

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

**ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A PANEL PROCESSING FACILITY, FOR MEZO KITCHENS, FOR THE PROCESSING OF MATERIALS TO BE USED FOR KITCHEN CUPBOARDS, ON THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 20 OF THE FARM UITZICHT ALIAS RIETVALEI 314-JR, GAUTENG.**

Shangoni Project number: BOU-ATT-15-10-12

GDARD Reference number: Gaut 002/15-16/E0272



### PURPOSE OF THE BID

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide information to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) about potential decisions that may affect them and to afford I&APs an opportunity to influence those

decisions in the environmental authorisation application process for the proposed construction of a Panel Processing Facility, for Mezo Kitchens, for the processing of materials to be used for kitchen cupboards, on the remainder of portion 20

of the farm Uitzicht Alias Rietvalei 314-JR, Gauteng.

## BACKGROUND TO THE PROJECT

The proposed activity can be described as a Panel Processing Facility, for a Panel Processing Firm. Mezo Kitchens is a medium size business that has been in operation for 9 years. The company employees 40 workers, and the operational hours are from Monday to Friday, 7:00 -17:00.

Mezo Kitchens processes melamine "Particle Board" which is used for kitchen cupboards. The melamine is cut into smaller pieces, shaped and drilled in the panels." Compressed components" will be packaged in a flat pack and dispatched to the clients. The kitchen cupboards will be assembled at the clients site.

The activity will create noise and dust pollution. Waste will also be generated from melamine cuttings. Waste will not be burnt, but will be collected by a contractor for use in compost. The generation of dust would be captured within the building. The noise generated by the machines will be reduce to the acceptable limits for the working environment.

## LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

### Procedure applied to the application

As the proposed activities entail the clearance of an area of more than 1 hectare but less 20 hectares for the Panel Processing Facility, a Basic Assessment (BA) will be required in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998) (NEMA) for the authorisation of listed activities contained in GNR 983 of 4 December, and GNR 985 of 4 December 2014 published in terms of Sections 24(2) and 24D of the NEMA.

### Application submitted to the competent Authority

An application for authorisation in terms of the NEMA, as amended, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, for the proposed activities was submitted on 20 May 2015 to the Gauteng Department of Agriculture, and Rural Development (GDARD).

GDARD assigned a ref no: Gaut 002/15-16/E0272.

## Listed activities applicable to the application

The table below lists the listed activities that were applied for as described in GN R983, and 985.

Listed activity as described in GN R 983, and 985
GN. R983, 8 December 2014 24 (ii) The development of- (ii) a road with a reserve wider than 13,5 meters, or where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres;
GN. R983, 8 December 2014 27 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 – (i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or (ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.
GN. R985, 8 December 2014 4.(iv) Sites identified as Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) and Ecological Support Areas (ESAs) in the Gauteng Conservation Plan or in Bioregional plans
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## Legislation associated with the application

South African legislation requires that an Environmental Impact Assessment and an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) be compiled in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act (Act No, 107 of 1998) (NEMA), as amended.

In order to do so, Mezo Kitchens has appointed Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd (Shangoni) as the independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) in terms of Regulation 12 of GNR 982, to undertake and manage the processes of applying for the required environmental authorisations. Furthermore, Shangoni meets the requirements set out in Regulation 13 of GNR 982.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

People have a right to be informed about potential decisions that may affect them and to be afforded an opportunity to influence those decisions.

### Register as an I&AP

You may be an I&AP for this proposed project. To register as an I&AP for this project, or to obtain more information or submit comments, please complete the Registration Form (provided in this BID) and return it to Shangoni at the details provided below by no later than the **30 June 2016**.

### Newspaper advertisement

An advertisement providing information as contained in this BID was placed in the Rekord West on 20 May 2015.

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REMAINDER OF PORTION 20 OF THE FARM UITZICHT ALIAS RIETVALEI 314-JR, GAUTENG.

**Public review of draft BAR:** The public will have an opportunity to review the draft BAR for a period of thirty (30) days. The draft BAR will be made available at 1 Tasty road, Hoorsoord, Pretoria, from the **31 May to 30 June 2016**.

To obtain additional information, please contact the EAP at the details provided below.

**Where to obtain more information**

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### REGISTRATION FORM

#### ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A PANEL PROCESSING FACILITY, FOR MEZO KITCHENS, FOR THE PROCESSING OF MATERIALS TO BE USED FOR KITCHEN CUPBOARDS, ON THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 20 OF THE FARM UITZICHT ALIAS RIETVALEI 314-JR, GAUTENG.

Please complete this form and return it to Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd. to ensure that you are registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for this project.

By answering the questions below, you will help us to develop a better understanding of your information requirements. The form also gives you the opportunity to make comments regarding the project. Additional pages may be attached.

#### I&AP Details:

Full name and surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of communication: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred telephonic communication: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation/Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm name, number and subdivision or \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Tel (w): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel (h): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Fax ☐ E-mail ☐ Post

☐ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Work

#### Questions

1) Where did you obtain information regarding the proposed project?

☐ Newspaper Advertisement ☐ Notice board ☐ Flyer ☐ Other (Please Specify)

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2) Do you represent a company/organisation or is your interest on behalf of yourself?

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3) Do you know of anyone that is affected by the proposed activity who was not informed of the project? (Please provide contact details)

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Do you have any specific concerns or comments regarding the proposed project?

YES

NO

If yes, please indicate what your comments are?


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Date \_\_\_\_\_