTION E. RECOMMENDATION OF PRACTITIONER

Is the information contained in this report and the documentation attached hereto sufficient to make a decision in respect of the activity applied for (in the view of the environmental assessment practitioner)?

YES

NO

If "NO", indicate the aspects that should be assessed further as part of a Scoping and EIA process before a decision can be made (list the aspects that require further assessment).

N/A

If "YES", please list any recommended conditions, including mitigation measures that should be considered for inclusion in any authorisation that may be granted by the competent authority in respect of the application.

The construction of the proposed bridge and borrow pit should be implemented according to the conclusions of this report and the specifications of the EMPr to adequately mitigate and manage potential impacts associated with construction. The construction activities and relevant rehabilitation of disturbed areas should be monitored against the approved EMPr, the Environmental Authorisation (once issued) and all other relevant environmental legislation. Relevant conditions to be adhered to include:

Construction Phase:

- » All relevant practical and reasonable mitigation measures detailed within this report and within the EMPr must be implemented.
- » The implementation of the EMPr for all life cycle phases of the proposed project is considered key in achieving the appropriate environmental management standards as detailed in this report.
- » The contractor to carry out the construction must have a full time Environmental Control Officer (ECO) monitor compliance with the specifications of the EMPr for the duration of the construction period. The ECO must have the required Competency Certificates, received from the attendance of a Reptile Husbandry and Handling Course as there may be many poisonous snakes to be moved.
- » An independent environmental consultant will do periodic audits and submit monthly compliance reports to the competent authority, including the close out report.
- » If animals need to be relocated a permit will be required from DEDECT (Conservation functional unit).
- » Surface water runoff should be managed by using a storm water management plan. During construction, erosion should be monitored while areas of vegetation are cleared.
- » Care must be taken with the topsoil during and after construction on the site. If required, measures to reduce erosion to be employed, such as keeping the soil covered by straw, mulch, erosion control mats, etc., until a healthy plant cover is again established.



- » Rehabilitate construction sites by establishing with indigenous grasses or alternatively use other suitable plant species according to the landowners recommendations and/ or advice.
- » Erosion control measures must be utilised during construction, operations, decommissioning and rehabilitation of borrow pit and bridge construction site.
- » Contractors must be informed before construction starts on the possible types of heritage sites and cultural material they may encounter and the procedures to follow when they find sites.
- » The proponent should obtain all necessary permits prior to the commencement of construction.

The EMPr that meet the requirements of EIA Regulation, 2014, Appendix 4, must be attached as Appendix J.

Is an EMPr attached?

YES	NO
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The details of the EAP who compiled the BAR and the expertise of the EAP to perform the Basic Assessment process must be included as Appendix F

If any specialist reports were used during the compilation of this BAR, please attach the declaration of interest for each specialist in Appendix

Any other information relevant to this application and not previously included must be attached in Appendix L.



8. SECTION F: AFFIRMATION BY EAP

I -Tambudzani Mulaudzi----(name of person representing EAP) of - MUANOWASHU SHEQ TRADING-(name of company) declare that the information provided is correct and relevant to the activity/ project and that, the information was made available to interested and affected parties for their comments. All specialist (s) reports are relevant for the competent authority to make informed decision.

SIGNATURE OF EAP

DATE



9. SECTION F: APPENDICES

The following appendices must be attached:

Appendix A: A3 Maps

- » *Appendix A1: A3 Locality Map*
- » *Appendix A2: Layout MAP*
- » *Appendix A3: A3 Sensitivity Map*

Appendix B: Site Photographs

Appendix C: Facility Illustration(s)

Appendix D: Public Participation (for final BAR)

- » *Appendix D1: Adverts and Site Notices*
- » *Appendix D2: Stakeholder Database*
- » *Appendix D3: Stakeholder Correspondence*

Appendix E: Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)

Appendix F: EAP Declaration and CVs



APPENDIX A: A3 MAPS

» **APPENDIX A1: A3 LOCALITY MAP**

» **APPENDIX A2: A3 LAYOUT MAP**

» **APPENDIX A3: A3 SENSITIVITY MAP**

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