



BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

**CHANTELLE EXTENSION 35
(PORTION 250 OF THE FARM HARTEBEESTHOEK 303 JR)**

REF NR GAUT 002/21-22/E3124

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**NOTICE FOR BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS
FOR PROPOSED NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT – CHANTELLE EXTENSION 35
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1. Introduction

Lokisa Environmental Consulting CC was appointed to obtain authorisation from the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) for the proposed Chantelle X 35 Residential Development.

The Basic Assessment (BA) procedure will apply to this application. The process is done in terms of Government Notice Regulations (GNR) No. 982, 983 and 985 of the EIA Regulations of 2014 (as amended 2017). The EIA Regulations were promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act ('NEMA', Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended).

2. Purpose of this document

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide information to Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) about the Basic Assessment (BA) process that is being conducted for the establishment of the proposed Residential development.

I&APs are invited to engage in the BA process by submitting their viewpoint and constructive suggestions to the project team.

3. Locality

The site is situated directly south of the N4, directly west of Longmore Road and directly north of the Jakaranda Shopping Complex and the Crystal Sun Water Park within the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality.



Figure 1: Site Locality

4. Project Description

The project entails the establishment of a residential development consisting of 132 units on a site measuring 2.2190 ha in extent as well as the required services thereto.

5. Basic Assessment Process

The NEMA activity which is triggered by the proposed development requires an application for an Environmental Authorisation, in the form of a Basic Assessment process, and a Basic Assessment Report (BAR) will be submitted to GDARD once finalised. The listed activities linked to this intervention are as follows:

Activities listed under Listing Notice 1 (GN R983), as amended:

Activity 9 – The development and related operation of infrastructure exceeding 1 000 metres 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 0,36 metres or more; or (ii) with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more.

Activity 10 – The development of infrastructure exceeding 1 000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of water or storm water— (i) with an internal diameter of 0,36 metres or more; or (ii) with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more;

Activity 27 – The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation.

Activities listed under Listing Notice 3 (GN R985), as amended:

Activity 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. c. Gauteng. ii. Within Critical Biodiversity Areas or Ecological Support Areas identified in the Gauteng Conservation Plan or bioregional plans.

6. Process to be followed

Pre-application:

- A pre-application consultation between the consultant and the applicant was held to determine the extent of the application.

Public Participation Process will include the following:

- The proposed development will be advertised in a local newspaper and on site;
- The adjacent landowners, tenants and resident's associations will be informed directly, in writing, of the application for environmental authorization for the proposed development;
- Interested & affected parties and Stakeholders will be given a 30 day period within which to lodge any objections;
- After the 30 day period has expired a report will be written on how any objections and/or comments raised by interested and affected parties together with an indication as to how the objections will be addressed, if at all.

Basic Assessment Report:

- The report provides a description of the activity, description of property and location and a description of environment, legislation, need and desirability, significant impacts and management as well as mitigation.
- A description is given of the Public Participation Process.

7. Time schedule for the BAR Process

The following allowances have been made for time in terms of the BA process:

- Public Participation Process which includes providing Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) **30** days to register.
- Compile draft Basic Assessment Report.
- Submit the draft Basic Assessment Report to I&APs and State Departments and provide **30** days for comment.
- Compile the Basic Assessment Report after receipt of comment.
- Submit Application form to GDARD.
- Submit Basic Assessment Report with comments received and inclusive of specialist reports to GDARD within **90** days of submission of Application form to GDARD.
- Within **107** days of receipt of Basic Assessment Report, GDARD to grant or refuse environmental authorisation.

8. Environmental Issues Identified

Potential environmental impacts will be identified for the construction and operational period. Environmental impacts will be identified and assessed in terms of their significance.

Management guidelines will be developed for these issues and incorporated in an Environmental Management Programme.

Interested and Affected Parties are welcome to comment on this list and provide additional anticipated issues and possible impacts which should be addressed.

9. Role of the Interested & Affected Parties (I&AP's)

Registered I&AP's have the right to bring to the attention of the Environmental Authority any issues that they believe may be of significance to the consideration of the application.

The rights of the I& AP's are qualified by certain obligations, namely:

- I & AP's must ensure that their comments are submitted within the timeframes that have been approved or set by the competent authority, or within any extension of a timeframe agreed to by the applicant or Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP);
- A copy of comments submitted directly to the competent authority must be served on the applicant or EAP; and
- Any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that they might have in the approval or refusal of the application must be disclosed.

The roles of I&AP's in a Public Participation Process usually include one or more of the following:

- Assist in the identification and prioritization of issues that need to be investigated;
- Make suggestions on alternatives and means of preventing, minimizing and managing negative impacts and enhancing project benefits;
- Assist in/ or comment on the development of mutually acceptable criteria for the evaluation of decision options;
- Contribute information on public needs, values and expectations;
- Contribute local and traditional knowledge; and
- Verify that their issues have been considered.

In order to participate effectively, I&AP's should:

- Become involved in the process as early as possible;
- Register as I&AP's by responding to the relevant newspaper advertisements and/or BID;
- Provide your full contact details
- Advise the EAP of other I&AP's who should be consulted;
- Follow the process once it has been accepted;
- Read the material provided and actively seek to understand the issues involved;
- Provide timeous responses to correspondence;
- Be respectful and courteous towards other I&APS;
- Refrain from making subjective, unfounded or ill-informed statements, and
- Recognize that the process is confined to issues that are directly relevant to the application.

10. Name and contact details of the EAP

For Further information on this application, please contact: Ms. Delia de Lange of Lokisa Environmental Consulting CC at P.O. Box 219, Groenkloof, 0027 Tel: 012 346 7655 Email: delia@lokisa.co.za.

In order to ensure that you are identified as Interested and/or Affected Party and wish to receive future correspondence regarding the proposed development, please submit in writing the following:

- Contact name,
- Email address, Telephone and Fax Numbers & Postal Details,
- Your interest in the project, and
- Any comments you may have.
- To the contact people given above within the timeframe provided.

The Closing Date for registration as an Interested and/or Affected Party is 23 March 2022