

PROJECT BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

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INTRODUCTION AND PROJECT BACKGROUND

Superchicks Hatchery has appointed Ronell Group as an Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners to conduct an EIA for the Proposed Expansion of an existing hatchery facility which is of a 1000 square meters to 3000 square meters and the facility will consist of the following:

- ✚ Boardroom
- ✚ Office for the Staff
- ✚ Bathroom/Change Rooms
- ✚ Chicks Holding Room x 2
- ✚ Egg room
- ✚ Setter Room
- ✚ Hatching Room

The proposed project objectives are:

- ✚ Improve the livelihoods of the communities through job creation
- ✚ To alleviate poverty by creating jobs to unemployed and promote the standards of living in the Rural areas by bringing services near people
- ✚ Establish good relations with private business partners and local communities
- ✚ To strengthen the local economy and other Business opportunities
- ✚ Balance Development and Nature
- ✚ Promote Food Security for the Province

The proposed alternative was considered based on the location within land owned by the applicant, avoidance of any high expenditures for the private land and considering sensitivity of the site, no other property alternatives have been proposed for the project as this is the only site available for the applicant and suitable enough to handle the proposed activity. Technology alternatives were not considered, as the applicant will be making use of the Best Practical Environmental Option that is available in the agricultural industry. The Applicant alternative considered the groundwater availability on the farm and power supply from Eskom. The development triggers listed activities in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, Government Notice Regulations (GNR) 983 and 985 of 8 December 2014 promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act no 107 of 1998). In terms of the said Regulations, a Basic Assessment (BA) should be undertaken for the proposed project.

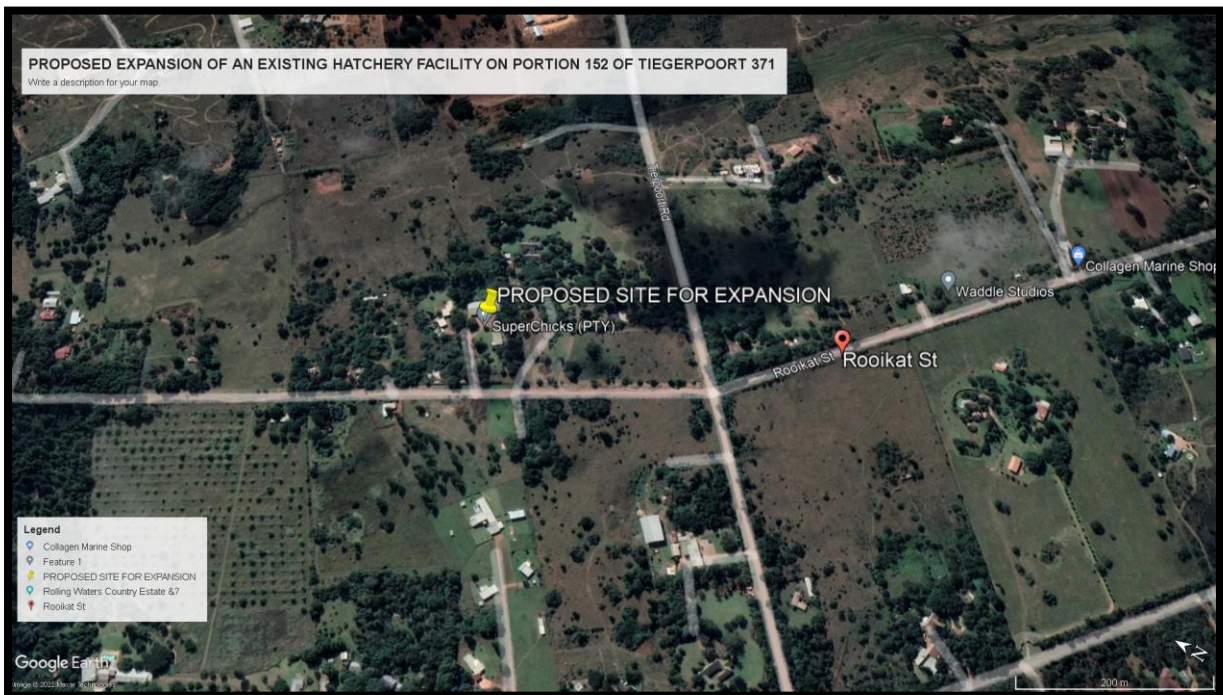


Figure 1: Location of the proposed project site

AIM OF THE DOCUMENT

This Background Information Document (BID) provides potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with:

- ✚ Information on the proposed project;
- ✚ A description of the Basic Assessment process to be followed; and
- ✚ Details on how to register your interest in the project and receive further information.
- ✚ Showing the Exact location of the project.

As a registered I&AP, there will be opportunities for you to be involved in this Basic Assessment (BA) process through receiving information, engaging issues and commenting on the Basic Assessment Report (BAR). The input from I&APs, together with the information and assessment provided by the EAP (Ronell Group) and relevant specialists, will be used by the Competent Authority, in this instance the GDARD, for decision-making on the proposed project.





BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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NEED AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROJECT

At a local and provincial level, employment opportunities will be created for surrounding land occupiers. will aid in addressing the challenge of food security in South Africa. The current food security challenge in South Africa consists of two dimensions: the first tries to maintain and increase South Africa's ability to meet its national food requirements, and the second seeks to eliminate inequalities and poverty amongst households that is made apparent by inadequate and unstable food production, lack of purchasing power, poor nutritional status and weak institutional support networks and disaster management systems. The proposed project aligns itself with the Municipality Vision outlined in the IDP. The following strategic objectives are sought to be achieved and are aligned with the objectives of the proposed project:

-  Promote shared economic growth and job creation;
-  Improve financial sustainability;
-  Continue institutional development, transformation and innovation.
-  Promoting food security for the country

ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION –BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) provides for duty of care and remediation of environmental damage, imposes an obligation on the responsible person (including an owner of land or premises, a person in control of land or premises or a person who has a right to use the land or premises) to take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorised by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or stopped, to minimise and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment. NEMA, serves as the basis for all environmental frameworks in South Africa. On 4 December 2014 new EIA Regulations (GNR 982) were promulgated in terms of Chapter 5 of the NEMA. These regulations were amended in April 2017 (GNR 326). The EIA Regulations contain three listing notices (GNR. 324, 325 and 327) which identify activities that are subject to either a BA or Scoping and EIA in order to obtain an EA. A BA must be completed if the proposed project triggers activities listed in GNR. 327 (Listing Notice 1) or GNR. 324 (Listing Notice 3). Activities triggered in GNR. 325 (Listing Notice 2), require a Scoping and EIA process to be undertaken.

Table 1: Listed activities to be triggered

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	Activity 43 Listing Notice 1	The expansion and related operation of hatcheries or agri-industrial facilities outside industrial complexes, where the development footprint of the Hatcheries or agri-industrial facilities will be increase by 2000 Square metres or more

The Basic Assessment process that will be undertaken for this project is summarised in the steps below:

Step 1: Notify Authorities and potential I&APs (30 days)

The first stage in the process entails notifying all potential I&APs of the proposed project, by sending out a Background Information Document (BID), and providing I&APs with an opportunity to register as an I&AP. I&APs are required to register their interest on the project database within 30 days (in order to be included from the outset of the Basic Assessment process) and/or raise issues or concerns.

Step 2: Basic Assessment Report for Public Comment (30 days)

The Basic Assessment process has been undertaken in order to identify and assess potential environmental impacts, both positive and negative, that may be associated with the project. Mitigation and management measures has been identified to reduce potential negative impacts and maximise positive benefits. These mitigation and management measures has been included in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for this project.

The Basic Assessment Report include comments received from all I&APs on this BID and findings of the specialist studies. All registered I&APs on the project database will be notified in writing of the 30-day comment period for the BAR.




The Draft BAR will be submitted to GDARD for review during this period, and after receiving comments and concerns a final BAR will be compiled as per the comments received and all comments and concerns raised will be included on the report to be submitted to the competent authority (GDARD).

Step 3: BAR to be submitted to GDARD for decision-making





The BAR will be drafted and will be submitted to GDARD for decision-making. The comments and issues raised will be included in the BAR submitted to GDARD. All I&APs will be provided with written notification on the decision made by competent authority and about the appeal process.

SPECIALIST SCOPE OF WORK

The following Specialists studies have been identified and Personnel were appointed to start with the works:


-  Ecological Impact Assessment (Theresho Holdings > Ms. V Simba)
-  Paleontological Study (Dr, Heid Fourie)-TBC
-  Heritage Impact Assessment (Vhufa Hashu & Heritage Consultancy > Mr. Frans Roodt)

HOW TO REGISTER AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT?

-  By responding to our invitation for your involvement as advertised in the local newspaper.
-  By emailing a comment form to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner indicated below.
-  By telephonically contacting the Environmental Assessment Practitioner if you have a query, comment, or require further project information.
-  By reviewing the various reports and provide comments within the stipulated comment periods provided (i.e. the BID and Draft BAR).

Environmental Assessment Practitioner Details

To register as an I&AP or to comment on the project, please send your comments on the details below by 15th August 2022:

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