

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY “A” GRADE CHICKEN ABATTOIR ON THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 17 OF THE FARM LEEUEW POORT 1120 FT (EIA Ref: DC22/0001/2016; NEAS Ref: KZN/EIA/0000178/2016)

Shangoni Project number: MOU-CAM-15-08-18

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PURPOSE OF THE BID

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide information to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) about potential decisions that may affect them and to afford I&APs an opportunity to influence those decisions in the environmental authorisation and water use licence application processes for the proposed expansion of the Mountain Valley “A” Grade Chicken Abattoir.

BACKGROUND TO THE PROJECT

Mountain Valley is a division of Astral Operations Limited and has their own breeding and hatching programmes along with their abattoir operations. The Mountain Valley Abattoir currently processes 25 000 chickens per day.

The abattoir is located on the remaining extent of Portion 17 of the farm Leeuw Poort 1120 FT in the KwaZulu-Natal Province.

Mountain Valley wishes to expand their abattoir to accommodate a processing capacity of 80 000 chickens per day. The expansion will entail the construction of a gyro (blast freezer), an IQF (Individually Quick Frozen produce) Packaging Area and alterations to create an access passage.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Procedure applied to the application

As the proposed activities entail the upgrade of existing infrastructure, a Basic Assessment (BA) process will be required in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107

of 1998) (NEMA), as amended, for the authorisation of listed activities contained in GNR 983 of 4 December 2014 published in terms of Sections 24(2), 24(5), 24D and 44 of the NEMA.

Application submitted to the competent Authority

An application for authorisation in terms of the NEMA, as amended, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, for the proposed activities was submitted on the 8th of January 2016 to the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA).

The application was accepted by the EDTEA on the 11th of January 2016 and subsequently the reference number DC22/0001/2016 was assigned to the application.

Listed activities applied to the application

The listed activities which have been applied for include Listed activities 34 and 38(i) of GNR 983.

Legislation associated with the application

South African legislation requires that a Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and an Environmental Management Programme (EMP) be compiled in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), as amended, and the EIA Regulations, 2014. A water use licence under the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA) is also required for water uses occurring on the property. The following water uses

will be included in the Water Use Licence application:

- Section 21(a): The taking of water from a water resource;
- Section 21(b): Storage of water;
- Section 21(c) and (i): Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse AND altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse;
- Section 21(e): Irrigation of any land with waste or water containing waste generated through any industrial activity or by a waterwork;
- Section 21(f): Discharge of waste or water containing waste into a water resource through a pipe, canal, sewer or other conduit; and
- Section 21(g): Disposal of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource.

In order to do so, Mountain Valley has appointed Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd (Shangoni), as the independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP), in terms of Regulation 12 of GNR 982, to undertake and manage the processes of applying for the required environmental authorisations and licences. Furthermore, Shangoni meets the requirements set out in Regulation 13 of GNR 982.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

People have a right to be informed about potential decisions that may affect them and to be afforded an opportunity to influence those decisions.

Register as an I&AP

You may be an I&AP for this proposed project. To register as an I&AP for this project, or to obtain more information or submit comments, please complete the Registration Form (provided in this BID) and return it to Shangoni at the details provided below.

Newspaper advertisement

An advertisement providing information as contained in this BID will be placed in the Witness Newspaper on the 20th of January 2016.

Availability of the draft Basic Assessment report

A draft Basic Assessment Report will be made available to the public for review for a period of thirty (30) days at a later stage in this application process. An electronic copy of the draft Basic Assessment Report will also be posted on the Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd website (www.shangoni.co.za) for public comment for the same period of thirty days.

Where to obtain more information

To obtain additional information, please contact the EAP at the details provided below.

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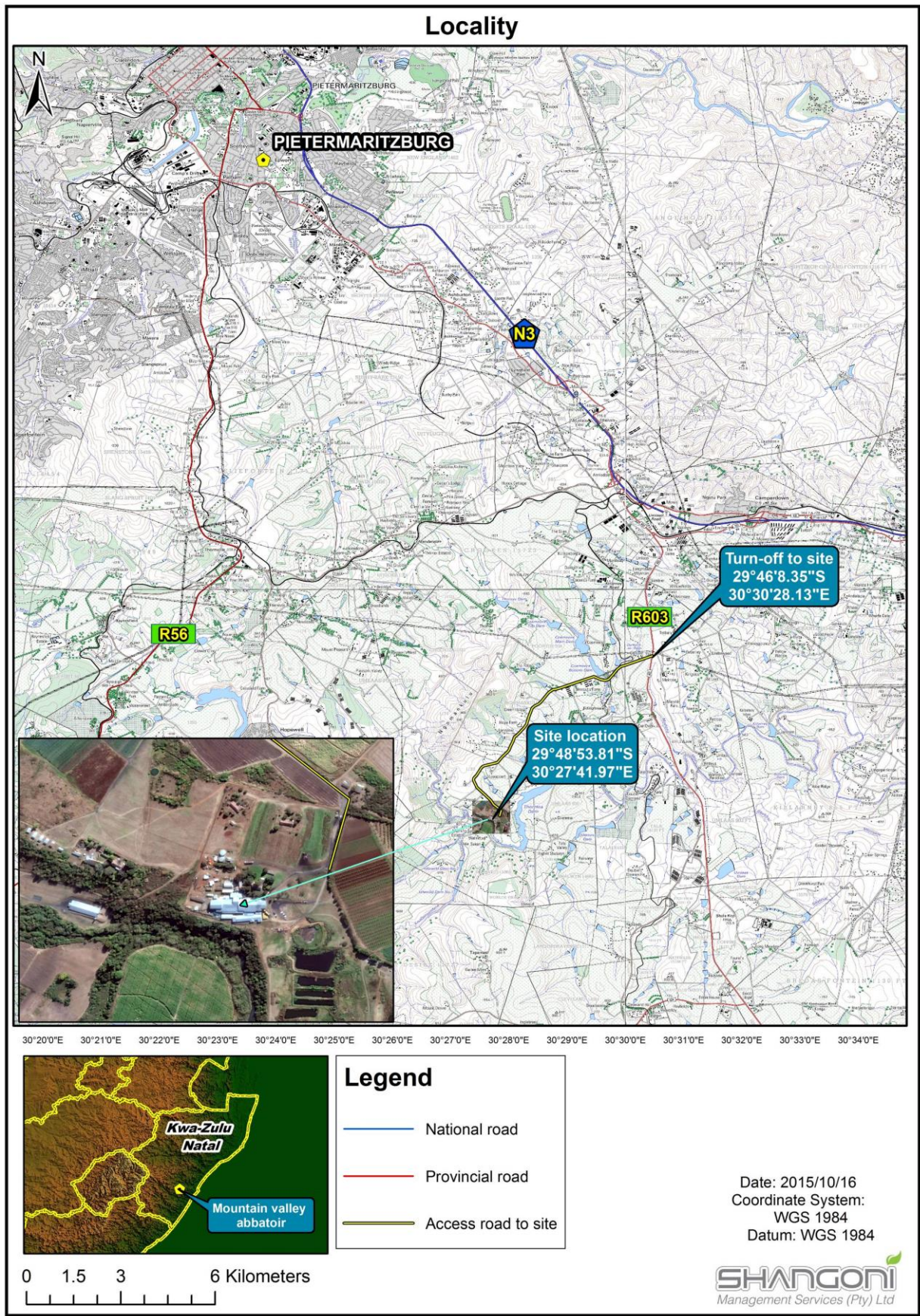


Figure 1: Plan depicting the regional location of the Mountain Valley Abattoir

INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY REGISTRATION FORM
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Please complete this form and return it to Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd. to ensure that you are registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP).

By answering the questions below you will help us to develop a better understanding of your information requirements. The form also gives you the opportunity to make comments regarding the project. Additional pages may be attached.

I&AP Details:

Full name and surname: _____

Contact details: _____

Physical address: _____

Postal address: _____

Preferred method of communication: _____

Preferred telephonic communication: _____

Organisation/Representative: _____

Farm name, number and subdivision or _____

Street Address (if applicable): _____

Tel (w): _____

Tel (h): _____

Fax: _____

Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

Fax E-mail Post

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Questions

1) Where did you get information about the proposed project?

Newspaper advertisement Notice board Flyer Other (please specify)

2) Do you represent a company/organisation or is your interest on behalf of yourself?

3) Do you know of anyone that is affected by the proposed activity who was not informed of the project? (Please provide contact details)

Do you have any specific concerns or comments regarding the proposed project?

YES

NO

If yes, please indicate what the comments are?

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