

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this document is to provide background information on the proposed project, as governed amongst others by the National Heritage Resource Act (No. 25 of 1999). This document further provides details on how Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) can get involved in the process.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS (PPP)

The Public Participation Process (PPP) provides Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) with an opportunity to comment on the proposed project. The PPP will be undertaken, amongst others, in terms of NHRA (Act 25 of 1999). PPP involves the public in problem solving or decision-making and forms an integral part of the Impact Assessment process.

HOW TO BECOME INVOLVED AND REGISTER AS AN I&AP?

Your participation in this process is valuable and is encouraged. Therefore, you are invited to register as an I&AP's to make valuable contributions through written submissions. You can send your contributions by email, or telephone to the contact details provided below. PROPOSED NEW THEMBALETHU SECONDARY SCHOOL ON ERF 6925 IN THE GREATER KOKSTAD LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF HARRY GWALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY IN KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE.

YOUR ROLE IN THE CULTURAL HERITAGE PROCESS

As indicated by Boyte and Kari (1996), public participation leads towards more responsive and democratic governance. Therefore, your involvement will enhance the applicability and completeness of the environmental impact and heritage management processes. This will help to:

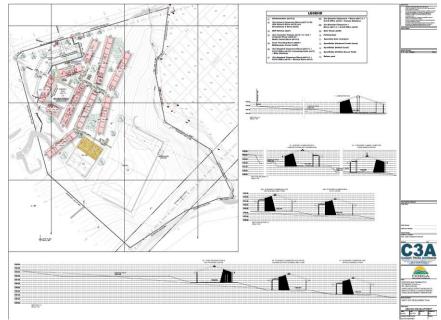
- Ensure that your interests/concerns in the proposed activity are recorded and/addressed;
- Provide participants with the information needed to participate in a meaningful way; and,
- Raise public awareness on activities taking place within your environs and to ensure inclusion of any issues, ideas, values, suggestions or comments you may have regarding the proposed activities. In addition, I&AP's will have access to the Specialist Study report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed site is located on Erf. 6925 and falls within the Greater Kokstad Local Municipality of Harry Gwala District Municipality in the province of KwaZulu-Natal. It is bordered by Murray Street on the northern section and an old railway line on the southern section. The approximate co-ordinate of the proposed area is the following: S30 31 57.72; E29 26 21.91

Figure 1: Layout Plan.



RETURN ADDRESS FOR COMMENTS & REGISTRATION:

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PLEASE QUOTE REF: <u>THEMBA</u> IN ALL CORRESPONDENCES

COMMUNICATION WILL BE LIMITED TO REGISTERED I&AP'

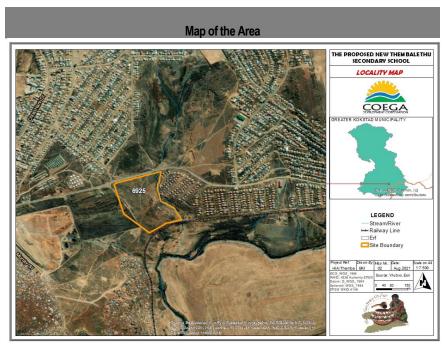


Figure 2: View of the area proposed for study.

PROPOSED PROJECT

The proposed project entails a new secondary school which will consist of: 1 administration, 1 assembly,1SNP Kitchen, 30 standard classrooms, 1 physical science classroom, 1 natural science classroom, 1 Consumer Needlework, 1 Media Centre, 1 Media Centre, 1 computer room, 1 team teaching H.O.D offices, Teacher's workrooms and Counselling Suite, Garden and General Storerooms, Hard Surface Combi Court, Netball and Soccer fields. In addition, building schools facilities is important as according to the South African Constitution everyone has a right to access a school.