

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:

Portions 109 and 110 of the Farm Olifantsfontein 402 J. R to be utilised as a Storage yard by Aveng Grinaker LTE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Purpose

The purpose of this BID is to provide information to I&APs about the proposed the Portions 109 and 110 of the Farm Olifantsfontein 402 J.R to be utilised as a storage yard by Aveng Grinaker LTE, Gauteng Province.

The Basic Assessment Procedure is in process under the NEMA 2014 legislation and a Notice of Intent was lodged with the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD). Discussions are being held with GDARD to determine the best approach to the application prior to lodging the application.

This BID explains the proposed project and the regulatory processes that will have to be complied with, while providing I&APs with the opportunity to:

- Register as stakeholders in the public participation process; and
- Make initial comments on and contributions to the proposed project.

Affected properties

Location: Portions 109 and 110 of the Farm Olifantsfontein 402 J.R.

Extent: Approximately 9, 4709 Hectares



Figure 1: Approximate Location of Property

Project

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Your comment is important

Your comments will ensure that all relevant issues are evaluated in the BAR. You are requested to complete the enclosed registration and comment sheet, write a letter, call or e-mail the public participation office in Pretoria (Jitske van Den Heever). Upon request you will then receive further information about the proposed project and the BA process.

What is a BA?

Gilliemead (Pty) Ltd (The Applicant) to commence with the proposed development, the applicant must conduct a BA process and submit a BA Report (BAR) to the regulatory authorities in support of an application for environmental authorisation to proceed with the project. A BA process is a well-defined and regulated process, in terms of the NEMA, involving public participation and technical studies, to identify issues of concern and to evaluate the environmental and socio-economic impacts of a proposed project.

BAs are used by planning authorities to obtain an objective view of the potential environmental and social impacts that could arise during the construction and operation of the proposed development. This information must provide a sound basis for decision-making by the authorities.

The end product of a basic assessment process is a BAR, which must:

- Identify the potential impacts of the proposed activities;
- Outline the public participation process undertaken; Illustrate the issues, concerns and suggestions raised by I&APs; and
- Outline the environmental management and mitigation measures that must be taken to avoid or reduce negative impacts and enhance positive impacts.

The activities to be applied for

Indicate the number of the relevant Government Notice: Activity No (s) (relevant notice): e.g. Listing notices 1, 2 or 3 Describe each listed activity as per the wording in the listing notices:

GN. R 983, 8 December 2014	Listing Notice 1 27	The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for – (i). The undertaking of a linear activity; or Maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan
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Public Participation

The public participation process during the BA phase will enable I&APs to influence the course of the technical investigations and to review the findings of the independent studies that are undertaken. The environmental consultants will correspond directly with registered I&APs at various stages during the process to keep them informed of progress in the study and the timing of opportunities to be involved. The steps in the public participation process are outlined below.

- Letters of invitation accompanied by this BID and comment sheet to be distributed to adjacent landowners within 100m from the area of the proposed development, key individuals and organisations, announcing the project and inviting their comment
- Advertisements in Local newspaper (Citizen) announcing the proposed project and providing opportunity to comment
- Site notices to be erected at strategic places along the property in accordance with the requirements of the BA Regulations, in order to announce the project
- Key stakeholders in the area will be informed by telephone, e-mail or facsimile.

- All issues received from stakeholders will be captured in the issues and response report (I&RR) which will be used to screen and prioritise issues for evaluation

PUBLIC MEETING

**A public meeting is scheduled for the 08th of March 2016 and will be held at
The Big Red Barn, Nelson Road, Sunlawns AH, Olifantsfontein, at 18h00.**

Due date for registration 24 March 2016

List of Acronyms

- **BA** Basic Assessment
- **BAR** Basic Assessment Report
- **BID** Background Information Document
- **EIA** An Environmental Impact Assessment as contemplated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998
- **GN** Government Notice
- **GDARD** Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
- **I&AP's** Interested and Affected Parties
- **I&RR** issues and response report
- **NEMA** National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998)
- **NWA** National Water Act
- **Reg** Regulation

<p>INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:</p> <p>BA as per NEMA</p> <p>GRINAKEER STORAGE YARD</p> <p>REGISTRATION SHEET</p> <p>Accompanying Background Information Document</p> <p>February 2016</p>	<p>Public Participation Office</p> <p>LEAP</p> <p>Jitske van den Heever</p> <p>P.O.Box 13185, Hatfield, 0028</p> <p>FAX 086 606 6130</p> <p>jitske@leapenviro.co.za</p> <p>Nkhensani Sithole</p> <p>env@leapenviro.co.za</p>
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Please complete and return to the contact details as provided, by 24 March 2016 to register

TITLE		FIRST NAME	
INITIALS		SURNAME	
ORGANISATION			
POSTAL ADDRESS			
		POSTAL CODE	
LAND LINE TEL NO		CELL NO	
FAX NO		EMAIL	

Please formally register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) so that I may receive further information and notifications during the Basic Assessment process	YES	NO
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I would like my notifications and documents for comment as follows:					
Letter (mail)	E-mail	Fax	Telephone	On CD	Internet

In terms of this Public Participation process I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:

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COMMENTS (please use separate sheets if you wish)

I suggest that the following issues of concern be investigated:

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I suggest the following for the public participation process:

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Any other comments:

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Please register the following people as I&APs for this process:

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Signature

Date