

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT – ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: EXPANSION OF SLJ VAN RENSBURG BROILER FACILITIES
EIA REFERENCE NUMBER: TO BE CONFIRMED UPON SUBMISSION OF THE 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 Poultry Broiler Farm Expansion project. A new Environmental Authorisation application was 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, SLJ van Rensburg Poultry, 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

The project site is currently used for agricultural purposes.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project will entail the expansion of poultry broiler facilities. The proposed expansion will consist of four (4) new poultry broiler houses. The broiler houses will be built to the same specifications and operated in the same way as the existing houses. Each new broiler house, with dimension of 108m x 12m, will have the capacity to house 25 500 chickens. The expansion will add 102 000 chickens to the current production capacity of the farm. The farm will have a combined capacity of 306 000 after expansion.

The proposed development footprint will be approximately 0,5184Ha.

PROJECT LOCATION

Portion 6 of the farm Rondavel 403 IS west of Standerton, in the Lekwa 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): Activity No. 40: The expansion and related operation of facilities for the concentration of poultry, excluding chicks younger than 20 days, where the capacity of the facility will be increased by – (i) more than 1000 poultry where the facility is situated within an urban area; or (ii) more than 5000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area.
- 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; 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.

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 Standerton Advertiser Newspaper on the 27th of September 2019.

The **Basic Assessment Report** is available to the public for review and commenting for a period of 30 days (registration of I&AP and commenting on the Basic Assessment Report is available until the 28th of October 2019). Electronic copies of the report is available at https://www.dropbox.com/sh/bfhhpcldcbrdqw0/AAApTRMQdZ9NQ5sUEVbLq_fCa?dl=0. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the EAP at the details provided below.

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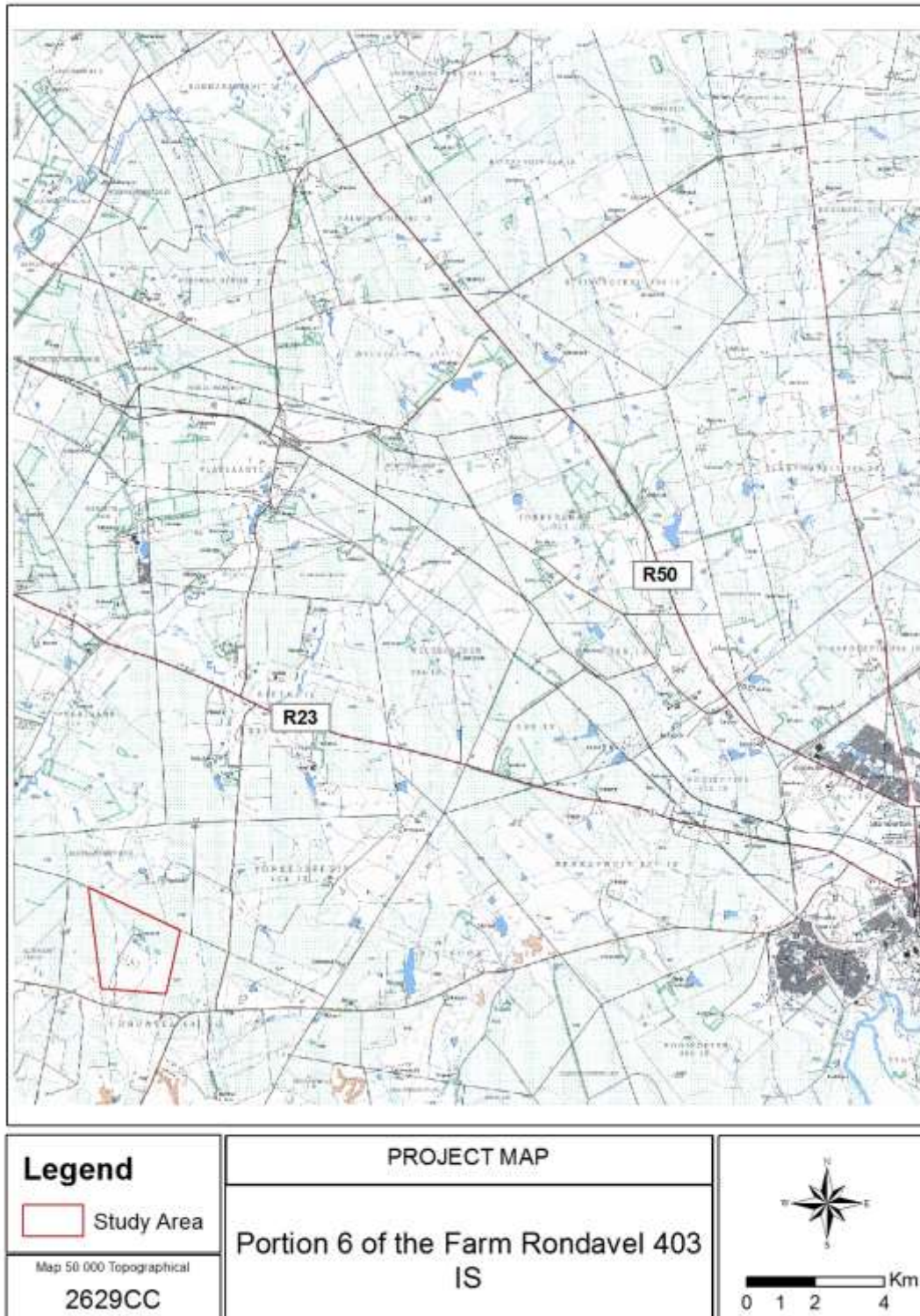


Figure 1: Locality Map

INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY REGISTRATION FORM					
EXPANSION OF SLJ VAN RENSBURG BROILER FACILITIES – EIA REFERENCE NUMBER: TO BE CONFIRMED UPON SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION TO THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY					
TITLE					
NAME					
SURNAME					
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		FAX		POST
PREFERRED TELEPHONIC CONTACT METHOD	CELL		HOME		WORK
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		NO		
IF YES, PLEASE DETAIL YOUR COMMENTS IN THE SECTION PROVIDED BELOW (ATTACH EXTRA PAGES IF NECESSARY)					

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TO REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY, SUBMIT THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE EAP (PREFERABLY VIA EMAIL OR FAX). PLEASE SEND THE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM ALONG WITH THE COMMENTS ON THE BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT TO THE EAP BEFORE OR ON THE 28th of OCTOBER.

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