

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:

Zwavelpoort Ptn 126

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

Purpose

The purpose of this BID is to provide information to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) about the proposed Zwavelpoort Ptn 126- Proposed development of a Lodge on Portion 126 (A Portion of Portion 2) of the Farm Zwavelpoort 373-J.R within the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province.

The Basic Assessment Procedure (BA) is in process under the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) 2014 legislation and a Notice of Intent was lodged with the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD). Discussions are being held with GDARD to determine the best approach to the application prior to lodging the application.

This Background Information Document explains the proposed project and the regulatory processes that must be complied with, while providing Interested & Affected Parties with the opportunity to:

- Register as stakeholders in the public participation process; and
- Make initial comments on and contributions to the proposed project.

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Affected Property

Location: Portion 126 (A Portion of Portion 2) of the Farm Zwavelpoort 373-J. R within the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province.

Extent: Approximately 10.9490 Hectares

Project

The Applicant intends to develop a Lodge on Portion 126 (A Portion of Portion 2) of the Farm Zwavelpoort 373-J. R within the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality.

Your comment is important

Your comments will ensure that all relevant issues are evaluated in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR). You are requested to complete the enclosed registration and comment sheet, write a letter, call or e-mail the public participation office in Pretoria (Zelda van Wyk). Upon request, you will then receive further information about the proposed project and the Basic Assessment process.



Figure 1: Approximate Location of Portion 126 (A Portion of Portion 2) of the Farm Zwavelpoort 373-J. R

What is a BA?

Square Time Café (Pty) Ltd (The Applicant) to commence with the proposed development, the applicant must conduct a Basic Assessment process and submit a Basic Assessment Report (BAR) to the regulatory authorities in support of an application for environmental authorisation to proceed with the project. A Basic Assessment process is a well-defined and regulated process, in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Government Notice Regulations 982, 983, 984, and 985 (GN Reg 982, 983, 984, and 985), involving public participation and technical studies, to identify issues of concern and to evaluate the environmental and socio-economic impacts of a proposed project.

BAs are used by planning authorities to obtain an objective view of the potential environmental and social impacts that could arise during the construction and operation of the proposed development. This information must provide a sound basis for decision-making by the authorities.

The end-product of a basic assessment process is a Basic Assessment Report, which must:

- Identify the potential impacts of the proposed activities;
- Outline the public participation process undertaken; Illustrate the issues, concerns and suggestions raised by Interested & Affected Parties; and
- Outline the environmental management and mitigation measures that must be taken to avoid or reduce negative impacts and enhance positive impacts.

The activities to be applied for

Indicate the number of the relevant Government Notice: Activity No (s) (relevant notice): e.g. Listing notices 1, 2 or 3 Describe each listed activity as per the wording in the listing notices:

GN. R 983, 8 December 2014	12	The development of- (i) canals exceeding 100 square metres in size; (ii) channels exceeding 100 square metres in size; (iii) bridges exceeding 100 square metres in size;
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		<p>(iv) dams, where the dam, including infrastructure and water surface area, exceeds 100 square metres in size;</p> <p>(v) weirs, where the weir, including infrastructure and water surface area, exceeds 100 square metres in size;</p> <p>(vi) bulk storm water outlet structures exceeding 100 square metres in size;</p> <p>(vii) marinas exceeding 100 square metres in size;</p> <p>(viii) jetties exceeding 100 square metres in size;</p> <p>(ix) slipways exceeding 100 square metres in size;</p> <p>(x) buildings exceeding 100 square metres in size;</p> <p>(xi) boardwalks exceeding 100 square metres in size; or</p> <p>(xii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100 square metres or more;</p> <p>where such development occurs-</p> <p>(a) within a watercourse;</p> <p>(b) in front of a development setback; or</p> <p>(c) if no development setback exists, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse; -</p> <p>excluding-</p> <p>(aa) the development of infrastructure or structures within existing ports or harbours that will not increase the development footprint of the port or harbour;</p> <p>(bb) where such development activities are related to the development of a port or harbour, in which case activity 26 in Listing Notice 2 of 2014 applies;</p> <p>(cc) activities listed in activity 14 in Listing Notice 2 of 2014 or activity 14 in Listing Notice 3 of 2014, in which case that activity applies;</p> <p>(dd) where such development occurs within an urban area; or</p> <p>(ee) where such development occurs within existing roads or road reserves.</p>
<p>GN. R 983, 8 December 2014</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>Development-</p> <p>(i) in the sea;</p> <p>(ii) in an estuary;</p> <p>(iii) within the littoral active zone;</p> <p>(iv) in front of a development setback; or</p> <p>(v) if no development setback exists, within a distance of 100 metres inland of the high- water mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever is the greater;</p> <p>in respect of-</p> <p>(a) fixed or floating jetties and slipways;</p> <p>(b) tidal pools;</p> <p>(c) embankments;</p> <p>(d) rock revetments or stabilising structures including stabilising walls;</p> <p>(e) buildings of 50 square metres or more; or</p> <p>(f) infrastructure with a development footprint of 50 square metres or more -</p> <p>but excluding-</p> <p>(aa) the development of infrastructure and structures within existing ports or harbours that will not increase the development footprint of the port or harbour;</p> <p>(bb) where such development is related to the development of a port or harbour,</p>

		<p>in which case activity 26 in Listing Notice 2 of 2014 applies;</p> <p>(cc) the development of temporary infrastructure or structures where such structures will be removed within 6 weeks of the commencement of development and where indigenous vegetation will not be cleared; or</p> <p>(dd) where such development occurs within an urban area.</p>
<p>GN. R 983, 8 December 2014</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>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-</p> <p>(i) a watercourse;</p> <p>(ii) the seashore; or</p> <p>(iii) the littoral active zone, an estuary or a distance of 100 metres inland of the high-water mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever distance is the greater but excluding where such infilling, depositing, dredging, excavation, removal or moving-</p> <p>(a) will occur behind a development setback;</p> <p>(b) is for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan; or</p> <p>(c) falls within the ambit of activity 21 in this Notice, in which case that activity applies.</p>
<p>GN. R 983, 8 December 2014</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for-</p> <p>(i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or</p> <p>(ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.</p>
<p>GN. R 985, 8 December 2014</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>The development of resorts, lodges, hotels and tourism or hospitality facilities that sleeps 15 people or more.</p> <p>In Gauteng:</p> <p>(i) A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies;</p> <p>(ii) National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus Areas;</p> <p>(iii) Gauteng Protected Area Expansion Priority Areas;</p> <p>(iv) Sites identified as Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) and Ecological Support Areas (ESAs) in the Gauteng Conservation Plan or in bioregional plans;</p> <p>(v) Sites identified within threatened ecosystems listed in terms of the National Environmental Management Act: Biodiversity Act (Act No. 10 of 2004);</p> <p>(vi) Sensitive areas identified in an environmental management framework adopted by relevant environmental authority;</p> <p>(vii) Sites or areas identified in terms of an International Convention;</p> <p>(viii) Sites identified as high potential agricultural land in terms of Gauteng Agricultural Potential Atlas;</p> <p>(ix) Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA);</p> <p>(x) Sites managed as protected areas by provincial authorities, or declared as nature reserves in terms of the Nature Conservation Ordinance (Ordinance 12 of 1983) or the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (Act No. 57 of 2003);</p>

		<p>(xi) Sites designated as nature reserves within municipal SDFs; or (xii) Sites zoned for a conservation or public open space or equivalent zoning.</p>
<p>GN. R 985, 8 December 2014</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.</p> <p>In Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, Limpopo, North West and Western Cape provinces:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004; ii. Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans; iii. Within the littoral active zone or 100 metres inland from high water mark of the sea or an estuarine functional zone, whichever distance is the greater, excluding where such removal will occur behind the development setback line on erven in urban areas; or iv. On land where, at the time of coming into effect of this Notice or thereafter such land was zoned open space, conservation or had an equivalent zoning.
<p>GN. R 985, 8 December 2014</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>The development of-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) canals exceeding 10 square metres in size; (ii) channels exceeding 10 square metres in size; CO bridges exceeding 10 square metres in size; (iv) dams, where the dam, including infrastructure and water surface area exceeds 10 square metres in size; (v) weirs, where the weir, including infrastructure and water surface area exceeds 10 square metres in size; (vi) bulk storm water outlet structures exceeding 10 square metres in size; (vii) marinas exceeding 10 square metres in size; (viii) jetties exceeding 10 square metres in size; (ix) slipways exceeding 10 square metres in size; (x) buildings exceeding 10 square metres in size; (xi) boardwalks exceeding 10 square metres in size; or (xiii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10 square metres or more; <p>where such development occurs –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) within a watercourse (b) in front of a development setback; or (c) if no development setback has been adopted, within 32 metres of a watercourse; <p>excluding the development of infrastructure or structures within existing ports or harbours that will not increase the development footprint of the port or harbor.</p>

Public Participation

The public participation process during the Basic Assessment process will enable Interested & Affected Parties to influence the course of the technical investigations and to review the findings of the independent studies that are undertaken. The environmental consultants will correspond directly with registered Interested & Affected Parties at various stages during the process to keep them informed of progress in the study and the timing of opportunities to be involved. The steps in the public participation process are outlined below.

- Letters of invitation accompanied by this Background Information Document and comment sheet to be distributed to adjacent landowners within 100m from the area of the proposed development, key individuals and organisations, announcing the project and inviting their comment
- Advertisements in Local newspaper (Citizen) announcing the proposed project and providing opportunity to comment
- Site notices to be erected at strategic places along the property in accordance with the requirements of the Basic Assessments Regulations, in order to announce the project
- Key stakeholders in the area will be informed by telephone, e-mail or facsimile.
- All issues received from stakeholders will be captured in the comments and response report (CRR) which will be used to screen and prioritise issues for evaluation

A Public Meeting will be held on the 14th February 2017 from 18h00 at Olympus Function Venue, 47 Neptune Drive, Olympus. All I&AP's are invited to attend this meeting.

Due date for registration 16th February 2017

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Please complete and return to the contact details as provided, by 16th February 2017 to register

TITLE		FIRST NAME	
INITIALS		SURNAME	
ORGANISATION			
POSTAL ADDRESS		POSTAL CODE	
LAND LINE TEL NO		CELL NO	
FAX NO		EMAIL	

Please formally register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) so that I may receive further information and notifications during the Basic Assessment process	YES	NO
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I would like my notifications and documents for comment as follows:					
Letter (mail)	E-mail	Fax	Telephone	On CD	Internet

In terms of this Public Participation process I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:

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COMMENTS (please use separate sheets if you wish)

I suggest that the following issues of concern be investigated:

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I suggest the following for the public participation process:

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Any other comments:

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Please register the following people as I&APs for this process:

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Signature

Date