

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT – ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: NEW MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT ON THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 48 (A PORTION OF PORTION 32) OF THE FARM NAAUWPOORT 335 JS. EIA REFERENCE NUMBER: TO BE CONFIRMED UPON SUBMISSION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL 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 Mixed Used Development on the Remainder of Portion 48 (A Portion of Portion 32) of the Farm Naauwpoort 335 JS project. The Environmental Authorisation application will be lodged with the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (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, Cuberman (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 abovementioned application processes. Labesh complies with the necessary requirements of Regulation 13 of GNR. 982 of 4 December 2014 as amended.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT OPERATIONS

Two dwelling units are currently present on the site (which will be demolished once development takes place) and overhead power lines. The remaining area of the project site is open, vacant land.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project will entail the establishment of a township on the Remainder of Portion 48 (A Portion of Portion 32) of the Farm Naauwpoort 335 JS, for industrial use and a cemetery (private memorial park).

Proposed Development Footprint: Approximately 17, 6 Hectares

PROJECT LOCATION

GPS Coordinates: 25° 57'23.69"S; 29°15'0.88"E. Remainder of Portion 48 (A Portion of Portion 32) of the Farm Naauwpoort 335 JS, Emalahleni Local Municipality, Mpumalanga 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), as amended: Activity No. 23: The development of cemeteries of 2500 square metres or more in size.
- GNR. 983 of 4 December 2014 (Listing Notice 1), as amended: 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.
- GNR. 983 of 4 December 2014 (Listing Notice 1), as amended: Activity No. 28: Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional developments where such land was used for agriculture, game farming, equestrian purposes or afforestation on or after 01 April 1998 and where such development (i) will occur inside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 5 hectares; or (ii) will occur outside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 1 hectare; excluding where such land has already been developed for residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional purposes.

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 Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs 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, 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 the above-mentioned application are conducted according to the requirements of Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations of 4 December 2014, as amended. Registration of Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) for the Environmental Authorisation application will be available from 26 November 2021 to 17 January 2022. 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 **17th of January 2022**.

As required in the EIA Regulations, site notice boards will/have been placed on the project property boundary and a newspaper advertisement will be placed in the Witbank News Newspaper on the 26th of November 2021.

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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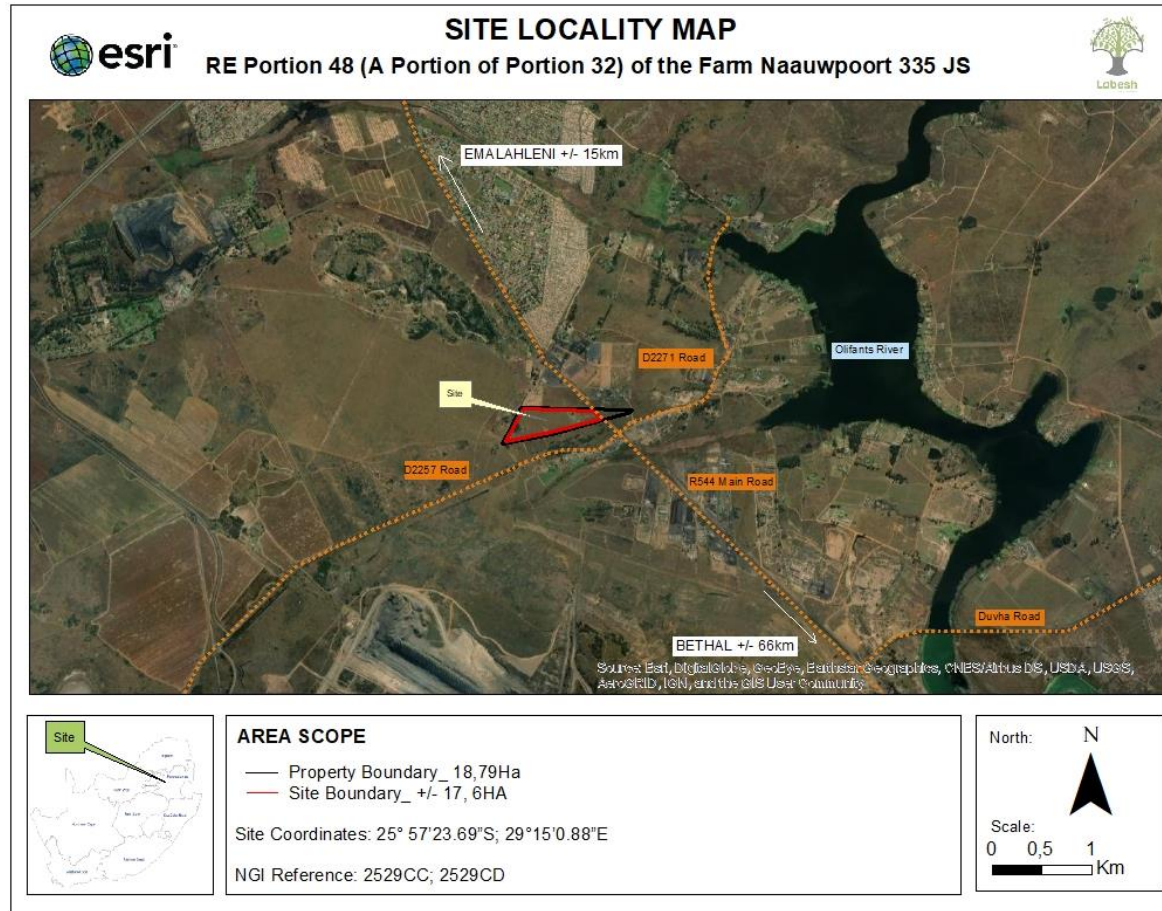


Figure 1: Site Locality Map

INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY REGISTRATION FORM						
NEW MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT ON REMAINDER OF PORTION 48 (A PORTION OF PORTION 32) OF THE FARM NAAUWPOORT 335 JS; EIA REFERENCE NUMBER: TO BE CONFIRMED UPON SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION TO THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY.						
TITLE						
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DO YOU REPRESENT AN ORGANISATION? IF SO, PLEASE SPECIFY ORGANISATION NAME						
CELL PHONE NUMBER						
TELEPHONE NUMBER (H)						
TELEPHONE NUMBER (W)						
FAX NUMBER						
EMAIL ADDRESS						
PHYSICAL ADDRESS						
FARM NAME AND PORTION (IF APPLICABLE)						
POSTAL ADDRESS						
PREFERRED WRITTEN CONTACT METHOD	EMAIL	<input type="checkbox"/>	FAX	<input type="checkbox"/>	POST	<input type="checkbox"/>
PREFERRED TELEPHONIC CONTACT METHOD	CELL	<input type="checkbox"/>	HOME	<input type="checkbox"/>	WORK	<input type="checkbox"/>
ARE THERE ANY OTHER PARTIES THAT YOU FEEL SHOULD BE NOTIFIED OF THIS PROPOSED PROJECT? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT DETAILS FOR SAID PARTIES						
PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR CONCERNS REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROJECT	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
IF YES, PLEASE DETAIL YOUR COMMENTS IN THE SECTION PROVIDED BELOW (ATTACH EXTRA PAGES IF NECESSARY)						

