

Attention: Environmental Impact Management

Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs

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NEMA QUERY FOR THE PROPOSED NEWLY RE-ESTABLISHED POLICE STATION ON ERVEN 927, 928, 937, 938, 947, 988, 959 AND 960 AT BARBERTON WITHIN THE UMJINDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

Dear Sir/ Madam

Mang Geoenviro Services is appointed by Futures Development Consultants as an independent environmental consultant to undertake a desktop study for a legislative review of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 108 of 1998) for proposed newly re-established police station on erven 927, 928, 937, 938, 947, 988, 959 and 960 to determine whether environmental authorization for the proposed development is required.

The applicant and landowner, is proposing a newly re-established police station on the on erven 927, 928, 937, 938, 947, 988, 959 and 960 within Umjindi Local Municipality in Mpumalanga Province. The proposed development involves the design, construction, and operation of a police station. The extent of the project site will cover an area of approximately 2000 m²/ 0.2 hectares.

Mang Geoenviro Services has done a careful review in detail of the following legislations:

- National Environmental Management Act (Act no. 108 of 1998).
- Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation (2014) as amended by the amendments to the EIA Regulations Listing Notices 1, 2 and 3 2 of 2014 promulgated on 7 April 2017 National Water Act (Act no. 36 of 1998).
- National Environmental Act: Waste Act (Act no. 59 of 2008).
- National Environmental Act: Air Quality (Act no. 39 of 2004).

It is the view of Mang Geoenviro Services as independent environmental assessment practitioners, that no activity identified in the mentioned Listing Notices triggered any of the listed activities and therefore there is no need to obtain an Environmental Authorization.

The purpose of this Environmental enquiry for a newly re-established police station is to draw attention to the necessary Environmental Impact listings that were checked and to demonstrate that the project scope doesn't fall within the ambit of any of the listed activities in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2014) as amended by the amendments to the EIA Regulations Listing Notices 1, 2 and 3 of 2014 promulgated on 7 April 2017.

The main reason being that the scope of the proposed development did not fall within the ambit of any listed activity in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation (2014) as amended by the amendments to the EIA Regulations Listing Notices 1, 2 and 3 of 2014 promulgated on 7 April 2017.

Project Site

The proposed development site is located on a vacant area opposed the Laerskool Barberton Primary School on erven 927, 928, 937, 938, 947, 948, 959 and 960 within the Umjindi Local Municipality in Mpumalanga Province. The site can be accessed through an unnamed road from the De Villers street.

The geographical location of the site:

Latitude: 25°47'24.13"S

Longitude: 31° 3'3.60"E



Figure 1: The proposed development site in Barberton

According to the EIA regulations (2014) EIA Regulation promulgated on 07 April 2017 in terms of Chapter 5 of the NEMA, Government Notice GNR 327 Listing 1, GNR 325 Listing Notice 2 and GNR 324 Listing Notice 3, Mang Geoenviro Services believe that no Environmental authorization will be required as no listed activities seem to be triggered by the proposed development.

Conclusion

The purpose of this Environmental enquiry for a newly re-established police station is to review the relevant legislation and confirm that environmental authorization is not required for the proposed project. The proposed project will not trigger any listed activities contained in the GNR 327 Notice 1, GNR 325 Notice 2, GNR 324 Notice 3 and GNR 326 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2014) as amended by the amendments to the EIA Regulations of 2014 promulgated on 7 April 2017.

As such, Mang Geoenviro Services requests an Official correspondence from Mpumalanga Department of Agricultural, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs with the confirmation that no environmental authorization is required and that the proposed newly re-established police station development should proceed.

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