

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT - ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHMENT ON THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 79 OF THE FARM BLESBOKLAAGTE 296 JS AND PORTION 0 (REMAINING EXTENT) OF THE FARM LEEUWPOORT 283 JS, MPUMALANGA

EIA REFERENCE NUMBER: TO BE CONFIRMED UPON SUBMISSION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION 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 proposed application for Environmental Authorisation for the proposed "Township Establishment on the Remaining Extent of Portion 79 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS and Portion 0 (remaining extent) of the farm Leeuwpoot 283 JS, Mpumalanga" project. The Environmental Authorisation application will be lodged with the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (the Competent Authority) 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 on 7 April 2017. A Water Use Licence application in terms of Chapter 4 and Section 21 of the National Water Act (NWA), 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), as amended, will also be submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS).

Labesh (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by the applicant, Sarovic Investments CC, 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 above mentioned 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 vacant at present and is used for cattle grazing. There are a number of cattle kraals onsite. A large quarry is also located on the northern portion of the site.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed development will be undertaken in two main phases:

Phase 1:

- A mixed density residential development is proposed on the Remaining Extent of Portion 79 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS. The development will be called Pine Ridge Extension 1 – 4.
- The development will include the following land uses: Residential 1, Residential 3, Residential 4, Community Facility, Industrial 1, Business 3, Park, Commercial and Private Road.
- This development will be developed in four (4) sub-phases.
- This development will also include the provision of water-, storm water-, electricity-, sewerage- and road infrastructure.

Phase 2:

- A mixed density residential development is proposed on Portion 0 (remaining extent) of the farm Leeuwpoot 283 JS. The development will be called Pine Ridge Extension 5 – 25.
- The development will include the following land uses: Residential 1, Residential 2, Residential 3, Residential 4, Community Facility, Institutional, Business 2, Business 3, Industrial 1, Government, Park and Private Road.

- The proposed development will be developed in 21 sub-phases.
- This development will also include the provision of water-, storm water-, electricity-, sewerage- and road infrastructure.

PROJECT LOCATION

Project site GPS coordinates: 25°48'27.22"S; 29°12'17.76"E

Project properties:

- Remaining Extent of Portion 79 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS; and
- Portion 0 (remaining extent) of the farm Leeuwpoort 283 JS.

The project location is ±6.3km to the north-northwest of the eMalahleni CBD, in the eMalahleni Local Municipality, Nkangala District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. A locality map is attached to this BID.

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), as amended by GN No. 327 of 7 April 2017: Activity No. 11, 13, 26, 28, 47 and 67;
- GNR. 984 of 4 December 2014 (Listing Notice 2), as amended by GN No. 325 of 7 April 2017: Activity No. 6 and 15; and
- GNR. 985 4 December 2014 (Listing Notice 3), as amended by GN No. 324 of 7 April 2017: Activity No. 12 and 26.

The above mentioned activities require a full Scoping and 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.

The following proposed water uses require Water Use Registration and/or Licence applications in terms of Chapter 4 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998):

- Possibly Section 21(b): Storage of water – the storage of clean water in reservoirs and dams;
- Section 21(c): Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse – development/construction within 500m from the boundary of a wetland; and
- Section 21(i): Altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse - development/construction within 500m from the boundary of a wetland.

The Water Use Registration and/or Licence applications will be submitted to the relevant office of the Department of Water and Sanitation in due course.

The following reports are applicable to this application for Environmental Authorisation:

- A Scoping Report in accordance with Appendix 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended; and
- An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme in accordance with Appendix 3 and Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), respectively.

An Integrated Water and Waste Management Plan (IWWMP) report, as per the requirements of the National Water Act, 1998, and the relevant IWWMP guidelines, is applicable to the Water Use Licence application.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES

The public participation processes for the above mentioned applications 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 have been placed on the project property boundary and a newspaper advertisement was placed in the Witbank News Newspaper on the 27th of July 2018.

The draft Scoping Report will be made available to the public for review and commenting for a period of 30 days (exact dates will be communicated to registered I&APs). Electronic copies of the report will be provided to registered Interested and Affected Parties via email or registered post. Please inform us should you require a hard copy of the report.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the EAP at the details provided below.

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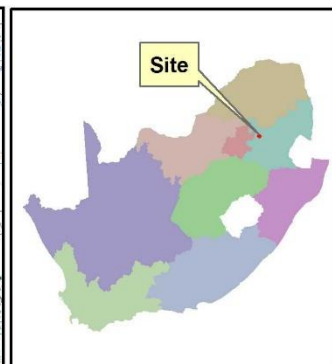
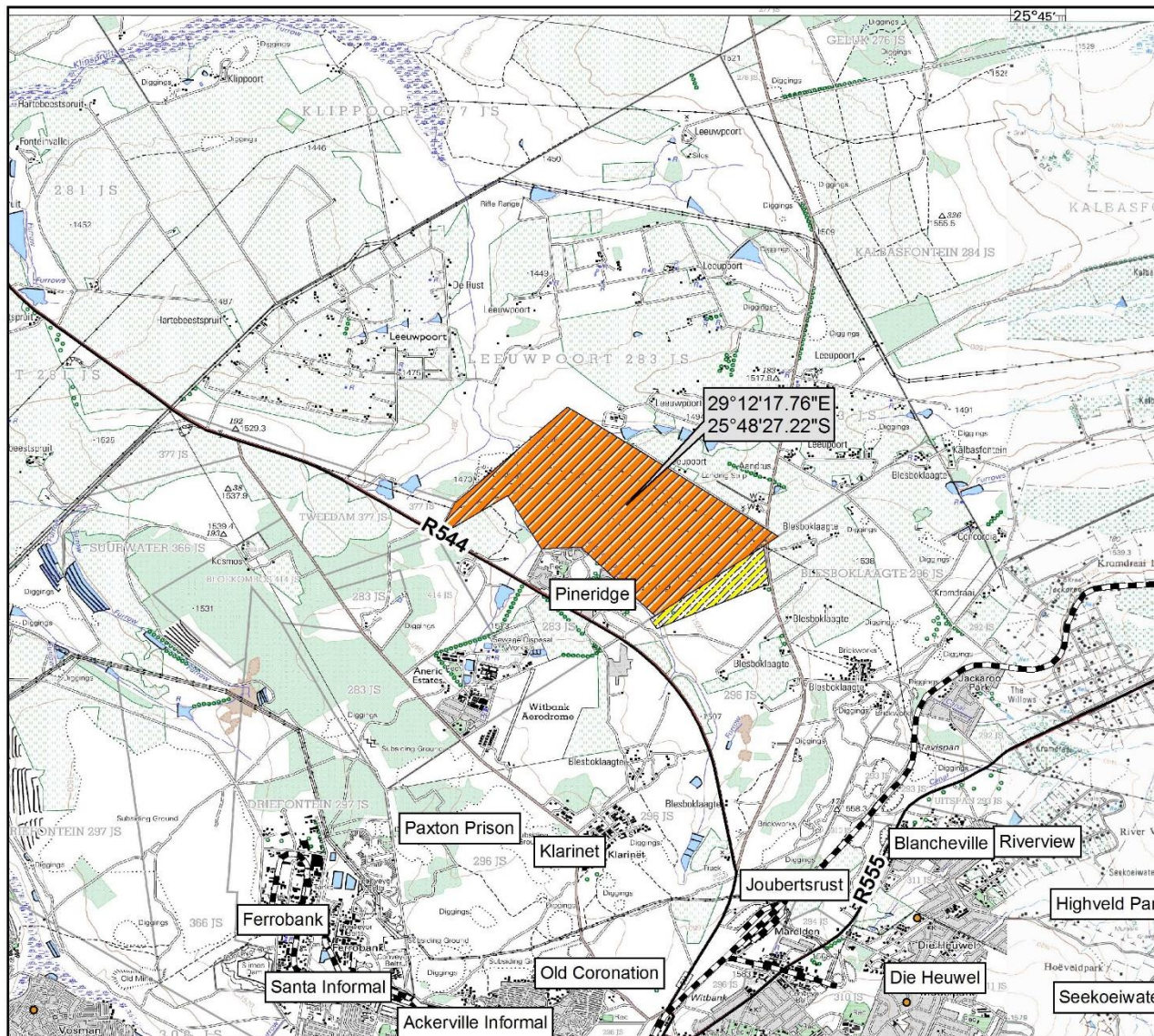
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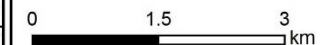
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& RE LEEUWPOORT 283 JS**

LOCALITY MAP

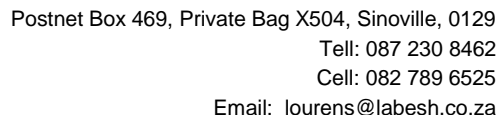
Legend

- Railway Lines
- National Route
- Arterial Route
- Main Road
- Re Leeuwpoot 283JS
- Re 79 Blesboklaagte 296JS

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INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY REGISTRATION FORM						
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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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