

Construction of warehousing, sales and truck facilities in Estcourt, Kwa-Zulu Natal

Background Information Document (BID)

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PURPOSE OF THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

The purpose of this document is to introduce and describe the proposed construction of the warehousing, sales, industrial and truck facilities. This document provides:

- an overview of Basic Assessment (BA) Process and allows potential stakeholders to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) regarding the development.
- an opportunity for the EAP to obtain the initial comments and contributions from I&APs.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Commario Investment cc represented by Mr Moosa Suleman proposes to construct a facility of approximately 19 hectares on Portion 220 of the farm Wagondrift No 798. The proposed development will include the following:

- warehousing for the purpose of commercial and light industrial activities;
- offices for businesses;
- truck facilities (these may include storage, maintenance and sale of these vehicles);
- parking areas for vehicles;
- above ground fuel storage facility (less than 80m³);
- overnight truck resting areas with sleeping facilities for truck drivers,
- associated infrastructure for service provision (i.e. water, sewer, stormwater, electricity and waste); and
- access roads.

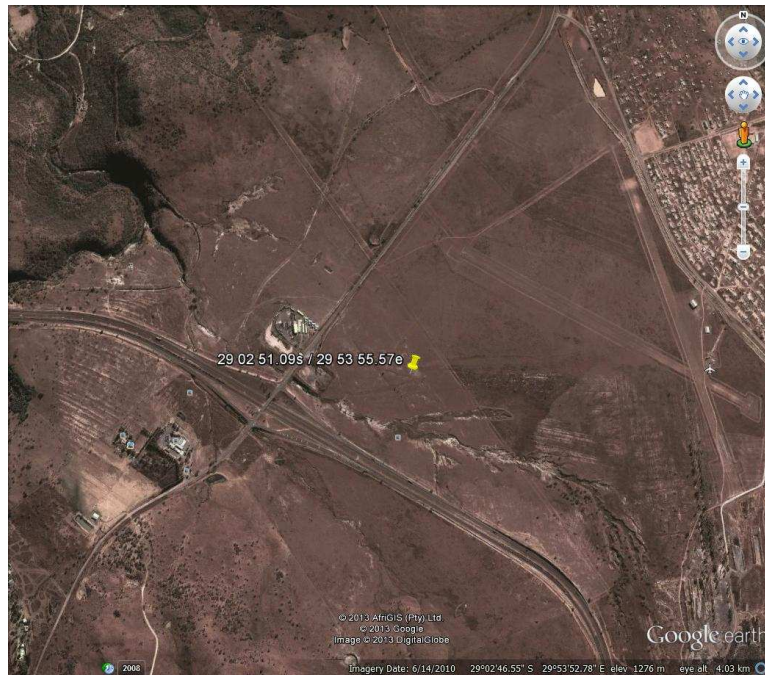
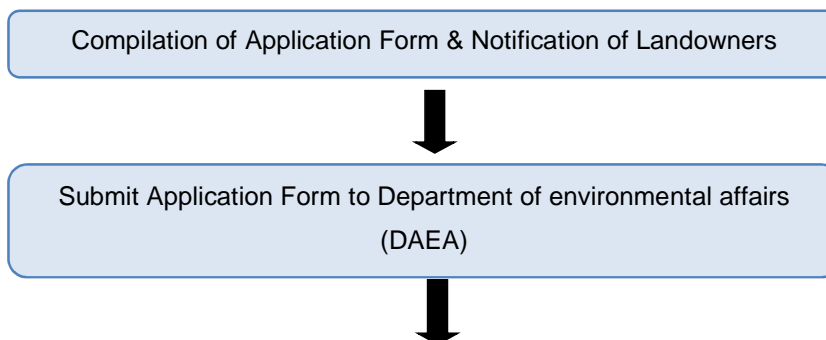


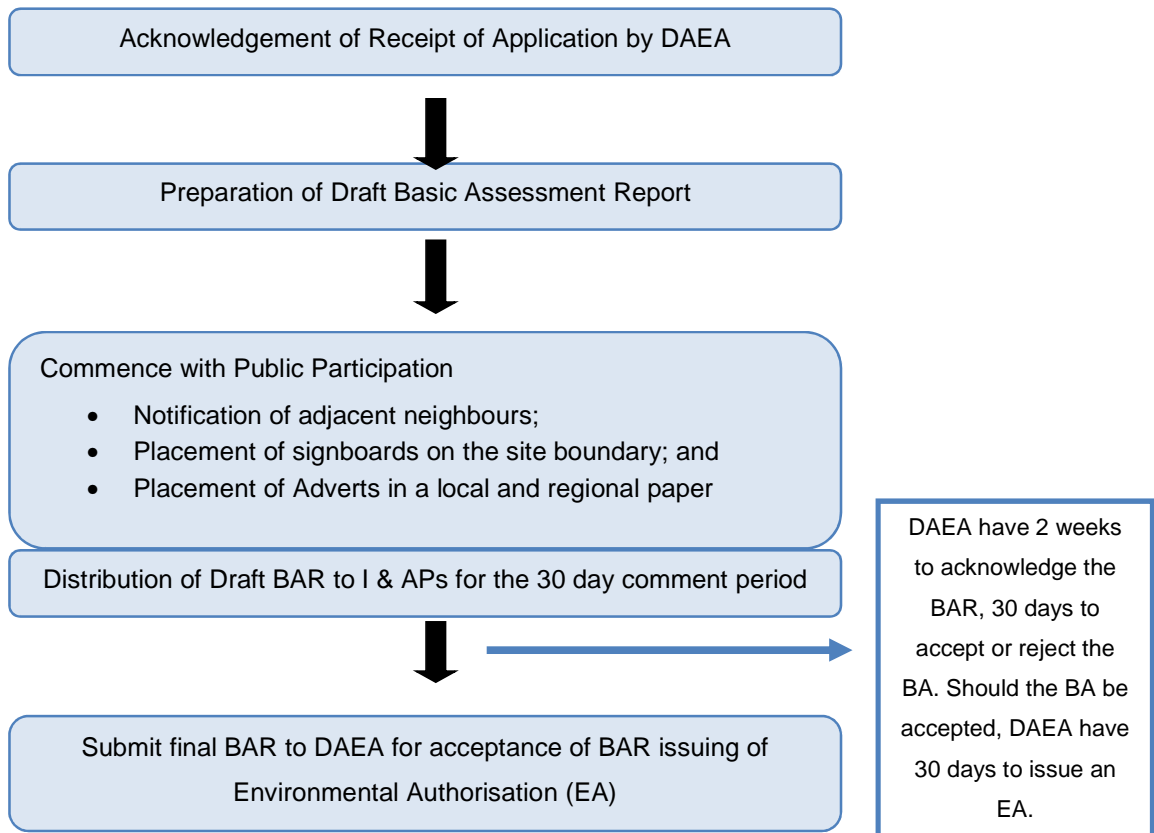
Figure 1: Google image showing the location of the proposed site

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS

The proposed project requires environmental authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998), which will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2010 (Government Notice No. R.543). Listed activities under Government Notice R.544 will be triggered by the proposed development and therefore a Basic Assessment (BA) needs to be performed. The EIA decision-making authority is the Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs, Kwa Zulu Natal (DAEA).

Figure 2 below shows the Basic Assessment process. Currently, we are at the public participation and draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) review which provides Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with the opportunity to comment on the draft basic assessment report.





PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The role of Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) is critical to the success of the project. IAPs are encouraged to register with Nemaï Consulting and to contribute to the process by raising issues/concerns that must be taken into account in the BAR, commenting on the environmental reports and contributing local and traditional knowledge. All parties wishing to receive any further information on the project must register with Nemaï consulting.

REGISTRATION AS AN I & AP

In order to ensure that you are registered as an I&AP, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project by completing the attached Reply Form. You can also provide your comments on the Reply Form.



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**Reply Form
Registration as an Interested and Affected Party**

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