

Your role as an I&AP in the EIA process

As an I&AP you are encouraged to register and use this opportunity to raise issues and concerns relating to the proposed project. All the comments raised during the EIA phase will be submitted together with the application for decision making.

I&APs are requested to register to ensure that they are sent all relevant correspondence and are notified of important dates for meetings and when project documentation will be available for comment and review. This step aims to create a broad awareness of the proposed project and to invite persons who may have an interest to register as an I&APs.

Public Participation Meeting:

As part of the public participation process, a public participation meeting must be conducted .

Review of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report :

The Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be available for public review and comment .

Activities

The project is associated activities

- Construction of eight chicken houses
- Clearance of vegetation

How to Make Contact:

Please forward details to ensure inclusion of any issues, suggestions and/or alternatives you may be aware of Comments can be made by completing and returning to the comment sheet enclosed within this document. In order to ensure continued involvement, please ensure that you are registered as an interested party within 30-days from receipt of this document.

Note: Please submit comments in writing via post, fax or email, either using comment sheets provided or your own format to: Plantago Lanceolata (Pty) Ltd

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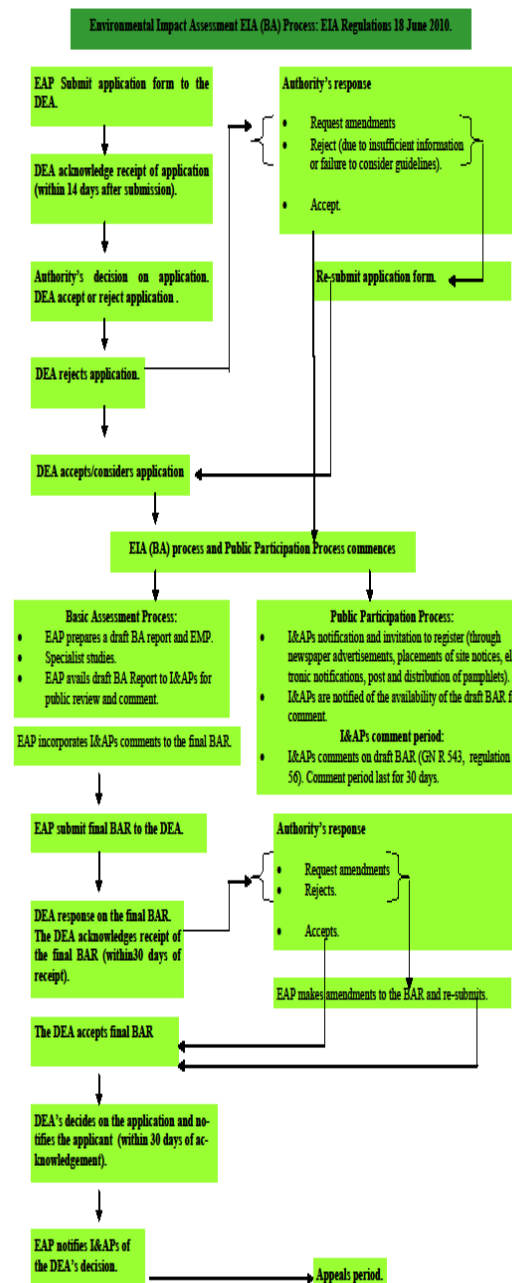


Figure 1: indicating the EIA (BA) process to be followed during the application process for the proposed Construction of eight (8) Chicken Houses.

Background Information Document (BID).

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

project Title:

The Proposed development of Chicken Farming on the portion 112 of the Farm Vastfontein 271 JR within the jurisdiction of City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality in Gauteng Province.



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Purpose of this document

The purpose of this Background Information Document (“BID”) is to provide you as a potential interested and/or affected party (I&AP) with an overview of the proposed project. The public participation forms an integral part of the EIA process and the distribution of this document is a crucial step in advising Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) on how they can be involved in the process.

Project description and location

The Proposed Construction of eight (8) Chicken Houses on the portion 112 of the Farm Vastfontein 271 JR within the Jurisdiction City of Tshwane, Metropolitan Municipality in Gauteng Province.

GPS Co-ordinates: -25° 29' 36.4361” S; 28° 14'10, 813” E

Need and desirability of the project

The applicant would like to propose farming activities by establishing up to 8 chicken broiler houses in addition to the current 8.7 ha under vacant land. Current domestic demand for chicken in South Africa is not being met. The location and climatic conditions of the farm is more suited to broiler chicken houses than the current land situation.

Chicken Broiler Development: The Applicant feels that proposed chicken farming activity would be a wise financial decision and that would be reducing risk in the event of a downturn in to leave vacant land or open land. At present the number of farms that are contributing significantly to income generating activities, and the income generating potential of this farm as a contributor to the South African Agricultural sector is not being maximised.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process

An Environmental Authorisation for the proposed project is being sought through the undertaking of the Environmental Assessment Study in accordance with section 56 in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of Government Notice No. R. 327 of 7 April 2017 as amended and in terms of Section 24 (5) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act No. 107 of 1998). The proposed project constitutes of activities listed under National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 as amended on 7 April 2017 which are: Activity 5 of Listing Notice 1 GNR 327. The activities listed require an Environmental Impact Assessment to be undertaken by an Environmental Impact Assessment Practitioner to apply for the Environmental Authorisation.

What is an EIA

An EIA means a systematic process of identifying, assessing and reporting environmental impacts associated with an activity. This may include a



Basic Assessment and/or a Scoping and Environmental Impact report (S&EIR) (GN R.326 of 7 April 2017).

EIA is a pro-active and systematic process where potential environmental impacts both positive and negative associated with certain activities are assessed, investigated and reported. The process contributes to giving effect to the objectives of integrated environmental management as decision makers are informed of the desirability of such activities and on the conditions which authorization of the activity should be subject to, where relevant.

Objectives of an EIA

The main objective of an EIA is to adequately investigate and address all environmental issues associated with the proposed development and to provide the environmental authorities with sufficient information to make an informed decision with respect to the proposed development. The EIA process will be carried out in terms of the legal requirements of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998) and in compliance with the new EIA regulations published by the DEA as well as the requirements of GN R 324-327 promulgated in terms of chapter 5 of the NEMA.

In order to obtain approval to undertake the proposed development, a Basic Assessment report is required. GN R 324-327.

Public Participation

Public participation is the cornerstone of any EIA, as it will be for this proposed project. The public participation forms an integral part of the EIA process and the distribution of this document is a crucial step in advising Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) on how they can be involved in the process.

The key objective of public participation during this EIA will be to:

- Provide I&APs with sufficient and relevant information and to conduct a transparent consultation process.

As part of this public participation process, I&APs will be provided with the opportunity to comment on the environmental findings as per the Draft basic Assessment Report, which will be made available for public review and comment during the EIA process.

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