

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

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24G ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION ACCORDING TO NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) ("NEMA") AS AMENDED FOR RECTIFYING AN UN-LAWFULL CLEARANCE OF INDIGENOUS VEGETATION WITHOUT AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AT LIMPOPO VIEW 42 MT, MUSINA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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1. Purpose of this Background Information Document

- 1.1 Inform the identified interested and affected parties (I&APs) of the environmental impact assessment process and provide details of the project.
- 1.2 Provide I&APs with the locality map indicating the proposed development.
- 1.3 Invite I&APs to provide comments (in writing) on project and to obtain information and/or input regards the project.

2. Introduction and statement of independence

Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 41(2) (a, b & c) and Regulation 41(3)(a & b) of the regulations published in Government Notice R. 982 dated 4 December 2014 as amended on 7 April 2017 of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act no. 107 of 1998) of intent to carry out an environmental assessment in accordance with 24 G for the following activity (given below) which will be submitted to Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment & Tourism.

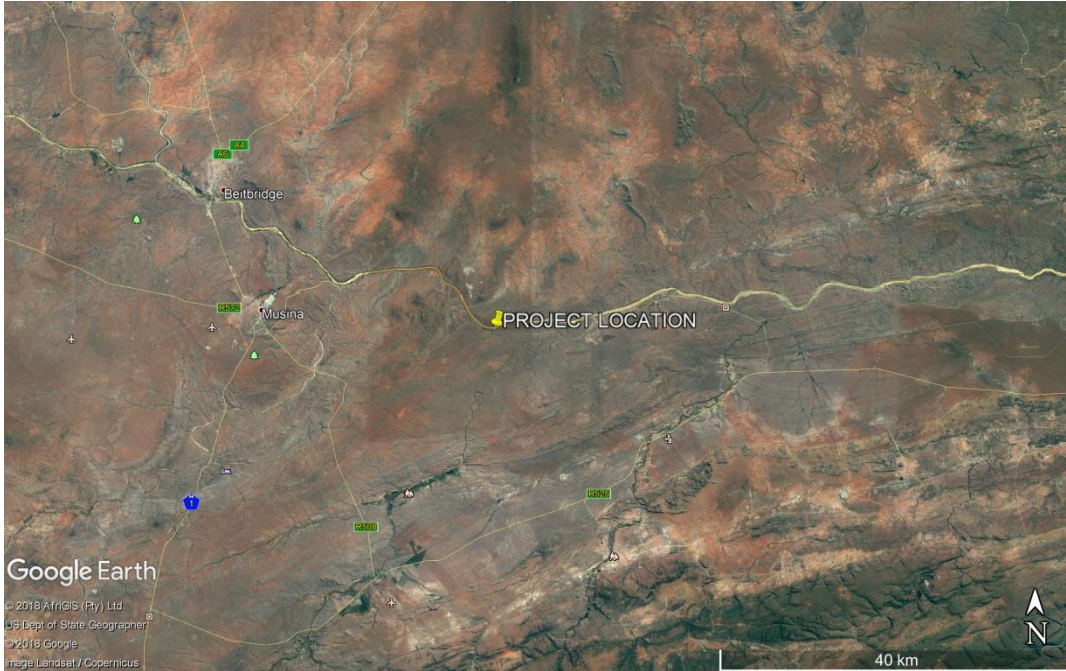
Tua Conserva Environmental and Conservation Services cc has, as an independent environmental practitioner, signed a declaration of independence and has subsequently been appointed by the proponent to conduct the Basic Assessment Report process in terms of NEMA and the Regulations.

General and background

The applicant as owner of Limpopo View 42 MT commenced with removing indigenous vegetation to the extent of approximately 4.5 hectares without environmental authorisation. The competent authorities notified the applicant on the unlawfulness of the activity undertaken. The applicant appointed Tua Conserva to submit an application to rectify the unlawful activity.

The proposed activity will be on Limpopo View 42 MT within Musina Local Municipality of Vhembe District, Limpopo Province.

The co-ordinates (WGS84) of the proposed auctioning facilities are Latitude **22°21'32.50"S** and Longitude **30°17'44.83"E**

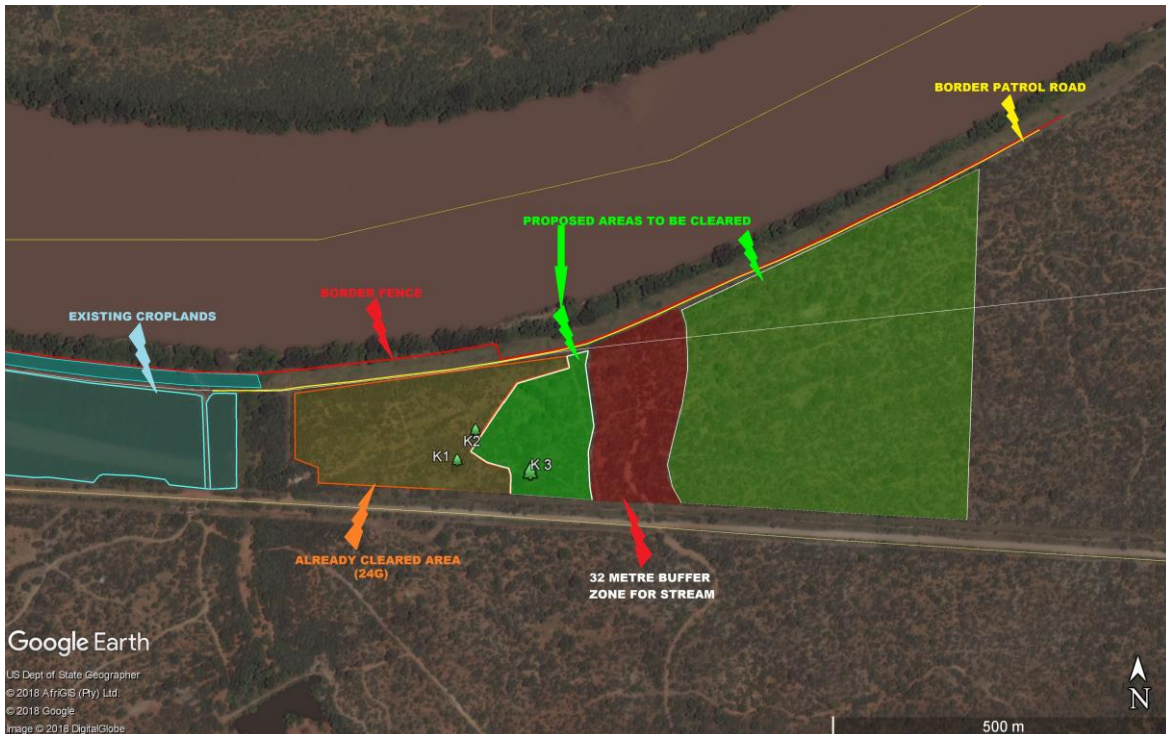


3. Project Description

Project name: Limpopo View 42 MT: Clearing of indigenous vegetation

Nature of Activity:

The activity entails the clearing of approximate 4.5 hectares of indigenous vegetation and to extend this clearing in phases to approximately 25.5 hectares for the purposes of cultivating lucerne as supplementary food source for game.



Site description of project:

In Acock's (1998) classification of the vegetation of South Africa, the study area falls within one recognized veld types, namely Veld Type 15 – Mopane Veld. According to the classification of Low and Rebelo (1996), there is also only one veld type present, namely Veld Type 10 – Mopane Bushveld. According to Mucina & Rutherford (2006), the study area is situated in the Mopane Bioregion which consists of Musina Mopane Veld and Limpopo Ridge Bushveld and the Alluvial Vegetation Bioregion consisting of Subtropical Alluvial Vegetation alongside the Limpopo River. The latter vegetation type is severely modified and degraded because of agricultural practices and the security fence alongside the Limpopo River.

The site is located between the Border Protection system and the District gravel road. The site is characterized by the presence of protected trees and other typical trees of the region. Signs of previous and current human activities were found.

Process to be followed:

1. A public participation process will be followed and will include:
 - Placing an advertisement in a local newspaper;
 - Placing of Site Notices at strategic locations;
 - Informing adjoining landowners by electronic mail;
 - Hand deliver Comment Sheet to adjoining landowners;
 - Informing organs of state by electronic means
2. Specialist Surveys
 - Phase 1 Archaeological Survey
 - Ecological and Red Data Report

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