

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

**NOTICE FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF FUEL FILLING STATION WITHIN AN EXTENT OF APPROXIMATELY 1 HECTARE ON PORTION OF THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 2 OF THE FARM M'BAULA RANCH 6 LU, GREATER GIYANI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE. NEAS Ref No: LIM/EIA/0001606/2022 and Departmental Ref No: 12/1/9/1-M270**

## PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with background information about the proposed Fuel Filling Station application and introduce the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process to be followed. It also aims to inform I&APs on how to fully participate in the EIA and encourages response to documents distributed for review and active attendance meetings.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed **Fuel Filling Station** entails the following infrastructures: Two petrol pumps: 93 Octane and 95 Unleaded petrol; Two diesel pumps: The low sulfur 50 parts per million (ppm) diesel, Minimum storage capacity approximately between 40m<sup>3</sup> and 300m<sup>3</sup>; Canopy covered forecourt; Mechanical workshop (panel beaters, tyre services); Convenience store of 200m<sup>2</sup> in size, Car Wash/Parking area, and Gas refill facility that required to obtain Environmental Authorisation.

The applicant appointed Sigana Enviro & Construction (Pty) Ltd as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment process for the proposed project.

Notice is hereby given in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended, and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 as amended that an applicant has to carry out environmental authorisation process for Fuel Filling Station.

## PROJECT LOCATION

The Fuel Filling Station area is located within an extent of approximately 1 hectare on portion of the remaining extent of portion 2 of the farm M'baula ranch 6 LU, Greater Giyani Local Municipality in Limpopo Province.

## LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and its promulgated EIA Regulations of 2017 (GNR 982, 983, 984 and 985) the Fuel Filling Station activities require an Environmental Authorisation.

An Environmental Authorisation in terms of Section 24 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) read with Regulation 19 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and project triggers the following listed activities in EIA Regulations as amended GNR. 517 from 21 June 2021 (Listing Notice 1), Activity no 4, 14 and 27, which therefore necessitate the undertaking of Basic Assessment Process.

## WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT?

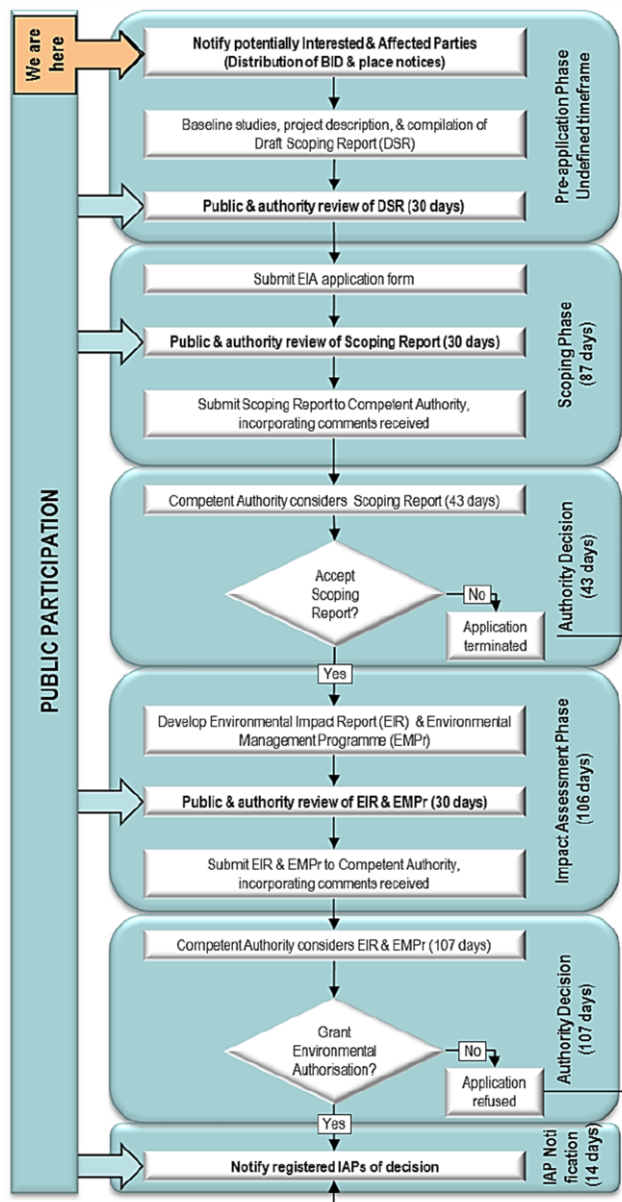
An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is a planning and decision-making tool that is used to identify the environmental consequences of a proposed project, before the development takes place. The purpose of the EIA is to describe the potential consequences of the proposed development in environmental, economic and social terms. Public issues and concerns must therefore be identified timeously so that these can be recorded and responded to in the EIA. All comments received in writing are included in the submission to the competent authority for their consideration.

The EIA process consists of two stages. The first stage is a Scoping Study, which identifies potential issues requiring more detailed investigation via specialist studies. A complete list of specialist studies and the issues they should address will be detailed in the Draft Scoping Report, which will be made available for public and authority review.

The second stage is the Impact Assessment phase, during which detailed investigations of the issues identified during scoping, will be undertaken.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS.

The flow diagram below provides an overview of the EIA process according to the 2014 EIA Regulations:



**Figure 1: A typical Environmental Impact Assessment process and stages where public comment will be invited.**

### POTENTIAL IMPACTS

A number of potential impacts have been identified which will be considered further in the process as required. Typical impacts that may be investigated as part of this EIA include:

- Geotechnical impacts.
- Impacts on fauna and flora.
- Geohydrological impact.
- Traffic impact.
- Terrestrial and aquatic ecology and wetlands.
- Visual impacts

Additional impacts can be added based on the findings of the desktop and site inspection as well as input from the public during Public Participation Process.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Public participation is the cornerstone of the Environmental Impact Assessment process. The principles of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) govern most aspects of Environmental Impact Assessments, including public participation. These include the ongoing provision of sufficient information (in a transparent manner) to Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs).

During the Public Participation Process, input from the applicant, technical experts, government authorities and the general public will be gathered to result in a better understanding of the project for all involved, and more informed decision-making throughout the process. IAPs will be given the opportunity to comment on the findings of both the Scoping and EIA Reports, and findings of the Specialist studies during the specified comment periods. IAPs are hereby invited to comment on environmental, social and economic issues relating to the proposed project.

### HOW TO REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY

To receive further communications regarding this development, please register by sending the completed and signed registration sheet on the last page of this document by no later than **09 October 2022** to:  
Stakeholders Notification: 05 September 2022 to October 2022

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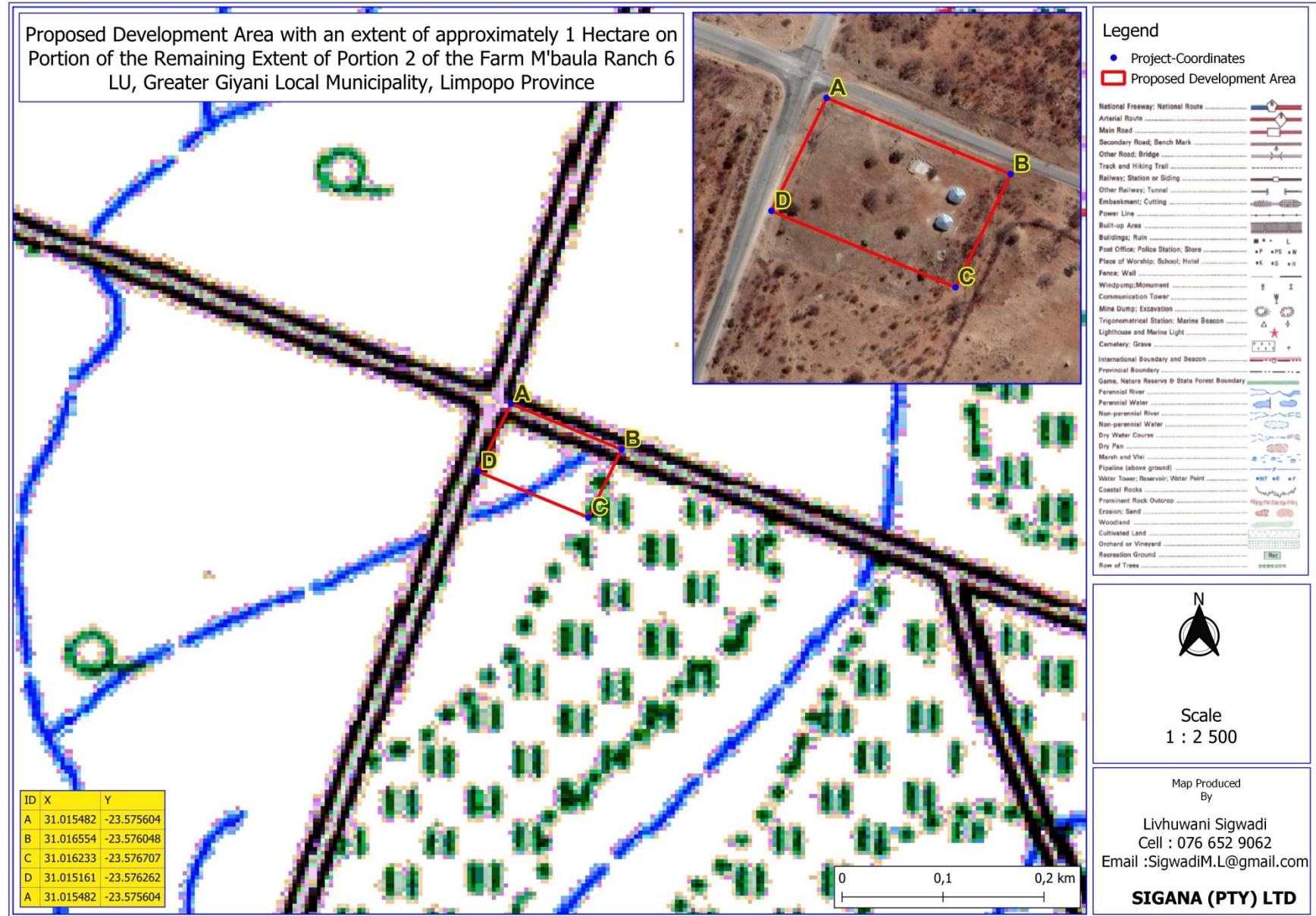


Figure 1: Locality map of the proposed project area

