

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT  
FOR  
APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE  
CLEARING OF INDIGENOUS VEGETATION FOR CROP LANDS AND RELATED  
INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE FARM: ZWARTBERG 72 MR, WITHIN BLOUBERG  
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, CAPRICORN DISTRICT, LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

**Blouberg Local Municipality  
Capricorn District**

**LIMPOPO PROVINCE**



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### Background

The proposed developments are situated on the farm Zwartberg 72 MR, ±120 km north-west from Blouberg Local Municipality, between the R572 and the Limpopo River and accessed via the district road along the river, in Capricorn District in the Limpopo Province. The surrounding areas is primarily managed for game, cattle, and crop farming. Landuse zoning is for agriculture.

## 2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### Project name: Zwartberg Projek

### Nature of activity

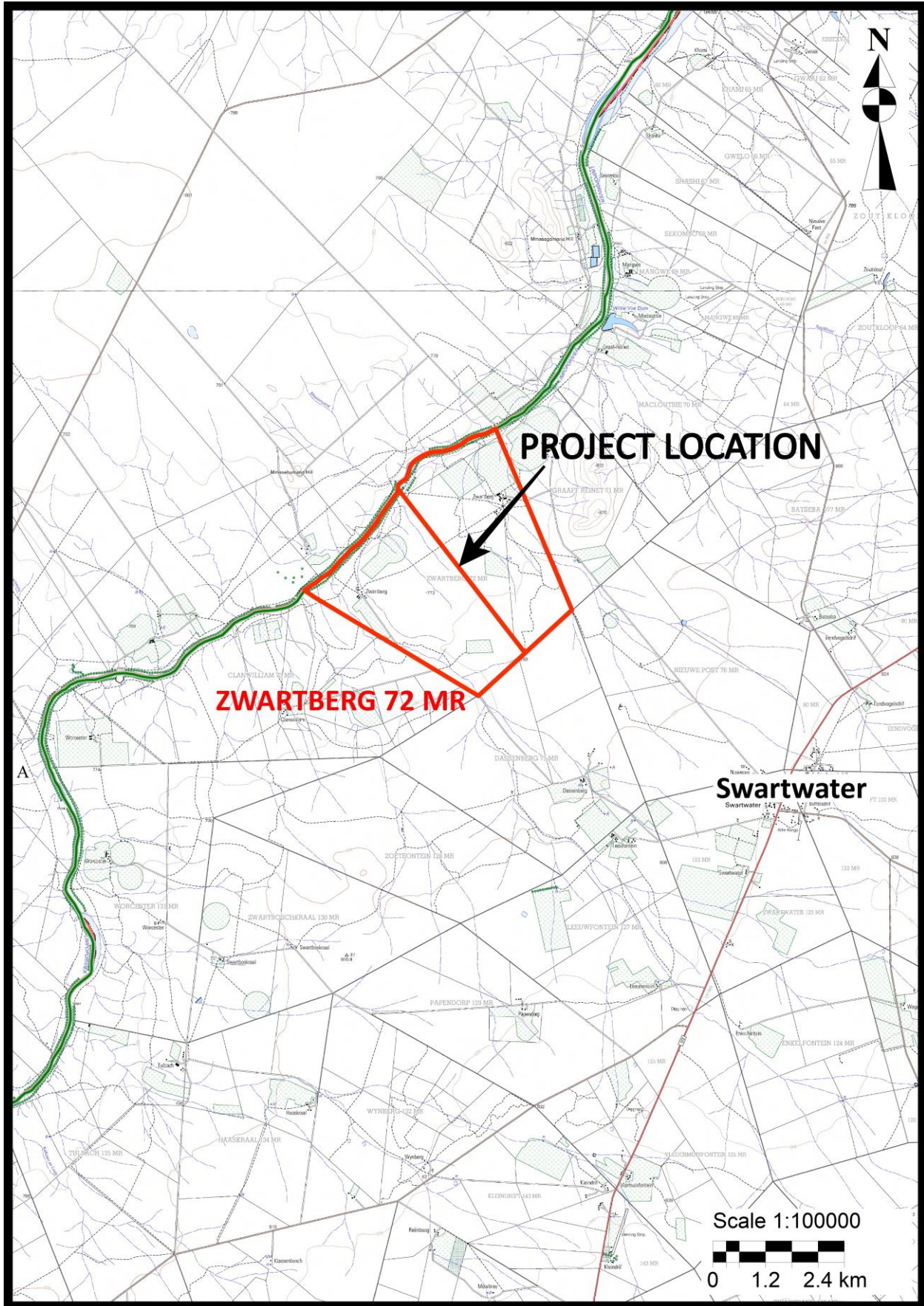
The proposed project is for the clearing of indigenous vegetation for croplands, necessary infrastructure such as pipelines and storage dams.

### Location

The project location is indicated on Map 1 below. The footprint areas will only be defined and made available in EIA report after the input from public process and the necessary specialist reports.

The co-ordinates (WGS84) of the proposed sites are approximate:

- Latitude **22° 48' 25.66"** and Longitude **28° 7' 48.10"**.



Map 1: Project location

### **Receiving environment**

The physical environment on the farm consists of existing croplands and natural terrestrial vegetation. According to Mucina & Rutherford (2006), the study area is situated in the Central Bushveld Bioregion with Sweet Bushveld (SVcb19) vegetation and Ecological Status is Least Threatened. The project area is located inland from the Limpopo River.

### **Preliminary identified specialist studies**

A Screening Tool search was conducted which was used to identify the need for specialist studies.

Preliminary Specialist studies identified could include the following:

- Soil Analysis Studies
- Ecological-and Red Date and Biodiversity Report.
- Archaeological Phase 1 Report.
- Palaeontology Desktop Report.

### **3. ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTITIONER**

Tua Conserva Environmental & Conservation Services cc has been appointed as the environmental consultant to lodge the necessary environmental application and required documentation.

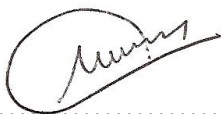
### **4. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT PROCESS**

- (i) An environmental impact application will be lodged according to the requirements of Regulation 41(2) (a, b & c) and Regulation 41(3) (a & b) of the regulations published in Government Notice R. 982 of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act no. 107 of 1998), as amended. Which will be submitted to Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment & Tourism (LEDET).
- (ii) A Screening Verification Process will be submitted with the application.
- (iii) A pre-application meeting was conducted with LEDET.
- (iv) A Public Participation Process will be conducted and Interested & Affected Parties will be notified of the Public Open Meeting.
- (v) A scoping environmental report will be compiled which will be followed by the environmental impact assessment report.

### **5. CONTACT DETAILS (FOR PPP)**

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