



MP STREAM ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY PLANNERS (PTY) LTD

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED INTEGRATED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 55 AND 59 OF THE FARM TENBOSCH 162-JU, NEAR KOMATIPOORT, NKOMAZI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA

Background Information

The **Department of Human Settlements (DoHS)** is proposing an integrated development of approximately 1 900Ha in extent on portion 55 and 59 of the farm Tenbosch 162-JU, near Komatipoort, within Nkomazi Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The development is proposed to consist of various land uses such as residential, commercial, business and industrial use. A large portion of the proposed development area have already been transformed by agricultural activities; however, the portion to the north of the Ngweti River is still untransformed. Due to the extent of the proposed development, Environmental Authorisation is required in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998, GNR 983 of 2014 (as amended in 2017), before the commencement of any construction activities.

The **DoHS** appointed **MP Stream Environmental and Safety Planners (Pty) Ltd** to apply for the EA by means of conducting a Scoping and Environmental Authorisation process as regulated within General Notice Regulation 982, 2014 (as amended in 2017).

Location of the activity

The site is located on portion 55 and 59 of the farm Tenbosch 162-JU, approximately 4km west of Komatipoort, within Mpumalanga Province

Coordinates:

25°27'44.84"S

31°53'41.83"E.

Legal Requirements

With the information available and as per the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA 107, 1998), GNR 983, GNR984 and GNR985 of 2014 (as amended in 2017), the following listed activities is being applied for:

GNR 983, 2014 (as amended), Activity 9:

The development of infrastructure exceeding 1 000m in length for the bulk transportation of water or storm water –

- (i) With an internal diameter of 0.36m or more; or*
- (ii) With a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more;*

GNR 983, 2014 (as amended), Activity 10:

The development and related operation of infrastructure exceeding 1 000m in length for the bulk transportation of sewage, effluent, process water, waste water, return water industrial discharge or slimes –

- (i) With an internal diameter of 0.36m or more; or*
- (ii) With a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more;*

GNR 983, 2014 (as amended), Activity 12:

The development of (ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100m² or more, where such development occurs (i) within a watercourse.

GNR 983, 2014 (as amended), Activity 19:

The infilling or depositing or any material or 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 (i) a watercourse.

GNR 984, 2014 (as amended), Activity 15:

The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation.

GNR 985, 2014 (as amended), Activity 4:

The development of a road wider than 4 metres with a reserve less than 13,5m within (f) Mpumalanga, (gg) areas within 10km from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 km from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA.

GNR 985, 2014 (as amended), Activity 10:

The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure for the storage, or storage and handling of a dangerous good where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 30 but not exceeding 80 cubic metres, within (f) Mpumalanga, (gg) areas within 10km from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 km from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA.

GNR 985, 2014 (as amended), Activity 14:

The development of (ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10 square metres or more, where such development occurs (a) within a watercourse, (f) within Mpumalanga, (hh) areas within 10km from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 km from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA.

Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process

A Scoping Environmental Impact Assessment is a process used to assess the negative and positive consequences of the proposed activities on the immediate and surrounding environment and propose recommendations to enhance positive impacts and reduce negative impacts.

The Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment process will include:

- a) Stakeholder engagement;
- b) Environmental assessment of current site conditions;
- c) A description of the activities commenced with;
- d) Description of the environment that was affected;
- e) Description of need and desirability of the activities commenced with;
- f) Identification of possible alternatives;
- g) Ecological and Heritage Impact Assessment: and
- h) Description and assessment of the significance of environmental impacts.

Consideration of comments received from various authorities, stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties, forms an intrinsic part of this process. Authority decision-making and a public appeal opportunity will occur after the submission of the final Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Report to DARDLEA.

Public Participation Process (PPP)

During the public participation phase, consultation with the following parties will take place:

- Relevant authorities at various levels;
- Relevant stakeholders;
- The proponent; and
- The public at large.

The following activities will take place as part of public participation:

- Advertising: On-site and in a local newspaper;
- Supplying people with an opportunity to comment and register as interested and affected parties on the Draft Scoping Report as well as Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report. I&APs will be notified when the documents are available for review and will then have a 30-day opportunity to comment on the information provided, prior to submission to the DARDLEA for consideration.

COMMENT AND REGISTRATION SHEET

PROPOSED INTEGRATED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 55 AND 59 OF THE FARM TENBOSCH 162-JU, NEAR KOMATIPOORT, NKOMAZI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA

If you would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party for the project and you would like to receive all documentation that will be made available for public review, and/or should you have any comments, please complete the registration form and send it to the address as indicated at the end of the page.

Name: _____ Owner/Lessee: _____

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Locality Map