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Background Information Document for the Proposed  
Development of the Hennops Wedding and Conference  
Venue on Portion 200 of Farm Hennopsrivier 489  
JQ, Hennops River, City of Tshwane, Gauteng Province

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## **1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Green Lantern Environmental Solutions cc (herein referred to as GLES) has been appointed by Mr Rofhiwa Nevondo as independent Environmental Impact Assessment Practitioners (EAP) to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (Basic Assessment) for the proposed development of Hennops Wedding and Conference Venue, located in the Hennops River Valley, Centurion (along the R511) under the jurisdiction of City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality of Gauteng Province.

GLES has been appointed to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment process in terms of the EIA Regulations of December 2014 (as amended on 07 April 2017), published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998). The proposed development triggers Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations GNR 327 (Listing Notice 1) and GNR 324 (Listing Notice 3), therefore a Basic Assessment (BA) Process will be undertaken to obtain Environmental Authorisation before the project can commence.

## **2. PROJECT SCOPE**

The development footprint is approximately 3,99 hectares and will include the construction and operation of the following:

- Driveways and walkways
- Parking bays
- Ponds
- Tea room
- Marquee lawn area
- Spa, Observation decks
- Overnight Chalets
- Changing rooms
- Chapels
- Multipurpose conference rooms
- Outdoor ablution facilities.
- Landscaping including planting of indigenous shrubs and lawn

## **3. PROJECT LOCATION**

The proposed development will be undertaken on Portion 200 (a portion of portion 62) of the Farm Hennopsrivier 489JQ located in Hennops River (along the R511) within the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province. The geographical co-ordinates of the

site are S 25° 50' 29.00" E 27° 58' 52.00". The site is vacant with most of the vegetation already cleared and is degraded, the Hennopsriver is situated westwards of the study area.

#### **4. POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED PROJECT**

Information gathered during preliminary site investigations and desk top studies, identified potential environmental impacts that could be associated with the proposed project. These include the following:

- Loss of vegetation cover due to site clearing activities
- Soil erosion due to loss of vegetation cover and placement of hardened surfaces i.e. paving, walkways and drive ways
- Visual intrusion due to construction activities and operational activities
- Disturbance of adjacent riparian vegetation cover of the Hennopsriver (it should however be noted that a buffer zone of 40m will be maintained throughout the construction and operational activities)
- Ground and surface water contamination due to construction and operational activities
- Generation of dust and air emissions due to site clearance and operational activities
- Traffic congestion during construction activities
- Generation of waste and bad odour during construction and operational activities
- Generation of noise during construction and operational activities
- Accidents and/or injuries to workers, staff and visitors during the construction and operational phases of the proposed development
- Socio-economic: The creation of short and long term employment opportunities as well as supporting of local businesses

Detailed identification and assessment of impacts, (including recommended mitigation measures to curb and/or minimise these impacts), will be undertaken and recorded in the Basic Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme. These reports will also include the detailed assessments and recommendations of various specialists that form part of the EIA project team for the proposed development. All reports will be made available for public review during Public Participation Phase of the EIA. The specialist studies to be undertaken include the following:

- Ecological Studies
- Geotechnical Studies
- Heritage Impact Assessment
- Traffic Impact Assessment
- Geohydrological Assessments
- Floodline Delineation
- Engineering Services Report

## 5. APPLICABLE LISTED ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO THE PROJECT

The proposed development triggers listed activities as stipulated in the EIA Regulations, as amended in 2017 promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) as listed in GNR 324 and 327. A General Authorisation application will also be lodged with the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS). **Table 1** below shows the triggered listed activities

*Table 1: Triggered listed activities requiring Basic Assessment*

RELEVANT NOTICE	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION
EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended on 07 April 2017) GNR 324	<b>6:</b> The development of resorts, lodges, hotels, and tourism or hospitality facilities that sleeps 15 people or more: <b>(c)(iv)</b> Sites identified as Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) or Ecological Support Areas (ESAs) in the Gauteng Conservation Plan or in bioregional plans; <b>(vi)</b> Sensitive areas identified in an environmental management framework adopted by the relevant environmental authority; <b>(xii)</b> Sites zoned for conservation use or public open space or equivalent zoning.
EIA Regulations as amended on 07 April 2017 (GNR 324)	<b>12:</b> The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan: <b>(c)(ii)</b> within critical biodiversity areas or ecological support areas identified in the Gauteng Conservation Plan or Bioregional plans; <b>(iii)</b> on land, where, at the time of the coming into effect of this

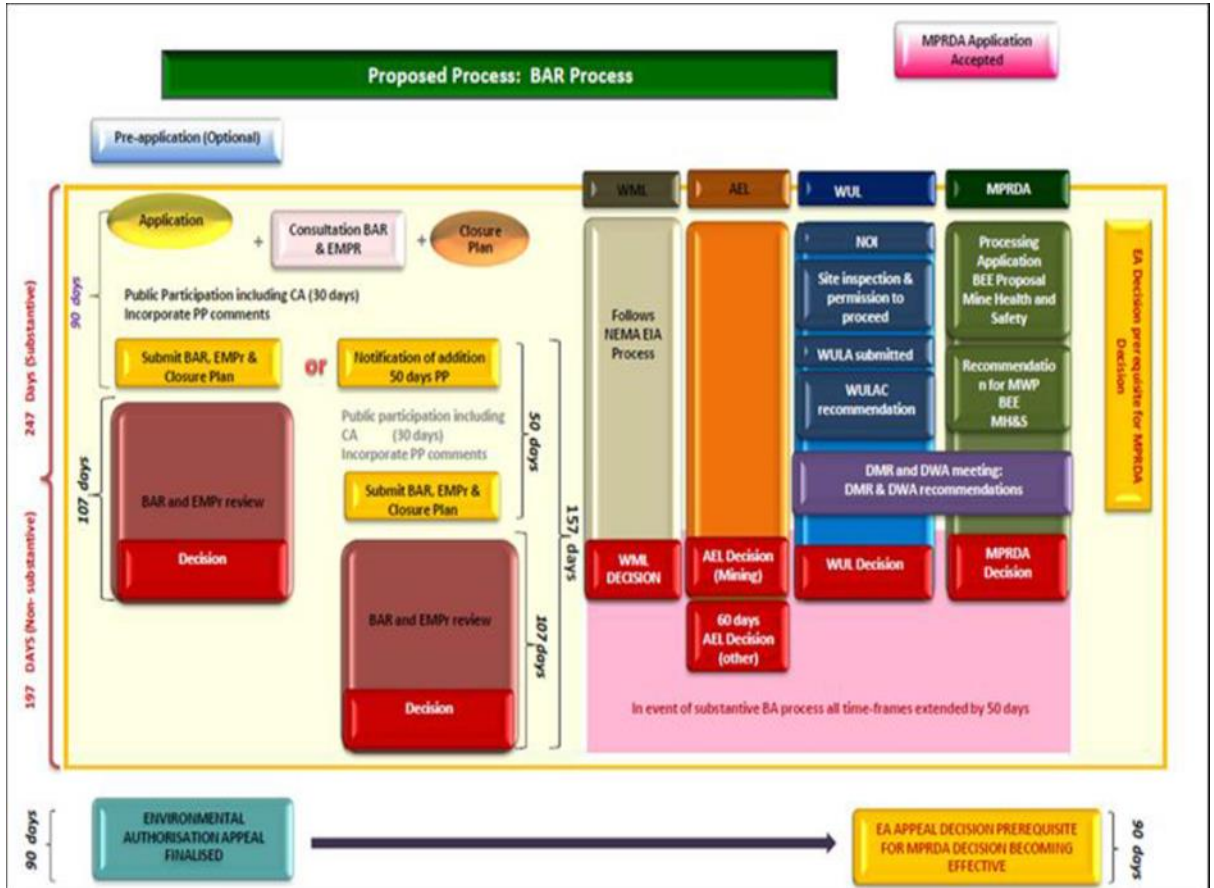


notice or thereafter such land was zoned open space, conservation or had an equivalent zoning.

## 6. BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The Basic Assessment process being implemented can be summarised as shown in Figure 1 below

**Figure 1: Process flow for Basic Assessment process**



## 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Interested and affected parties (IAPs) are invited to participate in the Public Participation process (PPP) of the project. To ensure that you are registered as an IAP, or to lodge any issue, concern, or obtain clarity on the proposed project, please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) on the details below.

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