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South African Heritage Resources Agency (SARAGERESOURCES AGENCY RECEIVED 15 MAR 2012

### **ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION:** APPLICATION FOR **EXPANSION OF** THE SAXO **INVESTMENTS BROILER** FACILITIES ON PORTION 8 OF THE FARM GRABE'S RUST 495 IS, MPUMALANGA

EIA Ref. Nr.: 17/2/3/GS-86; SMS Ref: PET/daf/01-02-12

Saxo Investments CC has initiated a Basic Assessment Process to obtain Environmental Authorisation from the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MPDEDET) for the proposed expansion of the Saxo Investments' broiler facilities situated on portion 8 of the farm Grabe's Rust 495 IS, Mpumalanga.

The proposed broiler expansion project will require environmental authorisation subject to a Basic Assessment Process as required by Sections 21 to 25 of Government Notice R 543 of the EIA Regulations of 18 June 2010.

Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd. was appointed as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) responsible for the Basic Assessment Procedure.

Attached please find a background information document, map of the site and a stakeholder registration form in respect of the application. Your written comments on this expansion project will be appreciated. In order to process your inputs, all written comments must reach our offices by 28 April 2012. In the event of you not wishing to comment on this application, it will be appreciated if we could receive a written confirmation thereof to enable us to continue with the application.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you require any additional information.

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Miss Lizette Crous: E-mail: lizette@shangoni.co.za; Cell: 071 673 3355; Fax 2 E-mail: 086 643 5360; Fax: 012 807 1014; Online Participation: Go to www.shangoni.co.za and click on Public Participation.

Yours Faithfully,

Miss Lizette Crous Environmental Assessment Practitioner

# APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTORISATION: EXPANSION OF THE SAXO INVESTMENTS' BROILER FACILITIES ON PORTION 8 OF THE FARM GRABE'S RUST 495 IS, MPUMALANGA

### PIXLEY KA SEME LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA

**MARCH 2012** 

EIA Ref. Nr.: 17/2/3/GS-86

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Saxo Investments CC has initiated a Basic Assessment Process to obtain Environmental Authorisation from the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MPDEDET) for the proposed expansion of the Saxo Investments' broiler facilities situated on portion 8 of the farm Grabe's Rust 495 IS, Mpumalanga.

### 2. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the regulations published in Government Notice R 543 and R 544 of 18 June 2010, in terms of section 24D of the National Environment Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), the applicant is required to carry out a Basic Assessment for the following activities:

### Listing notice 1, R. 544 of 18 June 2010, Activity No. 32:

The expansion of facilities for the concentration of poultry, excluding chicks younger than 20 days, where the capacity of the facility will be increased by:

(ii) more than 5 000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area.

## 3. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER

Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd. was appointed by the applicant as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the Basic Assessment Process

### 4. SITE DESCRIPTION

4.1 Property Description: Portion 8 of the farm Grabe's Rust 495 IS, Mpumalanga. **4.2 Location:** The site is approximately 18km to the Northnorthwest of Amersfoort. The GPS coordinates of the site are: 29°48'32.423"E, 26°51'1.819"S.

### 5. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY

### The proposed project will entail the following:

- The construction of an additional (6) poultry broiler houses.
- Each house will be capable of housing 25 000 chickens and will have a surface area of 1 800m² (120m x 15m).
- The expansion will add 150 000 chickens to the current production capacity of the farm.
- The development footprint of the new houses will be approximately 3ha.

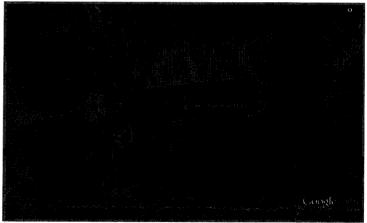


Figure 1: Google earth image of site



Figure 2: Google earth image of surrounding towns

### 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Public participation is an integral part of the Basic Assessment Process, and will include the following components:

### First part of the Public Participation:

The primary purpose of this phase is to give potential interested and affected parties (I&APs) an opportunity to register as an interested or affected party and to submit comments and concerns. These comments and concerns are included in the Basic Assessment Report.

### **Comment on the Basic Assessment Report:**

The draft Basic Assessment Report will be made available to registered I&APs to provide them with an opportunity to comment, in writing, on this document before it is submitted to the competent authority. All comments received will be included in a comments and response report compiled by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner. This report will describe the issue raised, the date it was raised and by whom, and how the issue will be, or has been dealt with.

Comments received on the draft Basic Assessment Report are included in the final report prior to submission to the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MPDEDET).

Online Participation: For online registrations, submission of comments and review of project related documentation

- 1. Go to www.shangoni.co.za
- 2. Click on public participation
- 3. Select project of interest
- 4. Register as a stakeholder under "Registration"
- 5. Submit comment or concern electronically
- 6. All available project related documentation is available for perusal throughout the process
- 7. As project progresses, notices will be placed under the notices/updates tab
- 8. If you are registered you will receive an e-mail to inform you of any new developments with regards to the project and also when the report is available for public review.

### **Contact Details of EAP**

Your participation is important for the process. If you would like to be added to our database of stakeholders who wish to participate in this process, or should you have any queries regarding the process or comments about the proposed development, please contact <u>Miss Lizette Crous</u> (details below) before or on 28 April 2012.

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### STAKEHOLDER REGISTRATION FORM

# EXPANSION OF THE SAXO INVESTMENTS' BROILER FACILITIES ON PORTION 8 OF THE FARM GRABE'S RUST 495 IS, MPUMALANGA

PLEASE E-MAIL / FAX THIS FORM TO: Miss Lizette Crous: lizette@shangoni.co.za/086 643 5360/012 807 1014 EIA Ref. Nr.: 17/2/3/GS-86; SMS Ref.: PET/daf/01-02-12

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