



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS:
**PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A FILLING STATION AT MAAKE PLAZA SHOPPING CENTRE ON PART OF THE
REMAINDER OF THE FARM RITA 668-LT, TZANEEN AREA, LIMPOPO PROVINCE (LDEDET REF: 12/1/9-7/3-M13)**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT – AUGUST 2008

1. INTRODUCTION

Polygon Environmental Planning has been appointed by Mc Cormick Property Development to conduct the required Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for proposed establishment of a filling station at the Maake Plaza shopping centre on part of the remainder of the farm Rita 668-LT. The proposed development site is situated at Maake near Lenyenye, within the Greater Tzaneen Municipality in the Mopani District of the Limpopo Province (please refer to the attached locality map).

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Mc Cormick Property Development proposes to establish a filling station with associated convenience shop on the premises of the Maake Plaza shopping centre, which is currently under construction. The filling station and shop are proposed to be situated in the north-western portion of the shopping centre site, at the junction of the R36 and the road leading to the Maake Campus of the Letaba Further Education and Training (FET) College.

Underground fuel storage tanks with a total combined capacity of 115m³ (consisting of 3 tanks with a capacity of 23m³ each and one 46m³-capacity tank) are proposed to be installed at the filling station and a total surface area of 1 700m² (0,17 ha) is to be taken up. Electricity is available at the site and water is to be obtained from a borehole which has been drilled some distance from the site to serve Maake Plaza. Sewerage is to tie into the proposed onsite sewerage treatment system, for which an EIA has been conducted (LDEDET's decision is currently awaited).

4. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

4.1. Legislation

In terms of Regulation No. R. 387 of the EIA Regulations (2006), published in terms of section 24(5) read with section 44 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), environmental authorization is required for this proposed project. To this end, an EIA is being conducted, for which the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (L DEDET) will be the relevant decision-making authority. The following listed activities under Regulation R. 387 are applicable to this proposed project:

R. 387 ACTIVITY NR	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION
3	The construction of filling stations, including associated structures and infrastructure, or any other facility for the underground storage of a dangerous good, including petrol, diesel, liquid petroleum gas or paraffin.

A phased approach is to be followed in conducting the EIA for this proposed project:

a. Phase 1: Environmental Scoping Phase

Specialist ecological and heritage assessments were conducted during the Basic Assessment process which was undertaken to obtain environmental authorisation from L DEDET for the Maake Plaza shopping centre. Both these studies found that development of the site for the proposed uses could be supported. These studies will not be done again during this EIA. However, a desk-top analysis of socio-economic conditions in the local community will be undertaken.

The results of the scoping phase investigations will form part of the Environmental Scoping Report (ESR), which will be made available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days and which will subsequently be submitted to L DEDET for decision-making.

b. *Phase 2: Environmental Impact Assessment Phase and Environmental Management Plan*

It may be necessary to conduct additional geo-hydrological studies to supplement the geo-hydrological investigation that was conducted prior to establishment of the borehole and onsite sewerage system at Maake Plaza. If such studies are required, they will be undertaken during this, the impact assessment phase.

During this phase, potential impacts associated with the proposed project will be assessed in terms of their anticipated duration, extent, severity and significance. An Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be compiled to present measures for the management and mitigation of potential negative impacts and the optimisation of potential positive impacts in terms of both bio-physical and socio-economic aspects. The draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and EMP will be made available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days and the finalised reports will subsequently be submitted to L DEDET for decision-making.

5. BECOMING INVOLVED

Should you have any comments, queries or concerns with regards to the EIA being undertaken for this proposed project, we would like to request you to contact us at the contact details provided below, or to attend the Public Meeting (details below) or to send your completed Comment and Registration Form to us, in order to register as an Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP). **Comments and queries** should reach Polygon Environmental Planning before or on **28 September 2008** in order to be included in the draft Environmental Scoping Report (ESR).

We would furthermore hereby like to invite you to the **Public Meeting**, which has been arranged for **Saturday, 13 September 2008** at 10:00 at the Bakgaga ba Maake Tribal Office. Anyone who feels that they may be affected by the proposed project or who wishes to obtain more information regarding the proposed project, is welcome to attend the meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide I&APs and stakeholders with information regarding the proposed project and the EIA being conducted, as well as to provide I&APs and stakeholders with the opportunity to discuss with the project team any comments, queries or concerns that they may have regarding the proposed project.

It would be appreciated if you could contact us at the details below before or on 12 September 2008 to inform us of whether you will be attending the public meeting; however, if you are unable to inform us beforehand, you are still more than welcome to attend.

6. CONTACT

Polygon Environmental Planning can be contacted at the following details:

<i>Contact person:</i>	Mrs Louise Agenbag	<i>E-mail:</i>	louise@polygon.co.za
<i>Telephone:</i>	015 307 3606	<i>Postal address:</i>	PO Box 1935, Tzaneen, 0850
<i>Fax:</i>	015 307 3080	<i>Physical address:</i>	21C Peace Street, Tzaneen, 0850

TSHEKATSHEKO YA KAMEGO YA HLAGO MABAPI LE LEFELO LA MAKHURA A DIKOLOI GOBA DIFATANAGA (GARAGE) MABENKELENG A MAAKE PLAZA, TIKOLOGONG YA TZANEEN, POROFENSENG YA LIMPOPO (LDEDET REF: 12/1/9-7/3-M13)

Khamphani ya Polygon Environmental Planning e hirilwe ke baga Mc Cormick Property Development go dira Tsheka-Tsheko ya go hlongwa ga lefelo la go tshela dikoloi makhura (garage) mabenkeleng a Maake Plaza mo karolong ya polasa ya Rita 668-LT Ga-Maake mo tikologong ya Tzaneen mo porofenseng ya Limpopo. Go ya ka Tsereganyo ya R.387 ya ya Ditsereganyo tsa Tsheka-Tsheko tsa Kamego ya Hlago (2006) tse di phatlhaladitswego go ya ka karolo ya 24(5) di balwa le karolo 44 ya Molao wa Taolo ya Hlago (NEMA), 1998 (Molao wa 107 wa 1998). Kgopelo ya tumelelo mabapi le se e setse e rometswe Lefapheng la Porofense ya Limpopo la Hlabollo ya Moruo, Hlago le Boeti. Ka se sebaka projeke e sekeng sa go lebelela tseo di ka amiwago ke hlabololo ye.

GO TSEYA KAROLO GA SETSHABA

Bao banago le dikgopolo, dipotsiso goba dipelaelo mabapi le Tsheka-Tsheko ya Kamego ya Hlago goba ba nyaka go tseba se sengwe a ba ikopanye le rena mo atereseng tse re di fileng mo matsatsing a 30 morago ga kgatiso ya tsebiso ye ka letsatsi la **29 August 2008** e leng pele ga letsatsi la **28 September 2008** goba ka lona letsatsi le gore ba ingwadise bjalo ka Ba-Amegwa goba Ba-Kganyogi le ge e le go nyaka goba gona kopanong kgotha-kgothe ye e biditswego. Kopano kgotha-kgothe mabapi le projeke ye e tla swarwa ka letsatsi la **Saturday, 13 September 2008** ka nako ya **10:00, dikantorong tsa Setshaba sa Maake** motseng wa Ga-Maake. Tsebo mabapi le porojeke le lenanaeo la Tsheka-Tsheko ya Kamego ya Hlago di tla alwa kopanong ye gomme batlang-kopanong batla ba le sebaka sa dipotsiso le dipelaelo.

Motsereganyi: Mrs Louise Agenbag
Aterese ya email: louise@polygon.co.za
Aterese ya poso: PO Box 1935, Tzaneen, 0850

Nomoro ya mogala: 015 307 3606
Nomoro ya faks: 015 307 3080

