

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

### ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED SPRINGS RECYCLING YARD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF MPACT OPERATIONS (PTY) LTD (Reference number: GAUT/002/16-17/E0309)

Shangoni Project number: MPA-SPR-16-10-10

30 March 2017



#### 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 process for the proposed Mpack Operations (Pty) Ltd: Springs Recycling Yard Development Project.

#### BACKGROUND TO THE PROJECT

Mpack Operations (Pty) Ltd is one of the largest paper and plastic packaging businesses in Southern Africa.

Mpack Paper, a division of Mpack Operations (Pty) Ltd, operates a paper recycling plant in Springs on Erf 228 New Era Extension 1.

Mpack proposes to expand and upgrade the existing paper storage area already present on the site. The proposed development involves the increase in the hard-standing surface area for the storage of material. It also involves the improvement of stormwater management, comprehensive fire protection and better traffic control.

#### LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

##### Procedure applied to the application

As the project activities require upgrade of existing infrastructure and the development of new 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 and GNR 985 of 4 December 2014 published in terms of Section 24(2) and 24D of the NEMA.

An application for authorisation in terms of Chapter 4 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) will also be submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS). The specific requirements for such an authorisation (i.e. registration or licensing) will be discussed in detail with the DWS and will be submitted accordingly.

The activities at Mpack may constitute the following water uses under Section 21 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998):

- Section 21(c) of the Act: Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse.
- Section 21(i) of the Act: Altering the bed, banks, course of characteristics of a watercourse.

##### 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 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 to the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD).

The following reference number was assigned to the project: GAUT:002/16-17/E0309.

#### **Listed activities applied to the application**

The listed activities which have been applied for include Listed activities 27 of GNR 983 and Listed activities 2(c)(iv), 4(c)(iv) and 12(a)(i) of GNR 985.

#### **Legislation associated with the application**

South African legislation requires that a Basic Assessment Report and an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) be compiled in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act (Act No, 107 of 1998) (NEMA), as amended.

In order to do so, Mpaact Operations (Pty) Ltd 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 to apply for the required environmental authorisations. 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 the 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 Springs Advertiser Newspaper on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2017.

#### **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](http://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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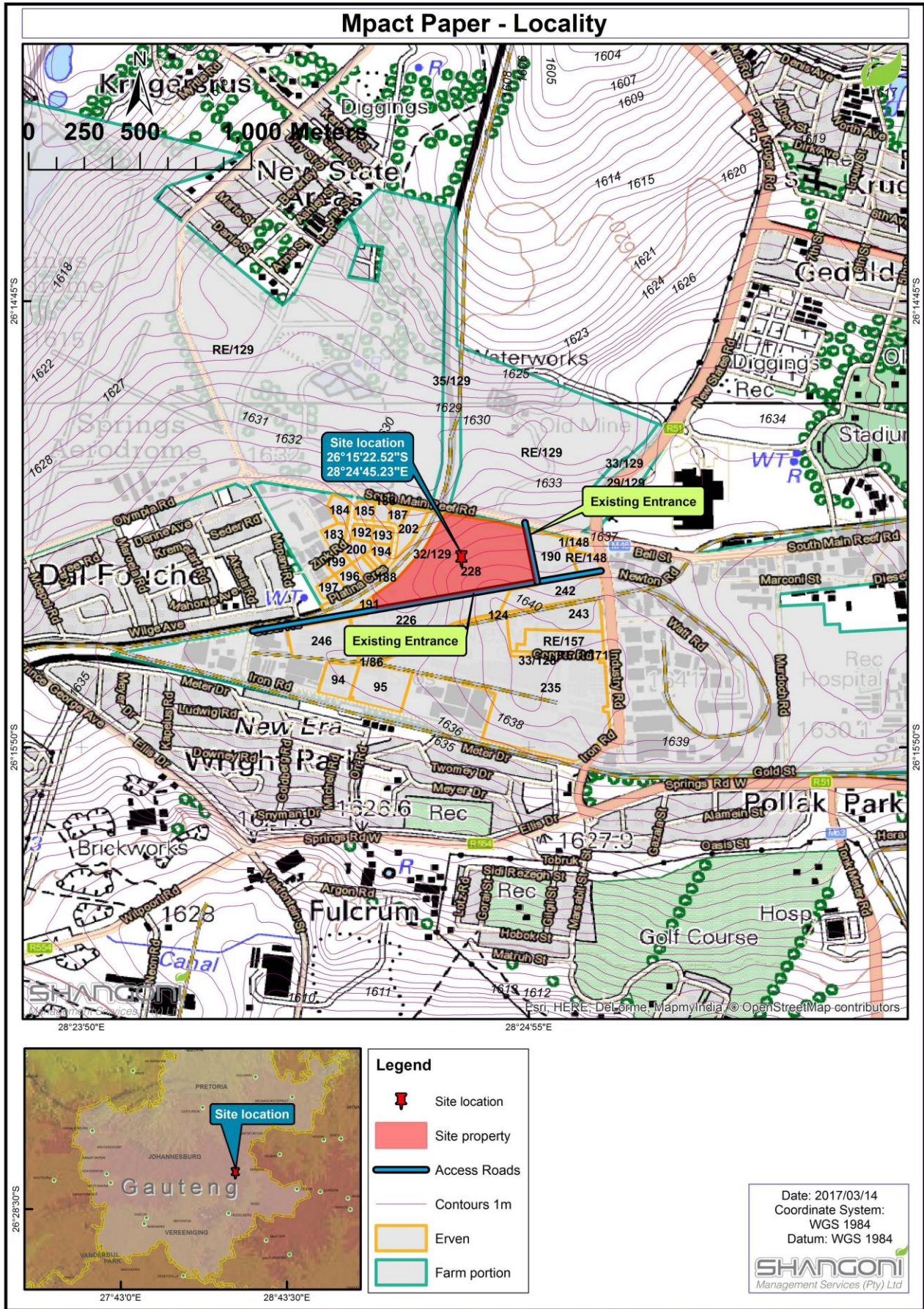


Figure 1: Locality of the Springs Recycling Facility

**INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY REGISTRATION FORM**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED SPRINGS RECYCLING**  
**YARD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF MPACT OPERATIONS (PTY) LTD**  
**(Reference number: GAUT:002/16-17/E0309; SMS Project number: MPA-SPR-16-10-10)**

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:

Fax  E-mail  Post

Preferred telephonic communication:

Cell  Home  Work

Organisation/Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm name, number and subdivision or \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Tel (w): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (h): \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions**

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

Newspaper advertisement  Notice board  Flyer  Other (please specify)

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

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

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

**YES**

**NO**

**If yes, please indicate what the comments are?**