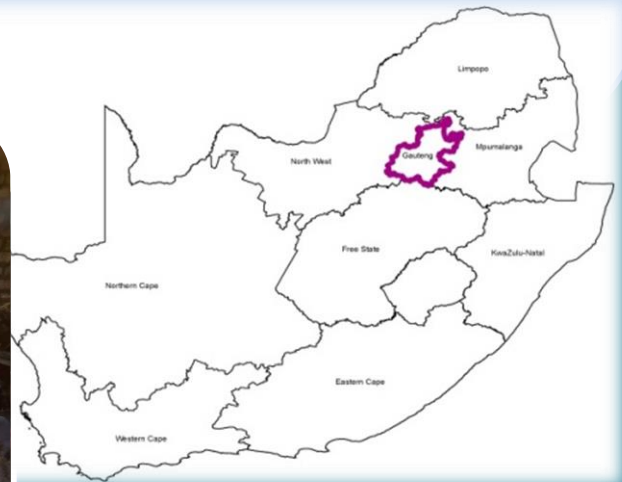


# Basic Assessment: Proposed expansion of a chicken layer facility, on Portion 348 of Kameeldrift Farm 313, Kameeldrift West, Pretoria, Gauteng.



## INTRODUCTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

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IDCNKE is a small-scale poultry production and vegetable farm, located on 2 hectares of land on Portion 348 of Kameeldrift Farm 313, Pretoria West, Gauteng. (see **Figure 1**). The business consists of 2 members, and they propose to expand on the existing chicken layer facility, as well as develop a vegetable production facility and goat farm. The chicken layer facility expansion and proposed land for cultivation will encompass 1.06 ha of the 2 ha farm. The existing facility currently has 1000 layer chickens, and proposes to expand by erecting new structures with a capacity of 40 000 chicken layers, as well as utilise 0.2 ha of land within the farm for vegetable production.

The business currently has chicken layers producing 14-17 trays of eggs a day. These eggs are supplied to butchers, offices, local households and/or individuals in the area. The aim of ICDNKE is to supply big retailers and ensure a well-known brand for the business. The proposed business will have an economic benefit from the viability of egg production, as well as vegetable production. It aims to provide a service to local communities in and around Kameeldrift, including employment opportunities for a number of local residents. The expansion foresees an even bigger contribution to the agro-industrial sector; including agricultural skills development, increase in egg production and employment.

## SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

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The Minister of Environmental Affairs has in term of Sections 24 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998, NEMA), as amended, listed the activities that require an environmental assessment. In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, as amended, published in GNR 327 and 324, a **Basic Assessment** is required as the project triggers the following listed activities (Table 1 below):

**Table 1: Listed activities applicable to the proposed project**

Relevant notice:	Activity No (s) (in terms of the relevant notice) :	Description of each listed activity as per the Government Notice:
GN. R 327, 7 April 2017	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 maintenance management plan.
GN. R 327, 4 April 2017	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 – ii) more than 5000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area.

The proposed project requires Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD). The BA process that will be undertaken for this project is summarised in the following steps:

**Step 1: Notify Authorities and potential Interested and affected parties (I&APs) (30 days) (current stage)**

The first stage in the process entails notifying all potential I&APs of the proposed project, by sending out a Background Information Document (BID), and providing I&APs with an opportunity to register as an I&AP. I&APs are required to register their interest on the project database within 30 days (in order to be included from the outset of the BA process) and/or raise issues or concerns.

**Step 2: Basic Assessment Report for Public Comment (30 days)**

The BA process is undertaken in order to identify and assess potential environmental impacts, both positive and negative, that may be associated with the project. Mitigation and management measures will be identified to reduce potential negative impacts and will be included in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for this project. The Basic Assessment Report will include comments received from all I&APs on this document and findings of the specialist study. All registered I&APs on the project database will be notified in writing of the 30 day comment period for the BAR.

**Step 3: BAR to be submitted to GDARD for decision-making**

The BAR will be drafted and will be submitted to GDARD for decision-making. The comments and issues raised will be included in the BAR. All I&APs will be provided with written notification on whether the project has been granted or refused EA and about the appeal process.

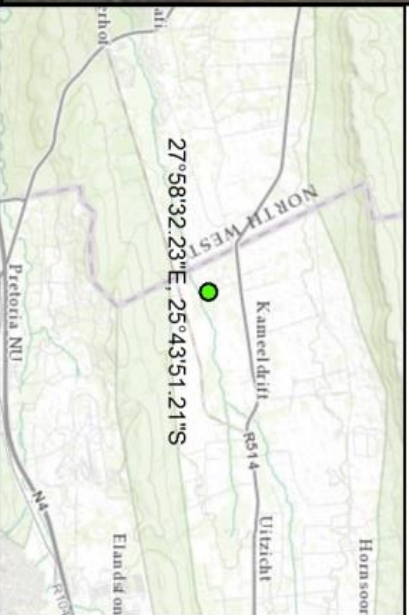
**HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?**

1. By responding to our invitation for your involvement as advertised in the local newspaper.
2. By mailing, emailing or faxing a comment form to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner indicated below.
3. By telephonically contacting the Environmental Assessment Practitioner if you have a query, comment, or require further project information.
4. By reviewing the various reports and provide comments within the stipulated comment periods provided (i.e. the BID and BAR).

**WHO SHOULD YOU CONTACT?**

To register as an I&AP or to comment on the project, please complete the Comment/Registration Form that has been included with this BID and kindly send to **Ms. Babalwa Mqokeli** on or before **29 January 2018**:

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 Email:	bmqokeli@csir.co.za
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 Website:	<a href="https://www.csir.co.za/environmental-impact-assessment">https://www.csir.co.za/environmental-impact-assessment</a>



**Legend**

**Farm Portion**

□ Portion 348 of Kameeldrift Farm 313

**Facilities**

■ Existing Chicken Facility

■ Proposed Chicken Facility

■ Proposed Goats Site

■ Proposed Workers Quarters



Fig. 1. Location of IDCNKE Holdings on Portion 348 of Kameeldrift Farm 313, with proposed expansion sites.