



May 19, 2023

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT: PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: EXPANSION OF THE EXCELSIOR ABATTOIR - KURUMAN
EIA REFERENCE NUMBER: TO BE CONFIRMED UPON SUBMISSION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION TO THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY

This Background Information Document (BID) serves to inform you, as a potential Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), of the proposed application for Environmental Authorisation for the following project: Expansion of the Excelsior Abattoir - Kuruman. The Environmental Authorisation application will be lodged in due course with the Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform (the Competent Authority) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (Regulations in terms of sections 24(5) and 44 of the NEMA, 1998), as amended. For this Environmental Authorisation application, a Basic Environmental Impact Assessment will be conducted.

The applicant, Excelsior Abattoir CC, has appointed EARTHnSKY Environmental (Pty) Ltd. in terms of Regulation 12 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for the above-mentioned application process. EARTHnSKY Environmental complies with the requirements of Regulation 13 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, as amended.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Expansion of the Excelsior Abattoir to increase the cattle (red meat) slaughtering capacity from 50 to 200 cattle per day. The expansion will include internal changes to the abattoir as well as the expansion of the abattoir building to accommodate an additional cold storage room with three product loading bays. The main abattoir building will be extended to the north-west and the offices will be extended to the north-east.

PROJECT LOCATION

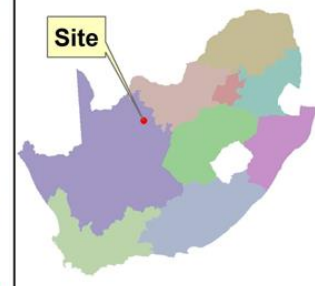
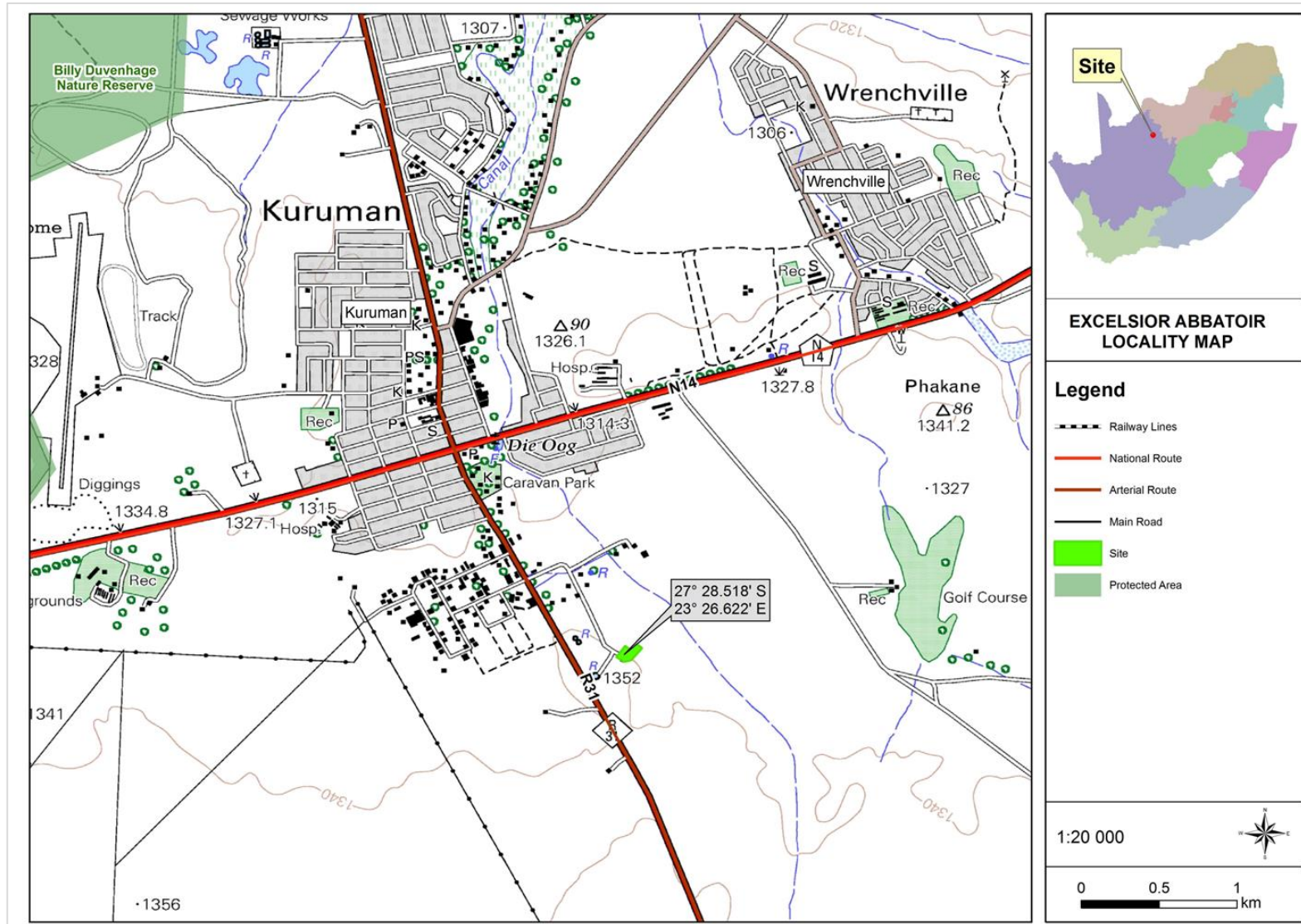
- Project properties: Erf 4051 and 4052, Kuruman.
- Project site GPS coordinates: 27°28'31.08"S; 23°26'37.32"E
- The site is East of the R31 (Voortrekker Street) in Kuruman, approximately 1.6km to the South of the CBD of Kuruman.
- The site is located in the Ga-Segonyana Local Municipality, John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

A locality map is provided on the following page.



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EXCELSIOR ABBATOIR LOCALITY MAP

Legend

- Railway Lines
- National Route
- Arterial Route
- Main Road
- Site
- Protected Area

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LEGISLATION APPLICABLE TO THE PROJECT

The proposed project requires Environmental Authorisation and a Basic Environmental Impact Assessment process for the following listed activity in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended:

- GNR. 983 of 4 December 2014 (Listing Notice 1), as amended: Activity No. 38: The expansion and related operation of facilities for the slaughter of animals where the daily product throughput will be increased by more than –
(ii) 6 units of reptiles, red meat and game.

The Environmental Authorisation application will be submitted to the Competent Authority in due course. Upon acceptance of the application, the Competent Authority will issue a reference number for the application. The reference number will be communicated to I&APs once received.

The following reports are applicable to this application for Environmental Authorisation:

- A Basic Assessment Report in accordance with Appendix 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended; and
- An Environmental Management Programme in accordance with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES

The public participation processes for this application are conducted according to the requirements of Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations of 4 December 2014, as amended.

Should you wish to register as an I&AP for the proposed project, and subsequently be kept informed of the progress of the project, please complete the “Interested and Affected Party” registration form that forms part of this document and submit it to us before **20 June 2023**. If you do not receive a confirmation of registration, kindly please confirm that we have received your registration form. Alternatively, you may also submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter, in writing, to the EAP using the contact details given below.

As required in the EIA Regulations, a newspaper advertisement will be/has been placed in the Kathu Gazette newspaper on the 19th of May 2023 and site notice boards will be/have been placed at the site, in close proximity to the site and at the Kuruman Library.

The draft Basic Assessment Report, EMPr and annexures will be available for public review and commenting for a period of 30 days, from **21 June 2023 to 21 July 2023** (registered I&APs will also be informed as soon as the report is available for review). A hard copy of the report will be available for review from 21 June 2023 at the Kuruman Library. Electronic copies of the report will be provided to registered I&APs via email or WhatsApp. Please inform us should you require a hard copy of the report instead.

Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 14 of 2013) (POPIA)

The purpose of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013, is to give effect to the constitutional right to privacy, by safeguarding personal information when processed by a responsible party, subject to justifiable limitations that are aimed at balancing the right to privacy against other rights, particularly the right of access to information, and protecting important interests, including the free flow of information within the Republic and across international borders (POPIA, 2013). This EIA and its Public Participation Process must be conducted in line with the requirements of the POPIA, 2013. Section 11(1)(a) of the POPIA provides that personal information may only be processed if the data subject (the registered I&AP in this case) consents to the processing thereof. Information collected by the EAP as part of the EIA process will ultimately be used by the Competent Authority to decide on this application for an Environmental Authorisation.

The provision of personal information and the submission of comments on this EA Application is voluntary. Choosing not to register as an I&AP and not submitting personal information and comments on this application will mean that your comments and/or concerns cannot be considered by the Competent Authority in their decision making process. Persons who submit I&AP Registration Forms for this EIA process acknowledge and consent to their personal information [names, surnames, institutions/company names (if applicable), addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses and/or fax numbers and/or postal addresses] being included in the I&AP Register for this project. The I&AP Register will be provided to the Competent Authority but will not be made available in the

public domain. Should an appeal be lodged against the decision by the Competent Authority, the I&AP Register will need to be provided to the appellant in terms of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014. Persons who submit I&AP Registration Forms for this EIA process further acknowledge and consent to their personal information [names, surnames, institutions/company names (if applicable) and comments] being included in the Comments and Responses Report and Basic Assessment Reports for this project. This personal information is included in the Comments and Responses Report and Basic Assessment Report as a result of the requirements of the EIA Regulations and is necessary to enable informed decision making by the Competent Authority. Contact details will not be included in the Comments and Responses Report and Basic Assessment Report. The Comments and Responses Report and Basic Assessment Report will be provided to registered I&APs as well as the Competent Authority for review as part of the Public Participation processes of the EIA. The names, surnames and comments will therefore be available in the public domain.

The EAP makes use of Dropbox to store EIA project information, including personal information and comments of registered I&APs. Dropbox makes use of cloud storage, and the personal information and comments are therefore stored outside of the borders of SA. Dropbox is a secure, safe, and effective platform for individual users and businesses that meets global compliance standards and regulatory requirements on data, privacy, and protection (www.dropbox.com).

You have the right to object to the processing of your personal information as part of this EIA process. You are furthermore informed that the EAP and the Applicant are the Responsible Parties for the personal information processed as part of this EA application. The contact details of the Responsible Parties are provided below:

EAP: Lizette Kloppers – 1626 Barleria Crescent, Rietvlei Heights Country Estate, Doornkloof, Pretoria, 0157

Applicant: Excelsior Abattoir CC; Rianes de Klerk - Erf 4051 and 4052, Kuruman, 8460

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions regarding the content of this document.

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INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY REGISTRATION FORM: EXPANSION OF THE EXCELSIOR ABATTOIR – KURUMAN ERF 4051 AND 4052, KURUMAN

Name and Surname	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Telephone number	
Email address	
Fax number / Postal address (if no email address is available)	
Physical address / Farm name and portion (if applicable)	
Interest in the matter (e.g. adjacent landowner)	
Preferred method of contact (email/fax/post)	
Any other parties/persons who you feel should be notified? Please provide names and contact details.	
I hereby provide consent that my personal information, as provided in this form, is included in the I&AP Register for this project (please sign to provide consent)	
I hereby provide consent that my name and surname is included together with my comments in the Comments and Responses Report and Basic Assessment Reports for this project (please sign to provide consent). You may opt to not have your name included in these documents in which case only your comments will be included. Should you wish to exercise this right, please indicate this here	
Comments on the proposed project (additional pages may be attached where required)	

