

Clippety Clop Property Holdings cc
Proposed development of Portion 3 of Farm 695
(Clippety Clop), East London

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT
& NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

1. INTRODUCTION

TERRECO Environmental cc has been appointed by Clippety Clop Property Holdings cc to undertake the legally required application process for Environmental Authorisation for the proposed establishment of up to 12 holiday homes on Portion 3 of Farm 695, 'Clippety Clop' adjacent to the Kwelera River.

This Background Information Document (BID) serves as notice of the proposed activities, of the environmental impact assessment process that is underway, and as a request for any comments regarding the Project and the EIA Process. Should you be interested in registering as an 'Interested and Affected Party' and/or in submitting comments or information regarding the Project, please use page 4 of this document to register your interest.

This BID also acts as an invitation to the public meeting which will be held as follows:

DATE: Tuesday 16 August 2011

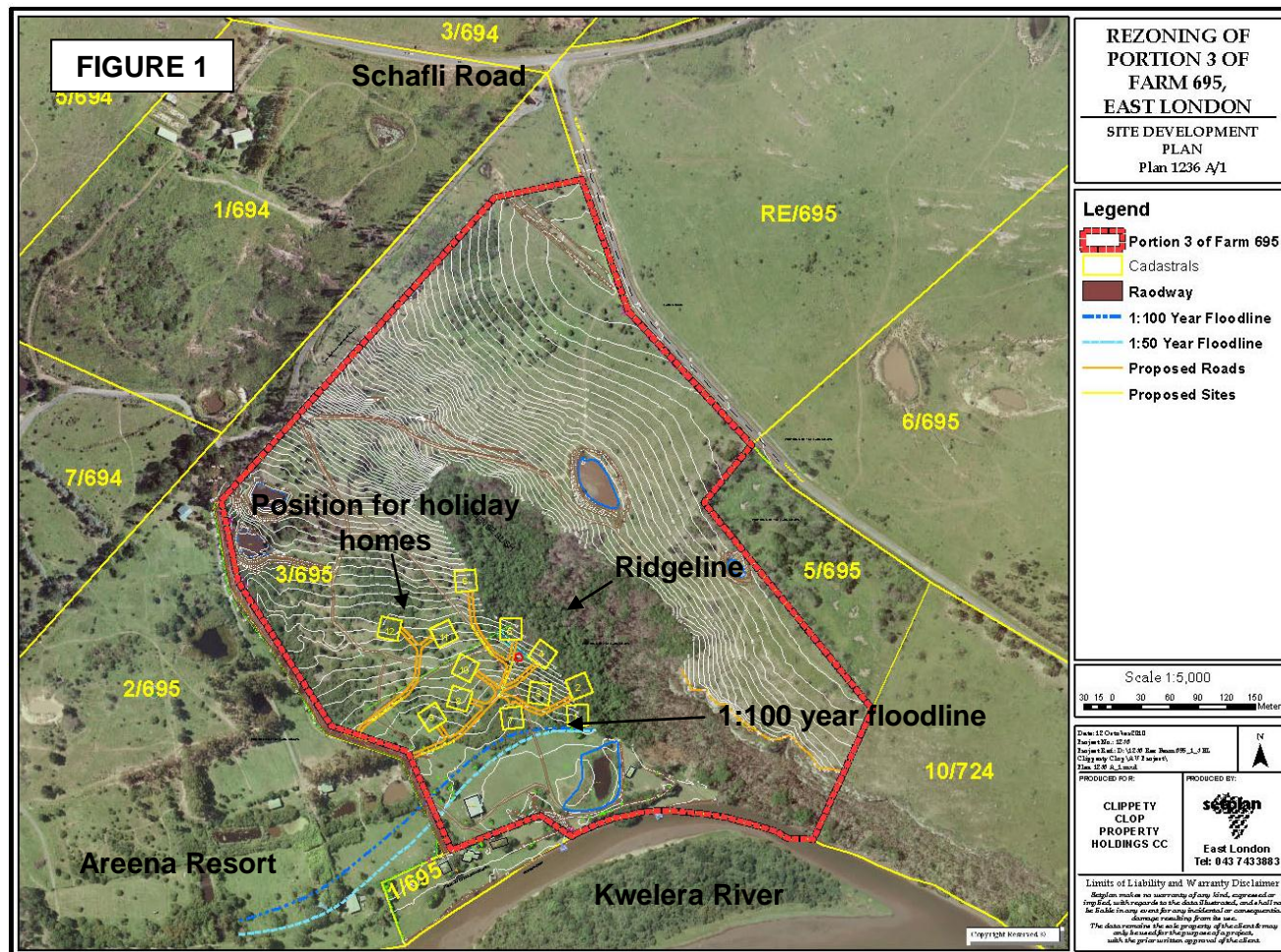
TIME: 17:30 hours

VENUE: Clippety Clop

2. PROJECT LOCATION AND GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The focus area lies within the jurisdiction of the Great Kei Municipality, Amathole District Municipality. The Project site is a relatively isolated private property comprising Portion 3 of Farm 695, East London. Portion 3 of Farm 695 is bounded by the Areena River Resort and access road on the western boundary, farmland on the northern and eastern boundaries and the Kwelera River on the southern boundary. Access to the Project site is via Schafli Road which is shared with the Areena River Resort. The Portion 3 of Farm 695 is approximately 28 hectares in size and is zoned as Resort 1. Defined land uses under this zoning for the property allow for a maximum of one hectare for the development of the 12 holiday homes (with services and infrastructure) as defined by the house position for each unit (see **Figure 1** overleaf). The defined land use for the remaining 27 hectares of the property is Nature Conservation.

The holiday homes have been situated inland from the 1:100 year floodline for the Kwelera River and form a cluster close to the distinctive ridgeline which bisects the property in a north-west to south-east direction. Each holiday home will have a footprint of approximately 120m². There will be no fencing between the holiday homes. Services to be provided include a gravel access road to each unit, a single conservancy tank to receive sewage from every home and a combined borehole/rainwater collection water supply.



3. THE ENVIRONMENT

The topography of the Project focus area is characterised by a flat to gently sloping floodplain associated with the Kwelera River and which gently rises in a northerly direction from the river to approximately 29m above mean sea level. Specialist inputs on the vegetation of the site were provided by Carl Vernon to the effect that: the grassland above the 1:100 year flood line has been colonised by Acacia Karoo forming an open woodland; the area has been used as pasture for livestock in the past; Buffels Thicket is dominant along the cliff line; some remnants of riparian vegetation are present: no rare or endangered plant species were observed on site; and some invasive aliens are present on site. The Kwelera River has been recognized as an important and sensitive environmental receptor. The potential implications of the sanitation and storm water runoff proposals for the development on the Kwelera River have been identified as key focus areas for the forthcoming EIA. Impacts on vegetation associated with the ridgeline are also a focus area given the ridgeline has been highlighted as ‘Conservation’ in terms of the Coastal Environmental Management Framework plan.

4. EIA PROCESS

The proposed development had been approved through the Development Facilitation Act (Act No 67 of 1995) in April 2011. At the time, it had been confirmed by Department of Economic Development and Environmental Affairs (DEDEA) that it would not be necessary to obtain to prior Environmental Authorisation for the proposals. However, subsequent to a request for a review of the original decision, it was confirmed by DEDEA (Bhisho) on 27 June 2011, that the proposed development of 12 holiday homes represented a ‘resort’ and as such would be a listed activity (viz, Activity 6(cc) Government Notice

No.R.546). It would therefore be necessary to apply for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (as amended) before activities can commence. A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) prepared as per Sections 21-22 of the EIA Regulations, 2010 would be required in support of the application for Environmental Authorisation. The purpose of the Basic Environmental Assessment is to identify and assess potential environmental impacts which may arise as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed new holiday homes. This will be achieved through public and stakeholder consultations, literature reviews, field investigations and specialist studies.

An integral and mandatory component of the environmental authorisation process is Public Participation, whereby interested and affected persons and the public at large are informed of the Project and afforded the opportunity to participate in the EIA process. The EIA Regulations describe the minimum level of public involvement, including the posting of newspaper advertisements, the placing of notice boards on/near site, public meeting(s) and document review opportunities. Further to these requirements, the following has been undertaken to date:

The public has been and will be informed and engaged as follows:

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| 1. Newspaper Notice of Basic Assessment. The Notice informs the public of the project and invites them to register as an Interested and Affected Person/Party in the assessment process. The notice was published in the Daily Dispatch Newspaper. | 4 th August
2011 |
| 2. Erection of a noticeboard on Schafli road. | August 2011 |
| 3. Distribution of Background Information Document (this document) to identified key stakeholders, such as municipal officials, community leaders and relevant government departments | August 2011 |
| 4. Public meeting held at Clippety Clop farm. | 16 th August
5:30pm |
| 5. Circulation of Draft Basic Assessment report for public comment. | To be
confirmed |

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF RESPONSES IS 19 AUGUST 2011.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMMENTS TO:

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BASIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Proposed development of portion 3 of farm 695 (Clippety Clop), East London.

Comments on the Proposed EIA Process, Concerns and Issues

Your comments on this questionnaire will contribute towards ensuring that the process which is applied to direct the Basic Environmental Assessment is sound and will permit an informed project decision to be taken. **The deadline for the receipt of comments is 19 August 2011.** Contact details are provided below.

Please indicate your name:

Your Contact details: (e.g. email, cellphone etc.)

1. Do you wish to be registered as an 'Interested and Affected Party for the EIA process?

Yes

No

2. Do you have any concerns which you believe should be addressed in the EIA and which you would like to bring to the attention of the EIA team?

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3. Are there any additional interested and affected parties (I&APs) that you feel should be consulted in the course of the EIA? If yes, please indicate contact name, email address and/or telephone number so we may contact this person or organisation:

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4. Is the process which is proposed for the EIA in accordance with the principles of Environmental Management which are promoted in South Africa?

Yes

No

If no, describe briefly how you believe the process could be improved:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION

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