

Environmental Impact Assessment: Lanseria Extension 55

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

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Purpose of Document

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide information on proposed project to develop an industrial township in the Lanseria area.

This document will assist people to:

- Determine if they have an interest in the project and/or if they could potentially be affected;
- Make initial comments on and contributions to the proposed project; and
- Register as an Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) to be kept informed about future opportunities to participate.

More documentation will be available at various stages during the Environmental Authorisation process to provide stakeholders with information and further opportunities to raise issues of concern and suggestions. Stakeholders will also be given the opportunity to verify that their issues have been considered and to comment on the findings of the Specialist Studies.

Registration of Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and Submission of Comments:

You can register as an I&AP and submit comments at any time during the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. Comments received by Interested and Affected Parties by dates specified during the Public Participation process will be included in the Final Scoping Report or in the Draft EIA Report. Your comments, issues, concerns and suggestions on any aspect of the proposed project, including the technical and public participation processes, will help to focus the technical studies, and will ultimately assist the authorities to make informed decisions.

To register as and I&AP please complete the enclosed registration form and submit to:

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Location

The proposed development will be known as Lanseria Extension 55 township, which is located on Portions 38 & 39 of the Farm Bultfontein 533-JR, City of Johannesburg. The proposed township will be located on two farm portions with a total area of approximately 22 hectares. The land is located south of 10th Road, about a kilometer south of the Lanseria airport. Access to the land from the R512 Road (Malibongwe Extension)

Description of Proposed Project

The Lanseria industrial development entails a number of processes. During the pre-development phase the Environmental Impact Assessment and Township Proclamation procedures must be concluded. This will involve a number of specialists' studies and reports, amongst others geo-technical, services, traffic, ecological, and several others. The impact of various aspects on the environment and community will be assessed and recommendations will be made in order to find the best possible solutions or practice which will add to the value of the project.

The development phase of the project will start off with the installation of essential services and roads. Thereafter construction activities on the individual erven will commence when building structures and factories will be erected. Thereafter, the township will function as an industrial unit and provide employment opportunities and a service to the surrounding community.

Authorisations Required

Various authorisations are required before the proposed project may go ahead. To this end, several regulatory processes, one of them being an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is being conducted by Singisa Environmental, an independent environmental consulting company. The EIA will meet the requirements of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), Act 107 of 1998. In addition, and due to the historical significance or certain building structures the specialist assessment will meet the requirement of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999). Provincial Regulations and municipal by-laws will also be considered and adhered to, particularly during the township proclamation process.

The EIA and Public Participation process

Public Participation during the various authorisation processes will enable I&APs to influence the course of the investigations and to review and comment on the finding of the investigations. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner will correspond directly with registered I&APs at various intervals during the environmental studies to keep them informed of progress.

The EIA will be conducted in phases and will include the Scoping Phase which is conducted to gain an understanding of the potential environmental issues that are relevant to the project. During the Scoping phase the available information will be assessed to determine where further studies are required as well as the scope thereof. The Impact Assessment Phase is the phase where the significance of all the positive and negative impacts are evaluated and measured to enhance positive impacts and to reduce or avoid negative impacts are proposed. An Environmental Management Programme will also be prepared to manage the possible negative impacts.

Persons who registered as an Interested and Affected Party will receive notification where and when documentation related to the Impact Assessment Process will be available for inspection and review. Once the profile of the Interested and Affected Parties has been assessed a suitable and convenient location will be selected where the documentation will be available for review.

Your comments are important to us. Please contact us should you need more information.