

SKG HOUSING ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED CALYPSO HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT (PHASE 1) – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

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1. BACKGROUND

SKG Housing Association (PTY) Ltd, with funding from the Department of Human Settlements, are proposing to develop a residential area with communal facilities in an 18.48 hectare plot situated adjacent to Woolwash Road, Amalinda. The project, in terms of the EIA process, will be segmented into two phases as per DEDEAT's instructions.

Terreco Environmental cc has been appointed by SKG Properties, to undertake the legally required application process for Environmental Authorisation (EA) including the environmental impact assessment and report which must be provided in support of the application - see Section 3 below.

This Background Information Document (BID) serves as notice of the proposed activity, of the environmental impact assessment processes that will take place, and as a request for any comments regarding the proposals and EIA processes. Should you be interested in registering as a 'Registered Interested and Affected Party' and/or in submitting comments or information on the proposals, please use page 3 and 4 of this document to register your interest.

2. THE PROPOSALS

Phase 1 of the proposed development covers an area of 12.86 hectares and includes the construction of:

- 1500 social housing units which will consist of 3 and 4 storey buildings;
- Communal facilities including a community hall, clinic and crèche; and
- A main road with two traffic circles, a traffic light in Woolwash road as well as the upgrading of service infrastructure (electrical cables, Telkom phone lines etc.).

3. THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT) have confirmed the proposals triggers 'listed activities' in terms of Government Notices R544, including activity number 23 (i). Therefore, there is a need for prior Environmental Authorisation from the Department. The application process, environmental impact assessment and Basic Assessment Report (BAR) will be prepared in accordance with Government Notice R543, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2010. Key tasks to be undertaken during the preparation of the BAR include: submission of an application form to DEDEAT (East London); notification and call for interested and affected parties to register; holding a public meeting; site visits, data collection and specialist studies; preparation of a draft BAR for public review; finalisation and submission of the BAR to DEDEAT for consideration for approval; and notification of the decision made by DEDEAT.

4. THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

An integral and mandatory component of the EIA 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 a notice board(s) on site and arranging a public meeting.

If you have any concerns, comments, opinions or issues regarding the proposals and EIA process, please use pages 3 and 4 of this document to register your interest and return to as per the details provided.

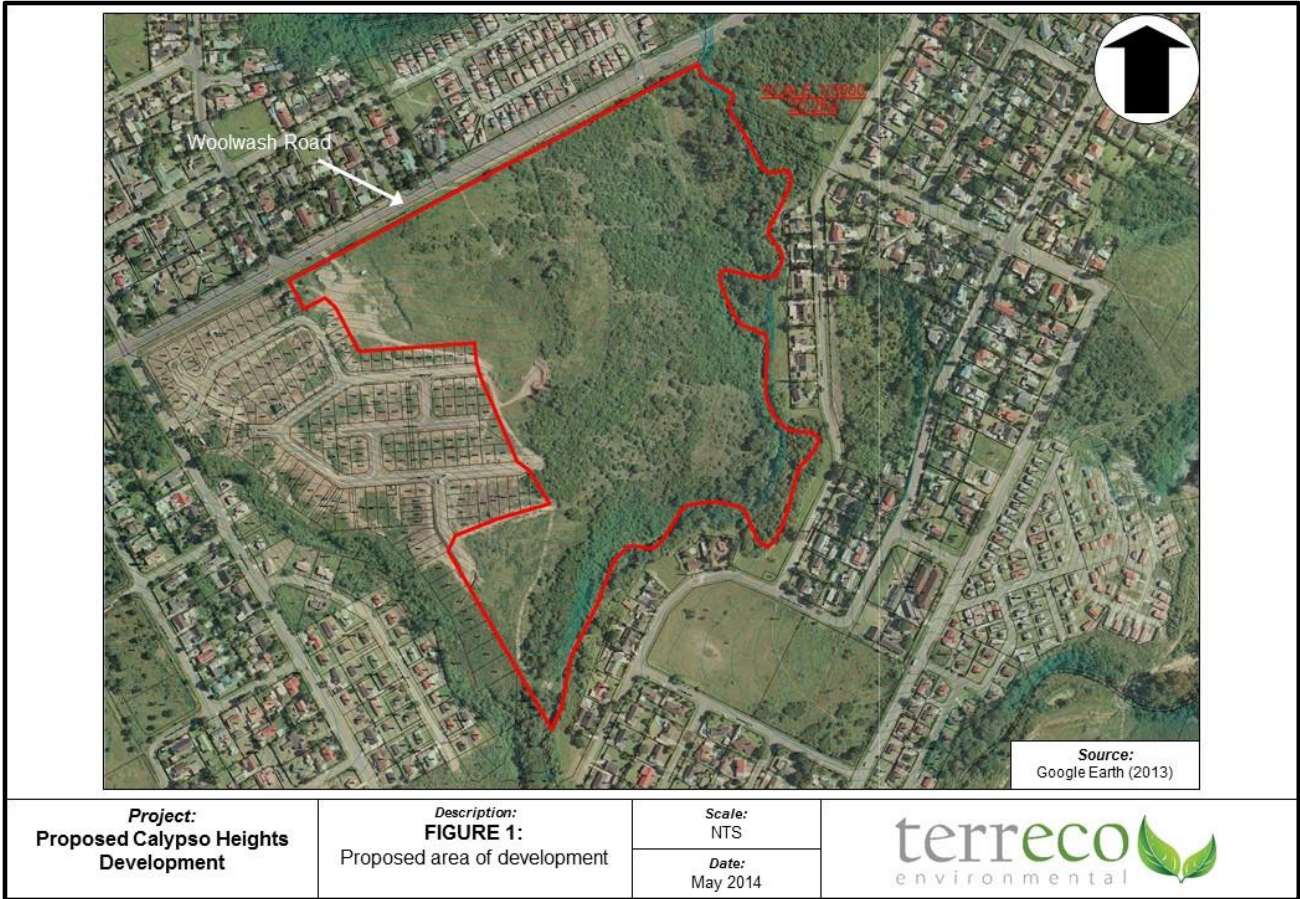


FIGURE 1: PROPOSED AREA OF DEVELOPMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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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 Environmental Impact Assessment is sound and will permit an informed project decision to be taken. **The deadline for the receipt of comments is (date)**. Contact details are provided below.

Name:

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Community/Organisation:

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Contact details:

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- 1. **Do you wish to be registered as an 'Interested and Affected Party for the Environmental Impact Assessment process?**

As a 'Registered Interested and Affected Party' you will be specifically invited at key stages of the Environmental Impact Assessment process to review documents produced and/or provide any additional comment or opinion on the proposals and the results of the environmental Impact Assessment Process.

Please tick the box that applies:

YES	NO
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- 2. **Do you have any specific opinions regarding the proposals in the construction of the Calypso Heights development?**

Do you have any specific opinions regarding the potential impacts of the proposals on the natural environment or the local communities? Do you support or oppose the proposals? Do you believe the proposals will benefit the local communities?

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(Please use additional pages to record your comments as necessary)

3. Are there any parties or individuals that you feel should be consulted in the course of the Environmental Impact Assessment process?

If yes, please provide any contact details so that we may contact this person or organisation.

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4. Is there any other information that you feel we could or should use for the Environmental Impact Assessment of the proposed Calypso Heights development?

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

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