

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A POULTRY ABATTOIR, ON  
NOOITGEDAGHT FARM, VRYHEID, SITUATED IN KWAZULU  
NATAL**  
*ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT*

*Background Information Document*

Purpose of this document is to

- Provide an overview of the basic assessment which is part of an environmental impact assessment process (EIA) for Uitzicht Agri Products Pty (Ltd) of the farm Nooitgedaght, Vryheid who is proposing to develop a poultry abattoir and facilities on the farm.
- Invite you as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) to participate in the EIA process; and
- Provides you as I&AP with the opportunity to contribute to the EIA for the project.

INTRODUCTION

Mr A van Heerden (project applicant), would like to develop a poultry abattoir on the above-mentioned farm. This development will comply with all the necessary legislative requirements and processes.

Due to the fact that unemployment is rife in our country this initiative aims to assist beneficiaries to start a business and develop it sustainably over time. This abattoir project and its associated infrastructure will do just that, including providing local workers with employment and it will be a joint venture with Bilanyoni Community Trust, who will be shareholders who will profit financially in the business. In order to abide by legislative requirements an application for environmental authorization has been submitted to the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, KwaZulu Natal.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will include the development of a new low throughput poultry abattoir, with its associated on the farm Nooitgedaght, Vryheid.

The abattoir facility will be able to slaughter 2500 broilers daily.

The site is located in the agricultural area of Vryheid.

## THE EIA PROCESS

In accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 an EIA needs to be undertaken and compiled and must be approved by the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, KwaZulu Natal before the proposed activities can commence. The activity related to the concentration of poultry as listed in the EIA Regulations (GN R. 544) promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) requires a Basic Assessment to be undertaken as part of the approval process. An application has been submitted under NEMA for inter alia the following activity:

GN R 544 activity no. 3(i): The construction of facilities of infrastructure for the slaughter of animals with a product throughput of:

- Poultry exceeding 50 poultry per day.

The aim of the EIA process is to identify and assess the potential impacts associated with the proposed project and to develop measures through which potential negative biophysical and socio-economic impacts can be mitigated and positive benefits can be enhanced. The EIA will ensure that all issues are integrated into the lifecycle of the different poultry projects. This will occur during the planning, construction, and operation phases. The EIA process culminates in the compilation of a Basic Assessment Report. The EIA involves the assessment of the probable environmental impacts that will potentially be caused by the development, and operation of the facilities.

The EIA process will provide the authorities and I&APs with clear, accurate and understandable information about the

expected environmental impacts associated with the proposed project.

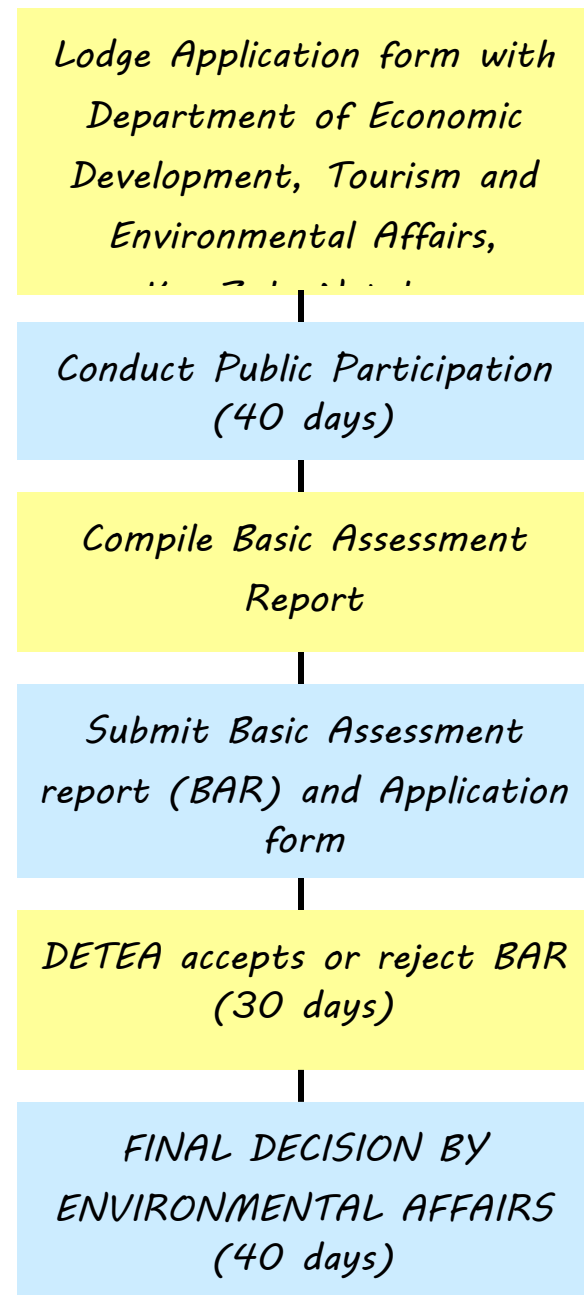


Figure 1: EIA Timeframes according to GN R 543

## ***PUBLIC PARTICIPATION***

### **Who are the Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs)?**

I&APs are the persons who will be directly or indirectly involved and/or affected by the project.

Your role as I&AP is to:

- Register with the environmental consultants, who will include you on a database of I&APs in order for you to receive future project information and/or formally record issues and concerns; and
- Contact the consultants to obtain further information and / or raise issues and concerns.

### **Availability of Reports**

The future environmental reports associated with this project will include the Basic Assessment Report and will be submitted to the Dept. of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs and other relevant Government Departments on completion. At the same time this report will be made available to the public for comments for a period of 40 days. All registered I&APs will be informed of the availability of this report prior to it being made available.

### **Contact Details**

Should you have any queries, comments or concerns, please contact the consultant listed below.

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### **How to comment**

Comments, questions or issues, which you wish to raise, can be made by in writing (sent to us by fax, e-mail or post). A comment sheet is attached. It is not essential that you submit comments, but please ensure that you provide us with your name, contact details and interest in the project.

