

NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR AND WATERUSE LICENCE APPLICATION FOR UKUPHA FARMING (PTY) (LTD): THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF BROILER HOUSES AND CONSTRUCTION OF TWO RESERVIORS

This letter gives notice to potential Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") about where information can be obtained in respect of the application for environmental authorisation, as well as the opportunity I&APs have to comment on the draft Basic Assessment Report ("BAR") and Water Use Licence Application ("WULA").

BACKGROUND TO THE PROJECT

Ukupha farming is located in the Mpumalanga Province within the Nkangala District near Delmas. Ukupha is in the process of expanding their existing chicken broiler houses located in portions 18 and 20 of the farm Klipspruit 199 IR. The proposed projects entail the construction and operation of four new controlled environment poultry broiler houses on Portion 18 and two on Portion 20.

The physical footprint of the development will be approximately 3 ha and 2 ha on Portion 18 and Portion 20 respectively. The footprint will comprise of new poultry broiler houses, open spaces between the houses, a bio-security buffer zone surrounding all broiler houses and a reservoir (345 m³) on each site.

LOCATION OF THE PROJECT

Ukupha Farming (Pty) Ltd. is an existing Broiler Farm located within the Mpumalanga province in South Africa and falls under the jurisdiction of the Victor Khanye Local Municipality. The Farm lies approximately 18 km north of Delmas, 50km south east of Pretoria and 23 km south from Bronkhorstspuit.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Legislation associated with the application (Basic Assessment report)

A Basic Assessment Report ("BAR") will be required in compliance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998) ("NEMA") and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (GN R982 of 4 December 2014) ("GN R982"), as amended, for the authorisation of listed activities contained in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014 (GN R983 of 4 December 2014) ("GNR 983"), as amended.

As part of the processes provided above the following specialist studies will be undertake:

- Wetland delineation and water use risk assessment
- Heritage Impact Assessment
- Biodiversity Impact Assessment



- Geohydrological Assessment

Applications submitted to competent authority

An application for environmental authorisation will be submitted to the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental affairs Mpumalanga (“DARDLE”) on 28 September 2021.

Legislation associated with the WUL application

South African legislation requires that a WULA be compiled in accordance with the NWA. In order to do so, Ukupha Farming has appointed Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd (“Shangoni”) as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (“EAP”), to undertake and manage the process of applying for the water use license. The following main legislation is applicable to this application:

- National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).
- GNR267 of 24 March 2017 - Regulations regarding the procedural requirements for water use licence applications and appeals.
- GNR704 of 4 June 1999 – Regulations on use of water for mining and related activities aimed at the protection of water resources.

Procedure applied to the application

A WULA is required for water use activities contained in Section 21 of the National Water Act (“NWA”), 1998. The application process is undertaken according to GNR 267 (Regulations regarding the procedural requirements for water use licence applications and appeals), dated 24 March 2017.

Application submitted to the Competent Authority

The DWS has been consulted as part of the pre-application enquiry. The application for a WUL will be submitted to the DWS after this public participation process.

Water use activities applied to the application

The water use activities that were applied for are:

- Section 21(a) of the Act: Taking of water from a water resource,
- Section 21(c) of the Act: Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse, and
- Section 21(i) of the Act: Altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Comment period

The public participation period will run for 30 days, from 22 October 2021 to 23 November 2021. Provide comments to Shangoni (details provided below) by no later than 23 November 2021.

Information required from I&APs

- To provide information on how the activities that are being applied for will impact them.
- To provide written responses stating suggestions to mitigate the anticipated impacts of each activity.



- To provide information on current land uses and their location within the area under consideration
- To provide information on the location of environmental features on site and to make proposals as to how and to what standard the impacts on site can be minimized.

Availability of the draft Basic Assessment Report (“BAR”) and Water Use Licence Application (“WULA”)

The draft BAR and the WULA document will be made available to the public for review for a period of 30 days from 22nd of October 2021 to 23rd of November 2021 on Shangoni’s website (www.shangoni.co.za). E-mail or fax your comments to Shangoni (details provided below) by no later than 23 November 2021.

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Where to obtain more information

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

Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP): Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd.

Contact person: Lesley Keay or Olwethu Mungwe

Tel: 012 807 7036

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Postal Address: P. O. Box 74726, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040



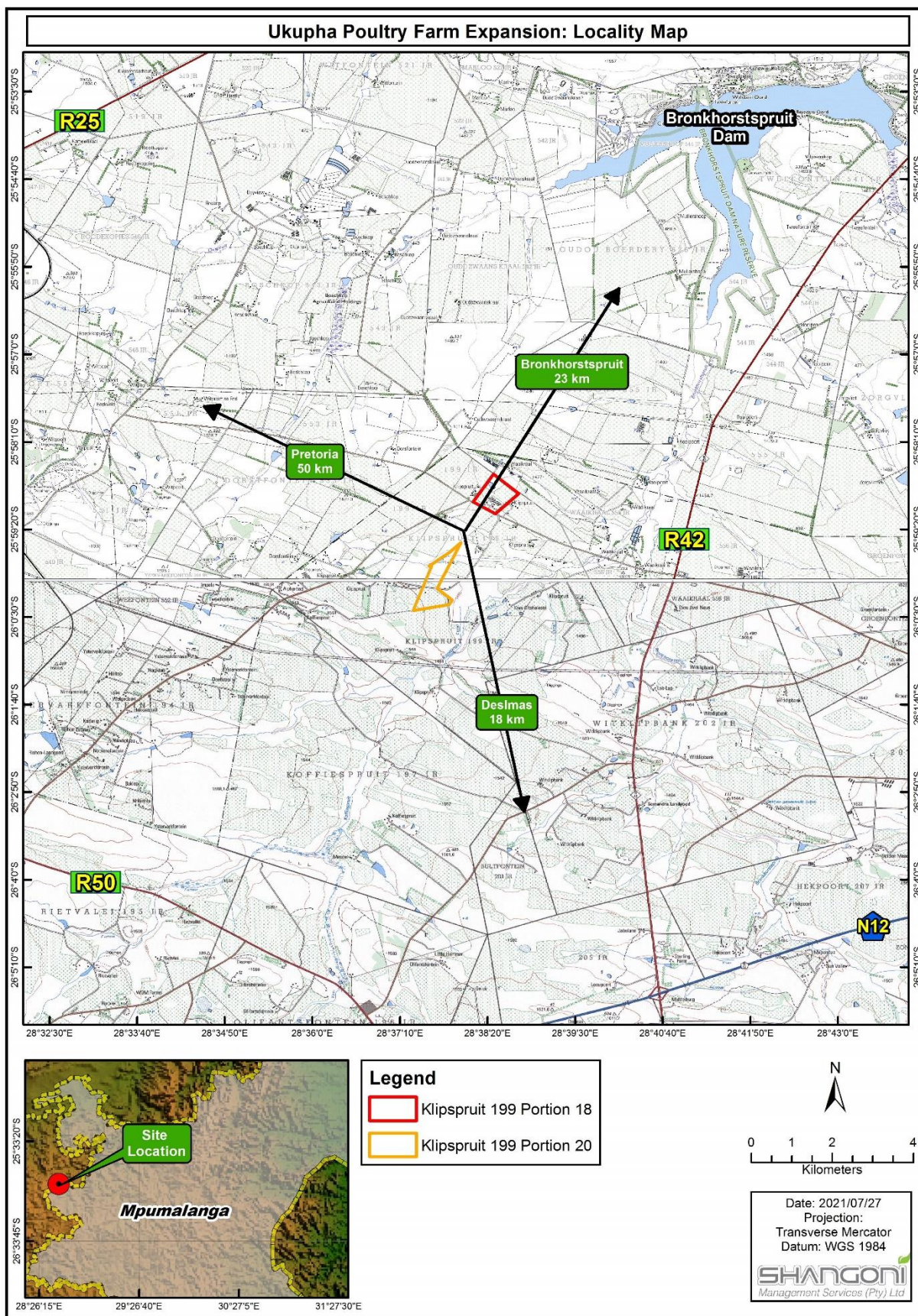


Figure 1: Locality map of the project area



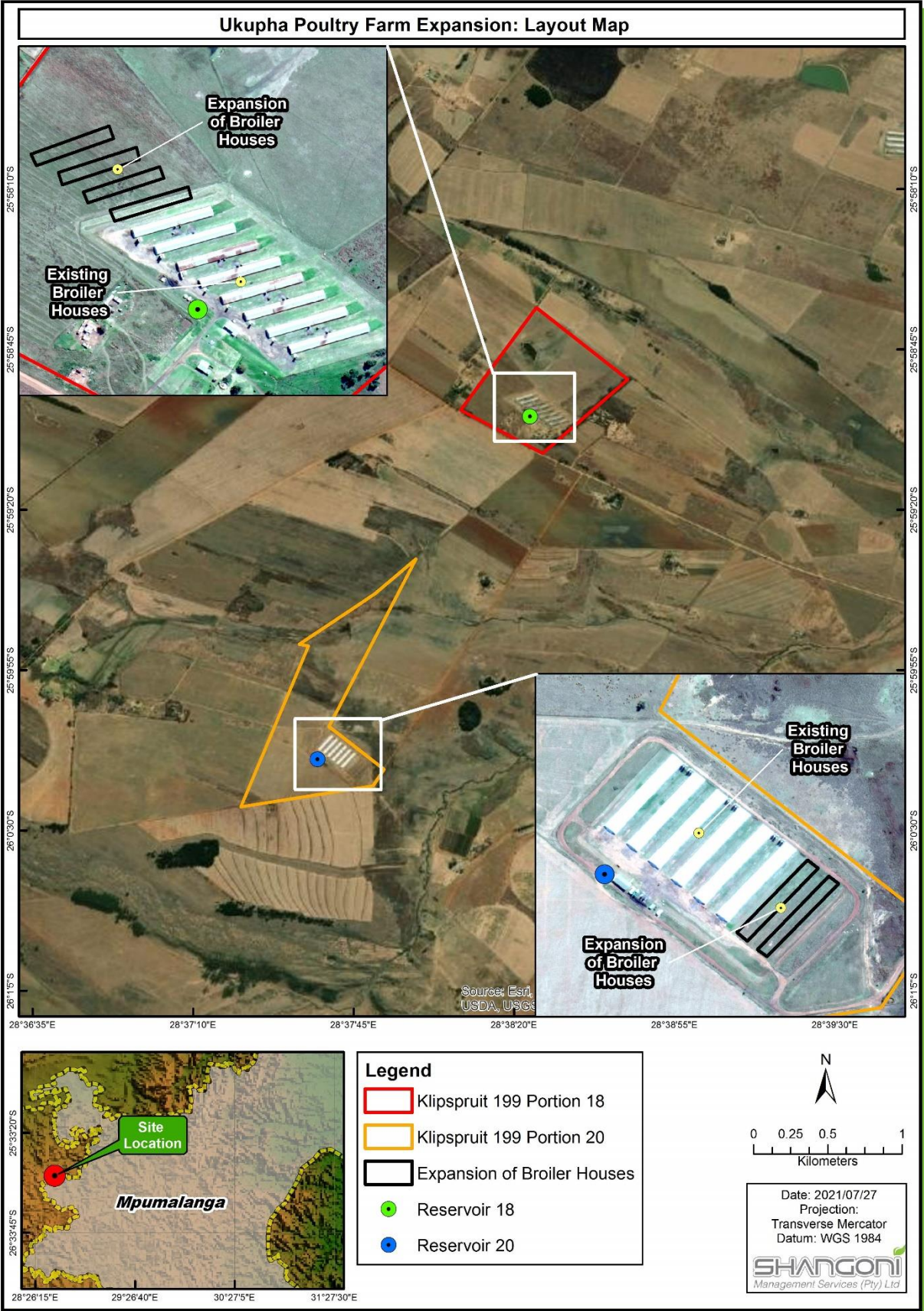


Figure 2: Layout map of the project area



REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this form and return it to Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd to ensure that you are registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP).

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 should this be required.

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 telephone number: cell home work

Organisation/Representative: _____

Farm name, number and subdivision or
 Street Address (if applicable): _____

Questions

1) Where did you get information about 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)

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

YES

NO



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Signed

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Date

NOTE:

Please forward completed forms to Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd. by no later than 23 November 2021.

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