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BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

**PROPOSED FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF MHLAHLANDELA RESORT AND
ASSOCIATED FACILITIES ON PORTION OF THE FARM NATOPT 227 LT AT MAHONISI
VILLAGE, WITHIN COLLINS CHABANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

FEBRUARY 2022

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The Background Information Document (BID) is hereby providing information about the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) being undertaken for the proposed filling station and provides:

- An overview of the project;
- An overview of the legislative context and a description of the manner in which the EIA will be undertaken;
- An overview of the project activities and potential impacts;
- An indication of how Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) may become involved in the project; and
- Contact details of the person to whom IAPs may submit their issues and concerns associated with the projects.

Stakeholders will have an opportunity to contribute issues of concern and suggestions for enhanced benefits. In addition, they will be able to verify that their contributions have been considered and to comment on the findings of the specialist assessments.

If you intend to register as in IAP please forward the attached registration sheet to Great Warthog Geo-Environmental (Pty) Ltd

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Vakhusi Business Enterprise (cc) intends to develop Mhlahlandela Resort and Associated facilities including:

- conference center
- hotel and
- swimming pool/lagoon

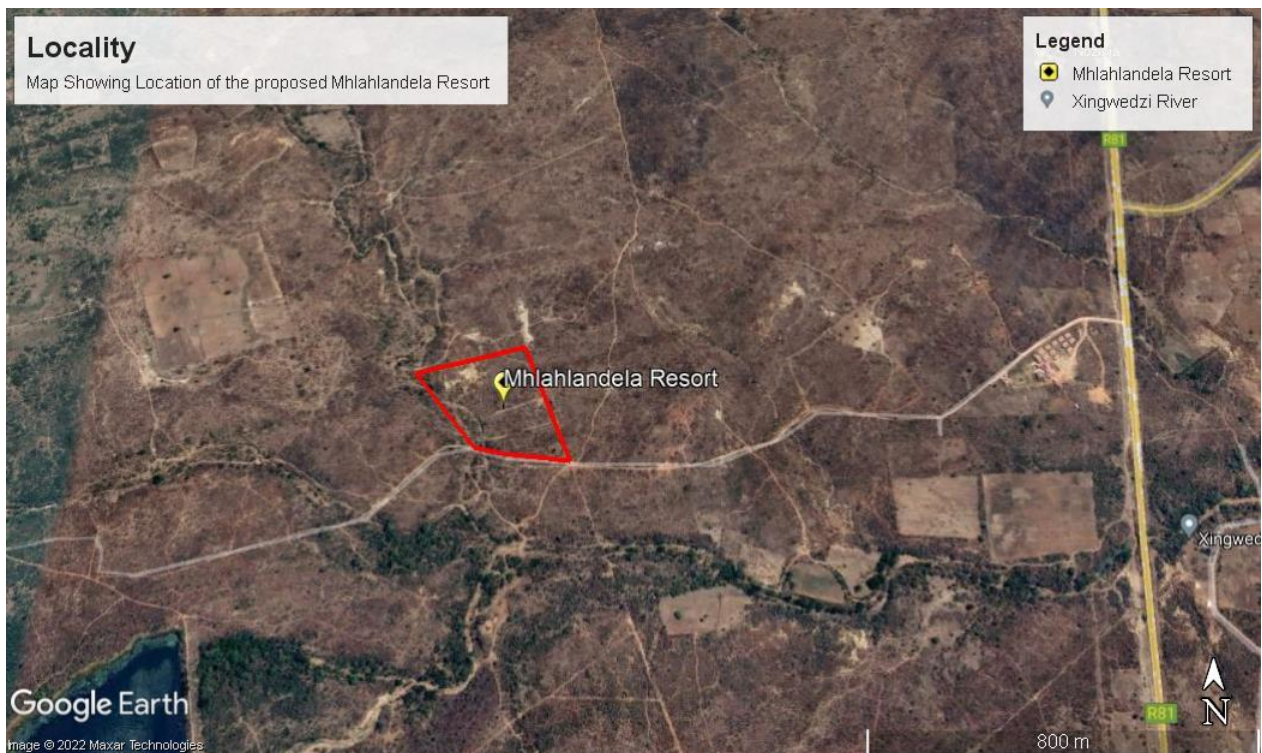
The proposed development covers an area of 6 Hectares in extent.

The proposed development requires an Environmental Authorisation prior the proponent can commence. Great Warthog Geo Environmental (Pty) Ltd has been appointed to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment in order to obtain Environmental Authorisation for Vakhusi Business Enterprise (cc).

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed development is located on portion of the farm Natorp 227 LT, at Mahonisi Village under Collins Chabane Local Municipality, Vhembe District Municipality of Limpopo Province.

The central coordinates of the proposed development are as follows: 23° 04' 14"S 30° 39' 34"E



APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

Vakhusi Business Enterprise (cc) intends to obtain an Environmental Authorisation before commencing with the proposed development of Mhahlandela Lodge.

Great Warthog Geo-Environmental has been contracted to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment process required to fulfil requirements of Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act no 107 of 1998).

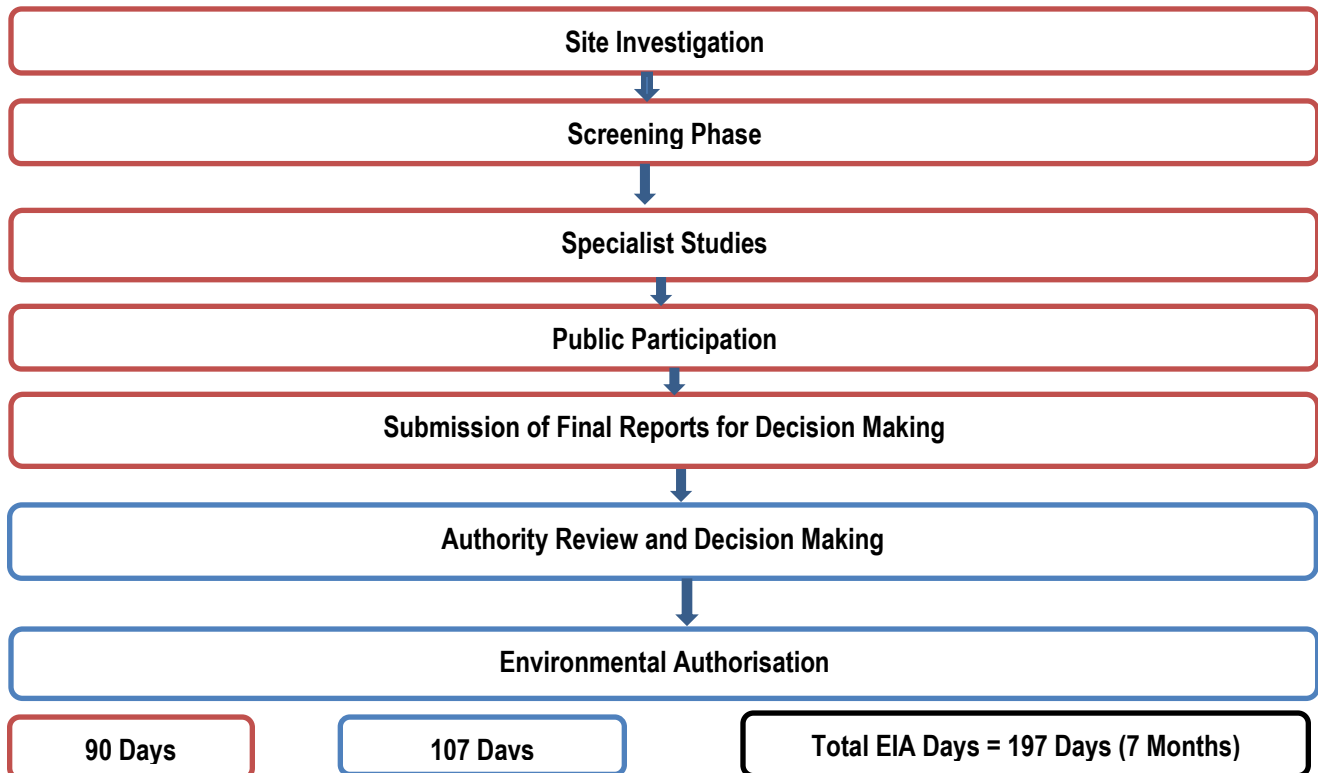
EIA Triggered Listed Activities:

Activity	Description
GNR 327 Listing Notice 1; Activity No.27	The proposed development will involve the clearance of vegetation of more than 1 hectare, the area is currently covered by indigenous vegetation.
GNR 324 Listing Notice 3; Activity No.5	The proposed development will entail accommodation facilities for more than 15 beds and the site is located with CBA in terms of Limpopo Biodiversity Sector Plan.

BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998) [NEMA] and associated EIA Regulations, an Environmental Authorisation must be obtained from the relevant decision-making authority (LEDET), prior to the commencement of any development that may trigger a potential listed activity in terms of the Listing Notices, 2014 (as amended). A Basic Assessment is a process of collecting information and analysing results in terms of the proposed activity against the regulated Listing Notices. Basic Assessments Reports [BARs] are undertaken for project activities that are included under Listing Notices 1 (GNR 327) and Listing Notice 3 (GNR 324). Usually these activities are considered to impose less significant environmental impacts. A BAR will be conducted for the proposed development in terms of the 2014 EIA regulations (as amended). The Basic Assessment Process will follow procedures as described in Regulations 19 to 20 of NEMA EIA Regulations

BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS



REGISTRATION AS AN INTERESTED AFFECTED PARTY

All persons, organisations, forums, government and institutions are allowed to register in the EIA Project database as interested and affected parties (IAPs). All registered IAPs are listed in the database for receiving all projects correspondence in relation to the EIA.

ROLE OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

Public Involvement is an essential part of this process as required by the Regulatory Authorities. You have been identified as a possible IAP who may want to be informed about the project and have input into the process. All comments will be recorded and presented to the project applicant and competent authority. You will receive feedback on how your comments have been taken into account and the outcome of the assessment. Please submit the IAP registration and/or comment to Great Warthog Geo-Environment (*next page*). Please note that this is an integrated Public Participation Process incorporating three different application processes. It is therefore important for IAPs to clearly state their interest in the project

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN EIA PROCESS

Chapter 6 of NEMA requires that a full and transparent Public Participation Process (PPP) be conducted for any listed activities. An initial Background Information Document provides a summary of the proposed project and EIA process and is available on request from the appointed EAP (Contact Details below)- please contact us in order to receive the document.

Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) are invited to register and/or provide written comments. All comments should be submitted together with their name, contact details (preferred method of communication e.g. e-mail) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that they may have in the application to the contact person indicated below. Registered IAPs will be informed of further opportunities to comment on the Basic Assessment Reports.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The purpose of the public participation process is to inform Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) regarding the proposed development as well as the EIA process. IAPs will also be provided with the opportunity to comment on and contribute to the identification of environmental impacts of the proposed development. Registered IAPs will be granted an opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report. Copies of the report will be made available on request for a review period.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

(As per the public participation Guideline, Government Notice No. 807 of October 2012)

- It provides an opportunity for Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs), Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) and the competent authority (CA) to obtain clear, accurate and understandable information about the environmental impacts of the proposed activity or implications of a decision;
- It provides IAPs with an opportunity to voice their support, concerns and questions regarding the project application or decision;
- It provides IAPs with the opportunity of suggesting ways for reducing or mitigating any negative impacts of the project and for enhancing its positive impacts;
- It enables an applicant to incorporate the needs, preferences and values of affected parties into its application;
- It provides opportunities for clearing up misunderstandings about technical issues, resolving disputes and reconciling conflicting interests;
- It is an important aspect of securing transparency and accountability in decision-making; and
- It contributes toward maintaining a healthy, vibrant democracy

REGISTRATION AND RESPONSE FORM FOR INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES			
DATE			
PARTICULARS OF THE INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY			
NAME			
POSTAL/RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS			
		POSTAL CODE	
WORK/ DAY TELEPHONE NUMBER		WORK/ DAY FAX NUMBER	
CELL PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS		
PLEASE IDENTIFY YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROJECT:			
PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS HERE:			
PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS ON/BEFORE 31 MARCH 2022 TO:			
<p align="center"> Consultants: Great Warthog Geo-Environmental (Pty) Ltd. For attention: Mr Mukwevho M C No 114 Dzata Street, Office No 004, Vleifontein, 0948 Tel : 015 547 0524 / 082 269 4524 Email: admin@greatwarthog.co.za cc: caiphus@greatwarthog.co.za </p>			



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