

**Purpose of a Background Information Document (BID)**

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide Interested and Affected Parties (IAP's) with background information on the proposed project and introduce the Environmental Basic Assessment (BA) process to be followed. It also aims to (i) inform IAP's on how to participate in the BA, (ii) encourage responses to documents that will be distributed for review and (ii) encourage I&AP's to attend any public meetings.

**1World Consultants have been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), to undertake the Basic Assessment for the proposed refurbishment and expansion of a multi-story residential block situated at 50 Lagoon Drive, Umhlanga Rocks, located within the eThekweni Municipality.**

**Nature and Location of Activity**

Dalmation Duo Investments (Pty) Ltd proposes the refurbishment and expansion of a multi-story residential block situated at 50 Lagoon Drive, Umhlanga Rocks, located within the eThekweni Municipality (map 1 provided in Appendix A).

The site is located within an urban area and approximately 100m from the High Water Mark of the sea (HWM). The proposed expansion to the existing structure will be approximately 500m<sup>2</sup> in size. The proposed expansion will be a multi-storey residential block.



**Environmental Impact**

The proposed development will involve the refurbishment of the existing structure (updating the façade and internals). The proposed development is located within 100m from the High Water Mark (HWM) of the sea and will require more than 5 cubic metres of material to be removed from site. Hence an Environmental Authorisation will be required.

In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2014) promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (as amended), a Basic Assessment Study will be required. The proposed development triggers the following listed activity, as per Listing Notice 1:

**Activity 19:** *The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 5 cubic metres from-*

**(iii) a distance of 100 metres inland of the high-water mark of the sea, whichever distance is greater-**

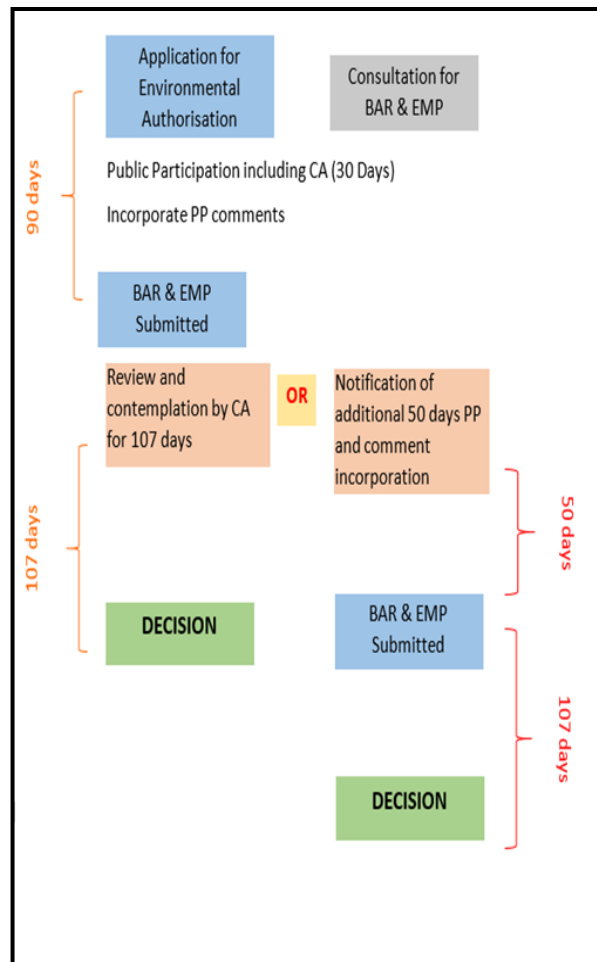
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**The Basic Assessment Process and Public Participation Process (PPP)**

The primary aim of the Basic Assessment is to ensure that any potential environmental impacts that may occur, due to the construction and/or operation of the proposed development, are mitigated.

The main aspects of a Basic Assessment are:

- Investigate and gather information on the area,
- Describe the environment and how the development would fit in,
- Identify and involve potential I&AP's and stakeholders,
- Identify potential impacts,
- Investigate alternatives to the proposed development,
- Recommend mitigation measures and compile an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the construction and operational phases.



**Mitigation Measures:**

There are several risks associated with construction activities. Initial mitigation measures include a minimal working footprint, site demarcation, demarcation of no-go areas, designated and demarcated site access routes, sediment control measures, spillage control measures, dust control measures, general construction control, staff training and site rehabilitation post construction. A monitoring and auditing plan for the construction phase of the development, will be formulated to ensure that the mitigation measures, detailed in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) are followed.

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**Elements of the PPP**

The public will be invited to register as an I&AP and take part in the PPP through:

- Media Notices placed in newspapers.
- Distribution of this Background Information Document (BID)
- Site notice boards
- Stakeholder meetings
- Public meeting (if necessary)
- Submission of comments on the media notices, BID and Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR)

Note: All information is available on request.

**How to Participate?**

All Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) are invited to register, on the database managed by 1World Consultants by email or fax using the details provided.

Comments and recommendations regarding the proposed development are welcome and may be addressed to:

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**MAP 1: GENERAL LOCALITY OF FLEETWOOD ON THE SEA, UMHLANGA ROCKS, LOCATED WITHIN THE ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY.**