



Background Information Document and Invitation to Comment

BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FOUR 43M3 UNDER-GROUND STORAGE TANKS AT THE BEVERLY CONVENIENCE CENTRE IN JOHANNESBURG

OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

Shell SA Marketing (Pty) Ltd (Shell) is proposing to construct and operate a new Service Station located in Beverly, Johannesburg. The proposed project site for the service station is an undeveloped (vacant) piece of land surrounded by agricultural land (north), residential areas (east), commercial (south) and a multi-purpose community centre (west).

The service station will consist of four (4), 46m³, Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) with associated infrastructure (canopy-covered forecourt, and pumps) and further facilities such as a convenience store, offices and attendant facilities.

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with information about the proposed project and to outline the Environmental Basic Assessment (BA) process to be undertaken. Further this document intends to inform I&APs on how to participate in the BA Process. You are encouraged to register as an I&AP so that you can be kept informed about the project throughout the BA process.

WHY A BASIC ASSESSMENT?

Prior to the construction of the service station and associated infrastructure, a Basic Assessment (BA) process must be undertaken in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA), in order to obtain the necessary environmental authorisation from the competent authority, the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD). This process is out-

lined on page 3 of this BID.

Potential Impacts Associated with Fuel Filling Service Stations	
Construction phase impacts	Operational phase impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Increased noise levels due to construction equipment; · Increased dust; · Visual impacts; · Increased traffic levels; and · Employment opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Potential soil and groundwater contamination; · Risk of fires and / or explosions; · Visual impacts; · Increased traffic levels; · Release of volatile organic compounds (VOCs); · Increased levels of convenience.

ERM's Role



Environmental Resources Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd (ERM) has been appointed by Shell to undertake the Basic Assessment (BA) and associated Public Participation Process.

You are invited to register as an I&AP and comment on this project .

To register please contact ERM or complete the enclosed registration/ comment sheet and send to:

Stephanie Gopaul
 Tel: 031 767 2080
 Email: Stephanie.gopaul@erm.com
 Postal Address:
 Postnet Suite 10301,
 Private Bag X1005,
 Hillcrest,
 3650

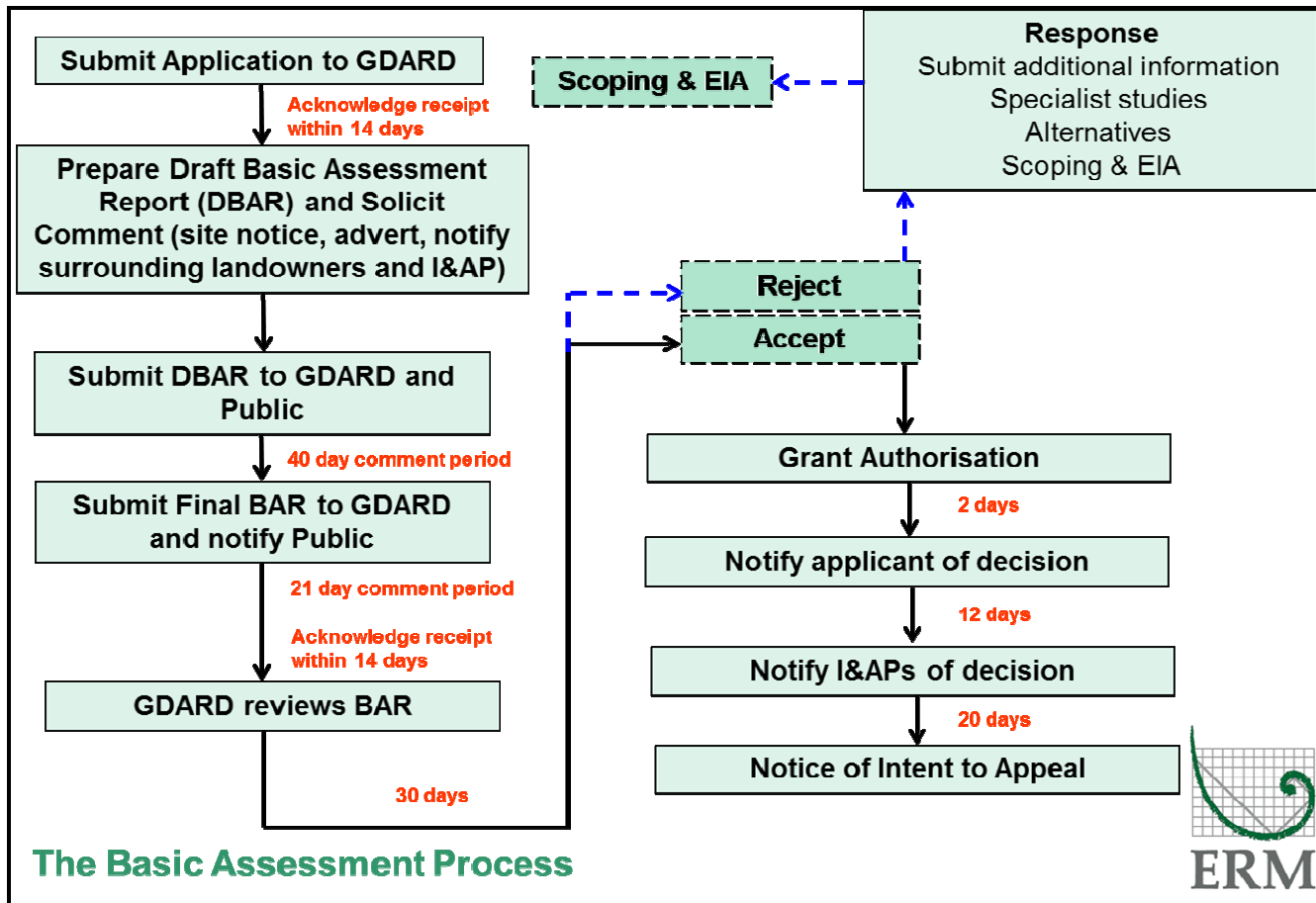


THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The BA for the proposed service station is being conducted in terms of the NEMA. The construction of the service station's USTs with a combined capacity of 184m³ has been identified as a listed activity in terms of the EIA Regulations GN R544.

"The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the storage, or storage and handling of a dangerous goods, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 cubic metres but not exceeding 500 cubic metres." Activity 13, GN R544.

Activities listed in GN R544 require Environmental Authorisation through a BA process. The BA process is a simplified Environmental Impact Assessment and involves concise identification and assessment of potential impacts that the proposed project may have on the biophysical and socio-economic environment, supported by input from specialists, where required. The Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be made available for your comment.



HAVE YOUR SAY

As a stakeholder, you are invited to identify issues and raise concerns that you have about the proposed project. There will be opportunities to comment on the project including the 30 day public notification period. The project team will provide a response to the questions, and all comments and responses will be included in the Final BAR that will be submitted to the GDARD for their consideration.



REGISTRATION AND COMMENT SHEET

April 2013

Should you have any queries, comments or suggestions regarding the proposed project, please note them below.



Return this comment sheet to Stephanie Gopaul of ERM Southern Africa:
 Tel: 031 767 2080 Fax: 031 764 3643
 Email: Stephanie.gopaul@erm.com
 Postal address: Postnet Suite 10301, Private Bag X1005, Hillcrest, 3650

Please formally register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) and provide further information and notifications during the BA process			Yes	No
I would like to receive my notifications by:	Email	Post	Fax	

Comments:

Title and Name:			
Organisation:			
Telephone:		Fax:	
Cell:		Email:	
Postal Address:			

Please fill in your contact details for the project database.

Name	Signature	Date

Thank you for your participation!

