

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION AND POTENTIAL WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED PIONEER INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 39 (REMAINING EXTENT) OF THE FARM EENZAAMHEID 135, MALMESBURY RD (Reference number: 16/3/1/2/F4/23/3007/14)

Shangoni Project number: STR-SAL-14-02-06

20 November 2014



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 application process for the proposed Pioneer Industrial Park Development Project on Portion 39 (remaining extent) of the farm Eenzaamheid 135, Malmesbury RD. A Water Use Licence Application may also be submitted to the Department of Water Affairs in terms of Chapter 4 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).

BACKGROUND TO THE PROJECT

Portion 39 of the Farm Eenzaamheid 135 is a vacant, privately owned property located in the Western Cape Province. The site is approximately 180ha in extent.

The property has an “undetermined” zoning and was used for agricultural activities approximately 20 years ago.

The applicant wishes to establish an Industrial Park on the property for mixed use, including heavy industrial, light industrial and commercial uses.

The development will entail the following:

- The physical alternation and clearance of up to 180.5106ha of vegetation on undeveloped or vacant land.
- The construction and/or expansion/widening of road infrastructure, including access roads and an internal road network.
- The construction and/or expansion of a railway network on the property, including railway lines, stations and shunting yards.
- The construction and/or expansion of bulk services, including electricity, water, stormwater and sewage systems/networks.
- The proposed project will likely also entail the construction of facilities for the storage and handling of dangerous goods, such as diesel, petrol, oil and lubricants, the construction of a bulk water supply reservoir and the construction of a facility for the treatment of sewage and/or effluent, such as a package plant.
- It is possible that the facility will require a Water Use Licence in terms of the National Water Act, 1998, for water use activities, such as the storage of water and the treatment of wastewater that may be undertaken on the site.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Procedure applied to the application

As the proposed activities entail the development of new infrastructure, a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will be required in terms of the National Environmental

Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for the authorisation of listed activities contained in GNR 544 of 18 June 2010, GNR 545 of 18 June 2010 and GNR 546 of 18 June 2010, published in terms of Sections 24(2) and 24D of the NEMA.

Application submitted to the competent Authority

An application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the NEMA, as amended, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010, for the proposed activities was submitted on the 25th of August 2014 to the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (WCDEADP).

The application was accepted by the WCDEADP on the 8th of September 2014 and subsequently the reference number 16/3/1/2/F4/23/3007/14 was assigned to the application.

Listed activities applicable to the application

The listed activities that have been applied for include Listed activities 9, 10, 12, 13, 22, 37, 38, 47, 53 and 55A of GNR 544, Listed activities 2, 4, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 19 of GNR 546 and Listed activities 5, 8, 11, 15 and 27 of GNR 545.

Potential Water Use activities that may require licensing are: Section 21(a): Taking of water from a water resource; Section 21(b): Storage of water; Section 21(c) and (i): Impeding or Diverting the flow of water in a watercourse, and Altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse; Section 21(f): Discharge of waste or water containing waste into a water resource through a pipe, canal, sewer or other conduit; and Section 21(g): Disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource.

Legislation associated with the application

South African legislation requires that a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Report, as

well as an Environmental Management Programme (EMP), be compiled in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), as amended. The proposed project may also require a Water Use Licence under the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA).

In order to do so, A.M. Thom has appointed Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd (Shangoni), as the independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP), in terms of Regulation 16 of GNR 543, to undertake and manage the processes of applying for the required environmental authorisations. Furthermore, Shangoni meets the requirements set out in Regulation 17 of GNR 543.

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 this proposed project. To register as an I&AP for this project, or to obtain more information or submit comments, please complete the I&AP 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 Weslander newspaper on 20 November 2014.

Availability of the draft Scoping Report

The draft Scoping Report will be made available to the public for review for a period of forty (40) days in due course.

Where to obtain more information

To obtain additional information, please contact the EAP at the details provided below.

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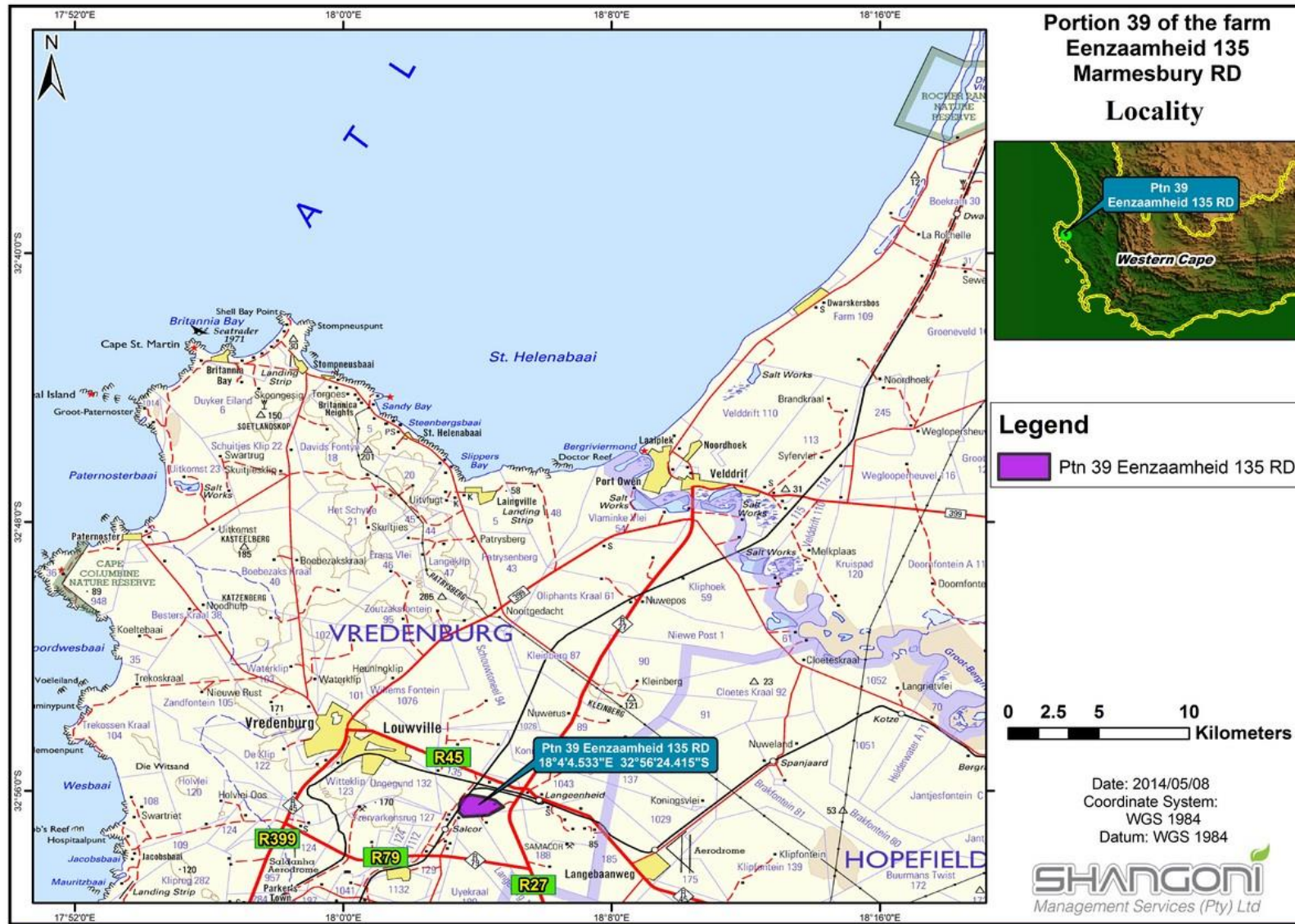


Figure 1: Plan depicting the region of the proposed Industrial Development

INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY REGISTRATION FORM
ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND POTENTIAL WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATIONS FOR
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Please complete this registration form and return it to Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd to ensure that you are registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for this project.

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: Tel (w): _____ Tel (h): _____
Fax: _____ Cell: _____
E-mail: _____

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): _____

Questions

1) Where did you obtain information regarding the proposed project?
 Newspaper Advertisement Notice Board Flyer Other (Please Specify)

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

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

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

YES

NO

If yes, please indicate what your comments are?

