



INTRODUCTION

Masetloaka Scott Wilson (MSW) Engineers, on behalf of the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) has appointed Nemaï Consulting to conduct Environmental Authorisation for the Balfour Campus Further Education and Training (FET) College. The key objective of the Background Information Document (BID) is to provide background and information on the proposed project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) has, as part of its strategic plan which was informed by the National Development Plan, set aside resources for a multi-phased development programme. The objective of the assignment is to ensure that the necessary elements of the educational facilities are in place in time to accept the intake of students at the start of the 2014 academic year as defined in the tender clarifications. The facilities must meet international best practise standards with respect to educational facilities and the built environment including meeting green building standards. The mechanism of delivery must ensure that junior practitioners in the relevant built environment are trained towards professional registration. The respective construction projects must be structured so as to maximise benefit to the local communities both with respect to job opportunities and procurement.

The site is located within Dipaleseng Local Municipality in Balfour on Erf: 1310, 1330, 1345, 1187, 1188, 1361, 1377, 1204, 1226, 1398, 1409, 1246, 1268, 1288, 1426, 1441, 1981, 1427, 1440, 1392, 1410, 1360, 1376, 1225, 1203, 1205, 1186, 1346, 1309, 1331, 1247, 1267, 1289, and Farms: Portion 5 of Farm 556 and the remaining extent of Farm 557. The site is State Owned by the Dipaleseng Local Municipality.

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

The proposed project requires Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998), which will be undertaken in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2010 (Government Notice No. R.543). Listed activities under Government Notice R.544 will be triggered by the proposed development and therefore a Basic Assessment (BA) needs to

be performed. The EIA decision-making authority is the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA).

There are wetlands and other watercourses on the site therefore a Water Use License Application, in terms of the National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998) is required from the Department of Water Affairs.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The role of Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) is critical to the success of the project. I&APs are encouraged to register with Nemaï Consulting and to contribute to the process by raising issues/concerns that must be taken into account in the BA Report, commenting on the environmental reports and contributing local and traditional knowledge. I&APs can register to be part of the project. All information will be provided to registered I&APs. The draft BA Report will be available for public review from 07/10/13 until 07/11/13 at the Balfour Hoër en Laërskool and Balfour Municipality.

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Figure 1: Locality Map





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FET Colleges – Balfour Campus

(Complete and return to: Kristy Robertson. This form should be returned no later than the 07 November 2013)

Date			Official use	
Name of organisation				Date received:
Name of Interested and Affected Party				Our reference:
Address	Postal:	Physical:		Status
Tel No				
Fax No:				
E-mail:				
Registration as an I&AP	<i>YES</i>	<i>NO</i>		
Comments:				
Any other person/s who you think should be notified of this proposed project:				