

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:

Proposed Majella Park Residential Development BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

Purpose

The purpose of this BID is to provide information to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) about the proposed residential development and related infrastructure, on Erf 749 Oakdene Extension 19, Gauteng Province.

The Basic Assessment Procedure (BA) is in process under the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) 2014 legislation and a Notice of Intent was lodged with the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD). Discussions are being held with GDARD to determine the best approach to the application prior to lodging the application.

This Background Information Document explains the proposed project and the regulatory processes that will have to be complied with, while providing Interested & Affected Parties with the opportunity to:

- Register as stakeholders in the public participation process; and
- Make initial comments on and contributions to the proposed project.

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Affected Properties

Location: Erf 749 Oakdene Extension 19

Extent: Approximately 5,2739 hectares

Project

The Applicant intends to develop a residential development with related infrastructure on Erf 749 Oakdene Extension 19.

Your comment is important

Your comments will ensure that all relevant issues are evaluated in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR). You are requested to complete the enclosed registration and comment sheet, write a letter, call or e-mail the public participation office in Pretoria (Jitske van den Heever). Upon request you will then receive further information about the proposed project and the Basic Assessment process.

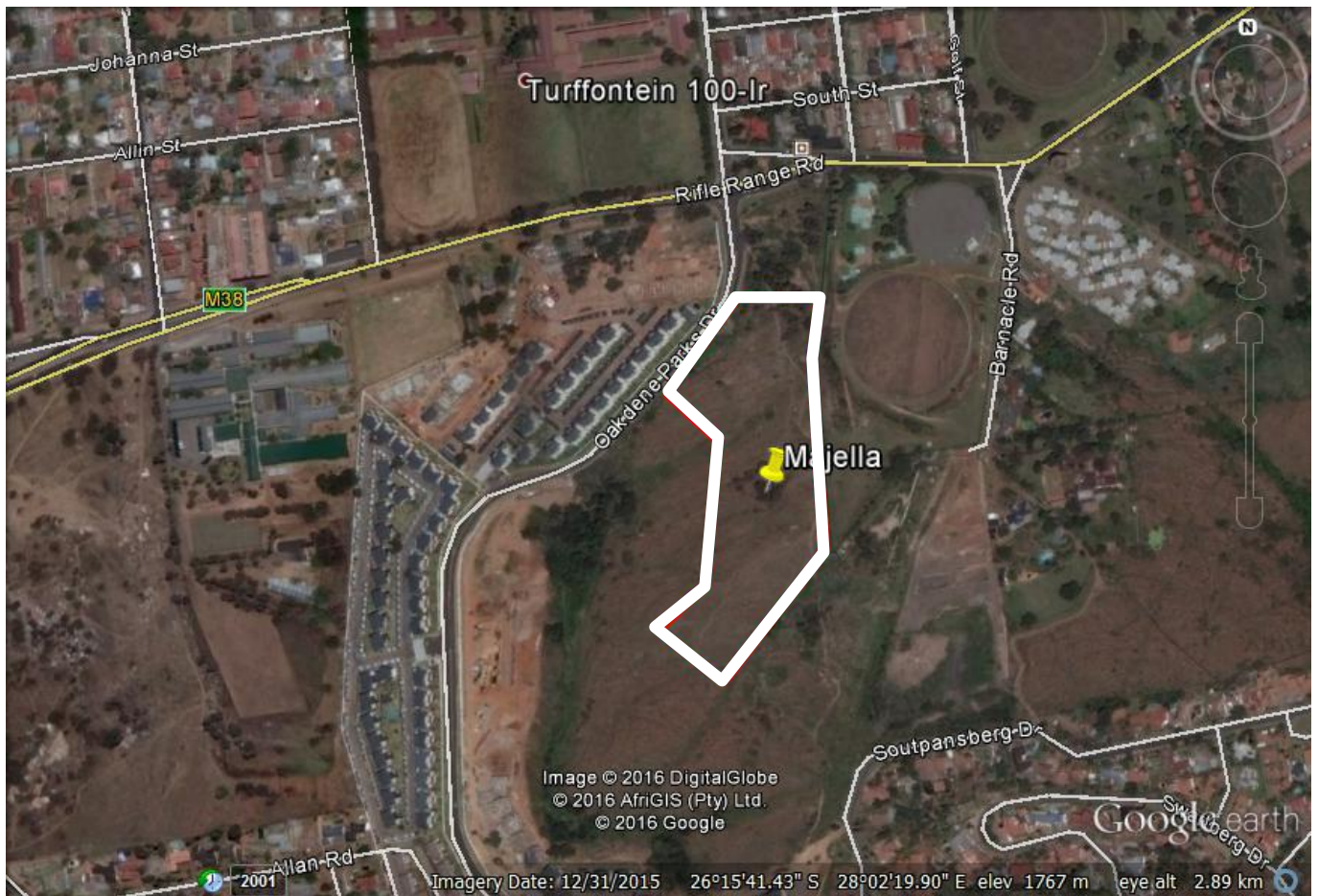


Figure 1: Approximate Location of Erf 749 Oakdene Extension 19

What is a BA?

Balwin Properties (Pty) Ltd (The Applicant) to commence with the proposed development, the applicant must conduct a Basic Assessment process and submit a Basic Assessment Report (BAR) to the regulatory authorities in support of an application for environmental authorisation to proceed with the project. A Basic Assessment process is a well-defined and regulated process, in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Government Notice Regulations 982, 983, 984, and 985 (GN Reg 982, 983, 984, and 985), involving public participation and technical studies, to identify issues of concern and to evaluate the environmental and socio-economic impacts of a proposed project.

BAs are used by planning authorities to obtain an objective view of the potential environmental and social impacts that could arise during the construction and operation of the proposed development. This information must provide a sound basis for decision-making by the authorities.

The end product of a basic assessment process is a Basic Assessment Report, which must:

- Identify the potential impacts of the proposed activities;
- Outline the public participation process undertaken; Illustrate the issues, concerns and suggestions raised by Interested & Affected Parties; and
- Outline the environmental management and mitigation measures that must be taken to avoid or reduce negative impacts and enhance positive impacts.

The activities to be applied for

Indicate the number of the relevant Government Notice:

Activity No (s) (relevant notice): e.g. Listing notices 1, 2 or 3

Describe each listed activity as per the wording in the listing notices:

GN. R 983, 08 December 2014	27	The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for- (i). the undertaking of a linear activity; or (ii). maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.
GN. R 985, 08 December 2014	12	The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan. (a) In Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, Limpopo, North West and Western Cape Provinces: i. 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; ii. Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans; iii. Within the littoral active zone or 100 metres inland from high water mark of the sea or an estuarine functional zone, whichever distance is the greater, excluding where such removal will occur behind the development setback line on even in urban areas; or iv. On land, where, at the time of coming into effect of this Notice or thereafter such land was zoned open space, conservation or had an equivalent zoning.

Public Participation

The public participation process during the Basic Assessment process will enable Interested & Affected Parties to influence the course of the technical investigations and to review the findings of the independent studies that are undertaken. The environmental consultants will correspond directly with registered Interested & Affected Parties at various stages during the process to keep them informed of progress in the study and the timing of opportunities to be involved. The steps in the public participation process are outlined below.

- Letters of invitation accompanied by this Background Information Document and comment sheet to be distributed to adjacent landowners within 100m from the area of the proposed development, key individuals and organisations, announcing the project and inviting their comment
- Advertisements in Local newspaper (Citizen) announcing the proposed project and providing opportunity to comment
- Site notices to be erected at strategic places along the property in accordance with the requirements of the Basic Assessments Regulations, in order to announce the project
- Key stakeholders in the area will be informed by telephone, e-mail or facsimile.
- All issues received from stakeholders will be captured in the comments and response report (CRR) which will be used to screen and prioritise issues for evaluation

A Public Meeting will be held on 14th June 2016 from 18h00 at the Balboa Park Clubhouse, Oakdene Parks Drive, Oakdene.

Due date for registration 20th June 2016

<p>INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:</p> <p>BA as per NEMA</p> <p>MAJELLA PARK</p> <p>REGISTRATION SHEET</p> <p>Accompanying Background Information Document</p> <p>May 2016</p>	<p>Public Participation Office</p> <p>LEAP</p> <p>Jitske van den Heever</p> <p>P.O. Box 13185, Hatfield, 0028</p> <p>FAX 086 606 6130</p> <p>jitske@leapenviro.co.za</p> <p>Nkhensani Sithole</p> <p>env@leapenviro.co.za</p>
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Please complete and return to the contact details as provided, by 20 May 2016 to register

TITLE		FIRST NAME	
INITIALS		SURNAME	
ORGANISATION			
POSTAL ADDRESS			
		POSTAL CODE	
LAND LINE TEL NO		CELL NO	
FAX NO		EMAIL	

Please formally register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) so that I may receive further information and notifications during the Basic Assessment process	YES	NO
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I would like my notifications and documents for comment as follows:					
Letter (mail)	E-mail	Fax	Telephone	On CD	Internet

In terms of this Public Participation process I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:

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COMMENTS (please use separate sheets if you wish)

I suggest that the following issues of concern be investigated:

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I suggest the following for the public participation process:

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Any other comments:

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Please register the following people as I&APs for this process:

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Signature

Date