



## BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION, WATER USE LICENCE & HERITAGE ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED HERONBRIDGE COLLEGE SPORTS-FIELDS DEVELOPMENT

#### Purpose of Document

The purpose of this document is to:

- Provide all potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with information about the proposed application.
- Introduce, explain and initiate the Public Participation Process (PPP) that is prescribed by the relevant legislation.

All I&APs are requested to provide comment on:

- The environmental (bio-physical) and socio-economical environmental and/or considerations and potential impacts.
- The proposed Public Participation Process (PPP) to be followed.
- The proposed application and authorisation process being followed.
- Any other suggestions and/or recommendations.

#### Location of the Project

The proposed Heronbridge sports-field development is located on Portion 112 (a portion of Portion 17) of the farm Nietgedacht 535 JQ, within Ward 96 of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province.

#### Co-ordinates of the Access Road to Property:

Latitude: 25° 56' 56.06" S

Longitude: 27° 57' 55.99" E

Date of Publication: 4 August 2017

Applicant: Heronbridge College NPC

EAP: Prism EMS

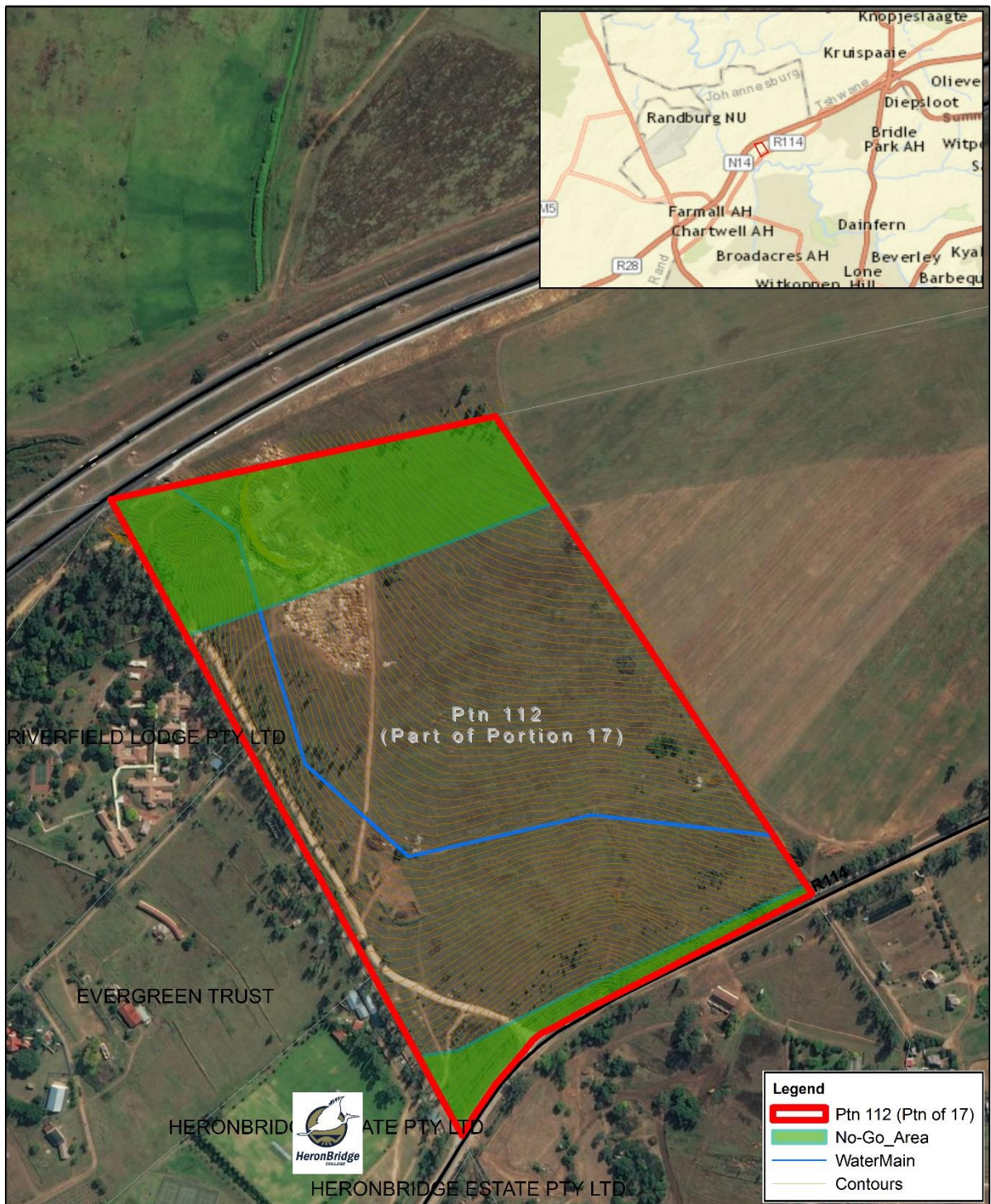
GDARD Ref No. Gaut 002/17-1/E2032

#### Project Description

Heronbridge College NPC is intending to develop substantial sports fields and related facilities in a phased approach on a section of portion 112 (a portion of portion 17) of the farm Nietgedacht 535 JQ, Gauteng Province. The sports fields and facilities will be related to the existing Heronbridge College which is located on portion 36 and 38 of the farm Nietgedacht 535 JQ which is already owned by the Applicant (Heronbridge College NPC).

In addition, the proposed development also involves the rehabilitation of the drainage area and provision of all necessary services to the development including water, sanitation, stormwater and roads.

**Competent Authority:** The competent authority for this environmental authorisation is the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) responsible for matters associated with the approval of the environmental authorisation, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) for the Water Use License Application and the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) is a commenting authority for the Heritage Assessment.




<p><b>Project:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Heronbridge College Sports-field</p> <p><b>Locality Plan</b> Name: 21659_LocalityMap</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N W — E S</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1:5,000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0 0.035 0.07 0.14 0.21 0.28 Km</p>	 <p>Prism EMS P.O. Box 1401 Wilgeheuwel Tel: 087 985 0951 Fax: 086 601 4800 prism@prismems.co.za www.prismems.co.za</p>
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Figure 1: Locality Map

**Environmental Assessment Practitioner:** Prism EMS is a multi-disciplinary Environmental Management consulting firm. With a vision encompassing a holistic understanding of integrated environmental management in combination with sustainability, the company prides itself on excellent service and value-added solutions to a range of clients:

Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Armand Fourie Cand.Sci.Nat.

Qualification: *BSc. Hons. Env. Sci.*

Experience: 2 Years

## Legal Requirements

**National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998):** The following listed activities are triggered in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014:

Listing Notice 1: GN R983 of 4 December 2017, as amended

**19:** The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 5 cubic metres from- (i) a watercourse (during rehabilitation).

**27:** The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation.

Listing Notice 3: GN R985 of 4 December 2017, as amended

**12:** The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation

**National Water Act (NWA), 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998):** The following Section 21 water uses of the NWA include:

- **Section 21(a):** Taking of water from a water resource and storage of water
- **Section 21(c):** Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse; and
- **Section 21(i):** Altering the beds, banks and characteristics of water in watercourse.
- **Section 21(e):** Irrigation of any land with waste or water containing waste generated through any industrial activity or by a waterwork.
- **Section 21(g):** Disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource

**National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999):** The following listed activity is triggered in terms of the act.

**38(1):** Any Development or activity which will change the character of a site exceeding 5 000m<sup>2</sup>

**Be an Integral Part of the Environmental Impact Assessment Process:** Public involvement is an essential part of any environmental assessment process. Parties wishing to register as I&APs, who wish to participate by contributing comments, or require additional information, should register and/or submit their contact details and correspondence in writing to Prism EMS, using the attached Comment Sheet. All comments received will be captured, considered and incorporated into the relevant impact assessment reports. Registered I&APs will be notified of all comment periods and availability of information within the various phases of the project.

**Review of the Basic Assessment Report:** A copy of the Basic Assessment Report is available for public review between **4 August 2017** and **5 September 2017**. A copy of the report can be downloaded from the following link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/g98laduxz26fqmu/AADpyTiE0dKaxn-xgY8ohXi9a?dl=0>. Comments on the Basic Assessment Report must be submitted to Prism EMS at the contact details provided on the Comment Sheet.

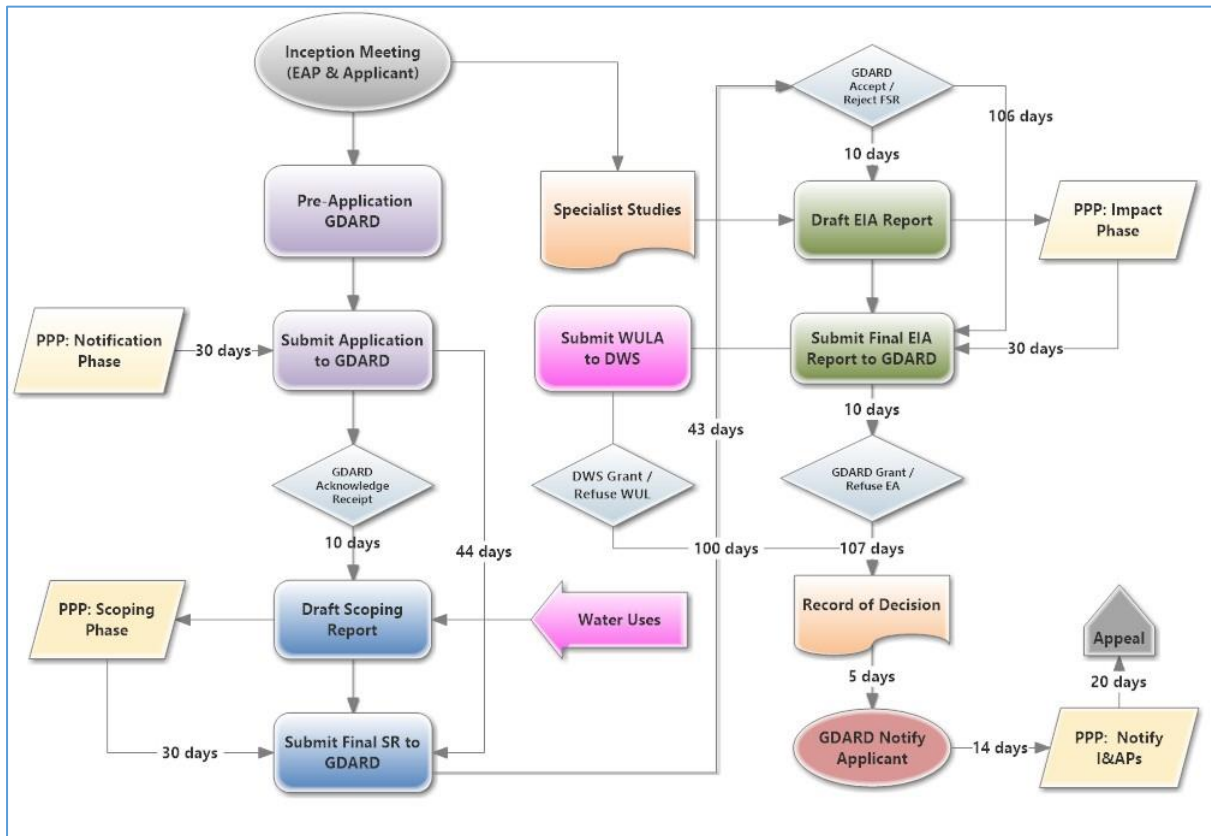


Figure 2: Flow diagram of EIA & WULA process.

## Environmental Authorisation and Public Participation Processes

The key objective of Public Participation is to assist stakeholders to identify issues of concern and suggestions for enhanced benefits, and to comment at various phases of the application process. The Public Participation Process is an integral part of the impact assessment and is undertaken in a systematic approach by the Proponent and/or EAP as described below.

### ➤ Identification of Interested and Affected Parties

- A detailed Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) Database was compiled and included neighbouring landowners and applicable organs of state.
- In addition, the I&AP database included the affected ward councillor of the area.

### ➤ Basic Assessment Phase – Notification of I&APs and Review of the Basic Assessment Report

- Written notification in the form of a Background Information Document (BID) will be emailed to all I&APs on the I&AP Database (where email addresses are available). In addition, a public participation map has been compiled to show all adjacent landowners and hand Delivery of BIDs will then take place where necessary.
- One site notice will also be placed on the site.
- An advert will be placed in the Star Newspaper.
- The Basic Assessment Report is available for a 30-day review between **4 August 2017 and 5 September 2017**. Copies of the report can be downloaded from the drobox link provided above.
- All comments received during this period will be added to the project Comments and Responses Register.
- Once the public review of the Basic Assessment Report is completed and all comments received have been collated, the Report will be submitted to GDARD for decision making.

### ➤ Environmental Authorisation Decision and Appeal Phase

- GDARD to make a decision to refuse/grant authorisation within **107 days** of receipt of the Basic Assessment Report.
- GDARD to notify Applicant/EAP of the decision within **5 days** of making a decision.
- EAP/Applicant to notify I&APs within **14 days** receipt of the decision from the GDARD.
- I&APs to appeal the decision within **20 days** of the notification of the decision from the EAP/Applicant.

Heronbridge College NPC  
 Application for Environmental Authorisation  
 and Water Use License  
 I&AP Comment and Registration Form  
 GDARD Ref No: Gaut 002/17-18/E2032



Prism EMS Ref No: 21659 – Heronbridge College Sports field

Name:		Surname	
Title		Initials	
Organisation / interest:		Capacity (e.g. Chairperson):	
Postal / Residential Address:			
	Area:		Code:
Contact Details:	Tel:	(    )	
	Fax:	(    )	
	Mobile:	(    )	
	Email:		
Please mark with an X to indicate whether you would like to participate in the process:			Yes
			No
Preferred Method of Communication	Email		Fax
			Post
Date of Comment			
<b>What is your main area of interest with regard to the proposed project?</b>			
<b>What are your points of concern or support for this project?</b>			
<b>Please indicate in which aspects you would require more information</b>			
Name:		Surname:	
Tel:		Fax:	
Mobile:		Email:	
<p>In order to be registered as an I&amp;AP for this project, fax, mail, or e-mail the completed registration form to Prism EMS:  <b>Attention:</b> Armand Fourie ▪ <b>Tel:</b> (087) 985 0951 ▪ <b>Fax:</b> (086) 601 4800 ▪ <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:armand@prismems.co.za">armand@prismems.co.za</a> ▪ <b>Post:</b>          PO Box 1401, Wilgeheuwel, 1736</p> <p><b>Thank you for your participation.</b></p>			