



# **BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)**

# PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The Background Information Document (BID) is hereby providing information about the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) being undertaken for the proposed filling station and provides:

An overview of the project;

• An overview of the legislative context and a description of the manner in which the EIA will be undertaken;

• An overview of the project activities and potential impacts;

• An indication of how Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) may become involved in the project; and

• Contact details of the person to whom IAPs may submit their issues and concerns associated with the projects.

Stakeholders will have an opportunity to contribute issues of concern and suggestions for enhanced benefits. In addition, they will be able to verify that their contributions have been considered and to comment on the findings of the specialist assessments.

If you intend to register as in IAP please forward the attached registration sheet to Great Warthog Geo-Environmental (Pty) Ltd

#### RETURN ADDRESS FOR COMMENTS & REGISTRATION

Great Warthog Geo-Environmental (Pty) Ltd.

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# PROJECT PROPOSAL

Mokganyaka Taxi Association (Pty) Ltd proposes to develop a Filling Station and associated infrastructure at Mokganyaka village within Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality of Sekhukhune District, Limpopo Province. The proposed site covers an area of  $5000m^2$  in extent. The development will incorporate combined storage of 92 000 litres of petrol and diesel stored in three (3) underground tanks, 2 x 23 000 litres (95 unleaded petrol), 1 x 46 000 (50 ppm diesel). The associated infrastructure will include the following; Convenience shop to cater for basic needs, car wash service, tyres services, spare parts section, parking bay, admin office and ablution.

Great Warthog Geo-Environmental was appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAP) to conduct the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.

### LOCATION

The applicant intends to develop at Mokganyaka village, adjacent the T-junction from Leeuwfontein to Mokganyaka village on D4100 Road, under Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, Sekhukhune District, Limpopo Province. Central Coordinates: 24º 59' 17"S 29º 23' 25"E

### APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION

**Mokganyaka Taxi Association (Pty) Ltd** is required to obtain Environmental Authorization (EA) in support of the proposed development and will accordingly submit an application for Environmental Authorization to Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism on 08<sup>th</sup> of March 2021. The proposed development will require environmental authorization in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GN No. R324, R325, R326, R327 as amended on 07 April 2017) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (No. 107 of 1998). The proposed development triggers Activity 14 of Listing Notice 1 (GN R 327) and based on the triggered activity, the application will be subject to a Basic Assessment Process.

#### **OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE**

Chapter 6 of NEMA requires that a full and transparent Public Participation Process (PPP) be conducted for any listed activities. An initial Background Information Document provides a summary of the proposed project and EIA process and is available on request from the appointed EAP (Contact Details below)- please contact us in order to receive the document.

Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) are invited to register and/or provide written comments. All comments should be submitted together with their name, contact details (preferred method of communication e.g. e-mail) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that they may have in the application to the contact person indicated below. Registered IAPs will be informed of further opportunities to comment on the Basic Assessment Reports.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The purpose of the public participation process is to inform Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) regarding the proposed development as well as the EIA process. IAPs will also be provided with the opportunity to comment on and contribute to the identification of environmental impacts of the proposed development. Registered IAPs will be granted an opportunity to review and comment on the



# THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

(As per the public participation Guideline, Government Notice No. 807 of October 2012)

- It provides an opportunity for Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs), Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) and the competent authority (CA) to obtain clear, accurate and understandable information about the environmental impacts of the proposed activity or implications of a decision;
- It provides IAPs with an opportunity to voice their support, concerns and questions regarding the project application or decision;
- It provides IAPs with the opportunity of suggesting ways for reducing or mitigating any negative impacts of the project and for enhancing its positive impacts;
- It enables an applicant to incorporate the needs, preferences and values of affected parties into its application;
- It provides opportunities for clearing up misunderstandings about technical issues, resolving disputes and reconciling conflicting interests;
- It is an important aspect of securing transparency and accountability in decision-making; and
- It contributes toward maintaining a healthy, vibrant democracy

# **OBJECTIVE OF THIS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

This public participation will focus on identifying IAPs and provide them with an opportunity to comment on the documentation that will be submitted to all relevant departments for evaluation

# YOUR ROLE AS A POSSIBLE INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY (IAP)

Public Involvement is an essential part of this process as required by the Regulatory Authorities. You have been identified as a possible IAP who may want to be informed about the project and have input into the process. All comments will be recorded and presented to the project applicant and competent authority. You will receive feedback on how your comments have been taken into account and the outcome of the assessment. Please submit the IAP registration and/or comment to Great Warthog Geo-Environment (*next page*). Please not that this is an integrated Public Participation Process incorporating three different application processes. It is therefore important for IAPs to clearly state their interest in the project

# AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS

The draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) will be available for public review and commenting period of 30 days (08<sup>th</sup> March – 08<sup>th</sup> April 2021). The report will be available at Post Office and from Great Warthog Geo-Environmental. All comments received during the commenting period will be addressed and included in the final BAR.



REGISTRATION AND RESPONSE FORM FOR INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A FILLING STATION AT MOKGANYAKA VILLAGE, ADJACENT THE T-JUNCTION FROM	
LEEUWFONTEIN TO MOKGANYAKA VILLAGE ON D4100 ROAD, UNDER EPHRAIM MOGALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY,	
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PLEASE IDENTIFY YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROJECT:	
PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS HERE:	
PLEASE WRITE FOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS HERE.	
PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS ON/BEFORE 08 APRIL 2021 TO:	
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