

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT – ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: PROPOSED NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR P J J VAN VUUREN BELEGGINGS ON EXTENSION 130, NORTH RIDING
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 application for Environmental Authorisation for the proposed new Residential Development for P J J van Vuuren Beleggings on Extension 130, North Riding. The Environmental Authorisation application has been lodged with the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (the Competent Authority [CA]) 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.

Labesh (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by the applicant, P J J van Vuuren Beleggings (Pty) Ltd, in terms of Regulation 12 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (GNR. 982 of 4 December 2014), as amended, as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) tasked with conducting the above mentioned application processes. Labesh complies with the necessary requirements of Regulation 13 of GNR. 982 of 4 December 2014 as amended.

BACKGROUND OF THE APPLICANT

P J J van Vuuren Beleggings develops and sub-divides real estate into lots and residential developments.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT OPERATIONS

The project site is currently a vacant property.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed residential development will comprise a total of 165 dwelling units (in three (3) storey building). This equates to a density of 59.8 dwellings per hectare (165 dwelling units ÷ 2.7572 hectares = 59.8 dwellings/hectare). The unit types will include 3 bedroom dwelling units/duplex dwellings. Adequate parking facilities for residents and visitors will be provided. An open space (with area 691m²) will be provided on site. A part of this area will be developed as a play area. Access to the area will be from the east in Bellairs Drive.

PROJECT LOCATION

Project site GPS coordinates: 26°2'57.12"S; 27°58'5.43"E • The Remaining Extent of Portion 67 (A Portion of Portion 2) of the farm Olievenhoutpoort 196 IQ.

The project location is situated on the north-eastern side of North Riding, in the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province.

LEGISLATION RELEVANT TO THE PROJECT

The proposed project requires Environmental Authorisation for the following listed activities in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended:

- GNR. 983 of 4 December 2014 (Listing Notice 1): Activity No. 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.

- The above-mentioned activities require a Basic Environmental Impact Assessment process to be conducted in support of the Environmental Authorisation application. The application will be submitted to the Competent Authority, the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in due course. Upon acceptance of the application, the Competent Authority will issue a reference number for the application. This reference number will be communicated upon its receipt from the Competent Authority.

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; and
- An Environmental Management Programme in accordance with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES

The public participation processes for the above-mentioned 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 Interested and Affected Party for the proposed project and subsequently be kept informed of the progress of the project and all public participation opportunities as the application process proceeds, please complete the "Interested and Affected Party" registration form that forms part of this BID. Completed "Interested and Affected Party" registration forms should please be submitted to the EAP for the project, Lourens de Villiers, at the contact details provided below. Alternatively, you may also submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter, in writing, to the EAP at the contact details provided. Please send the registration information to the EAP before or on the **11th of November 2019**.

As required in the EIA Regulations, site notice boards will be/have been placed on the project property boundary and a newspaper advertisement will be placed in the Beeld Newspaper on the 11th of October 2019.

The Basic Assessment Report will be made available to the public for review and commenting for a period of 30 days, at a later stage during this public participation process (exact dates will be communicated to registered I&APs). Electronic copies of the report will be provided to registered Interested and Affected Parties via email or registered post. Please inform us should you require a hard copy of the report.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the EAP at the details provided below.

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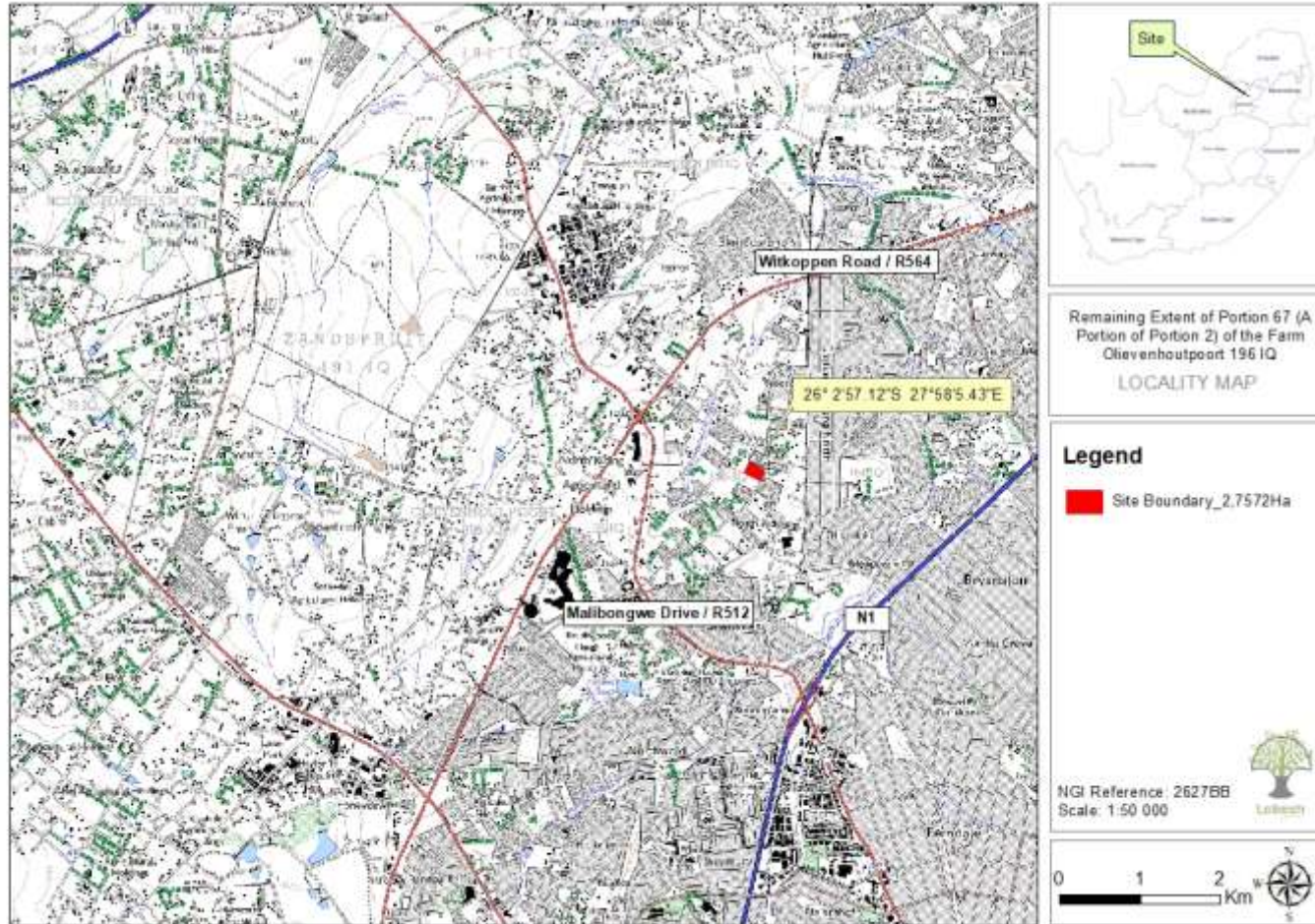


Figure 1: Locality Map

