

NOTICE OF A BASIC ASSESSMENT, POSSIBLE ROUTE DETERMINATION PROCESS AND HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

BASIC ASSESSMENT

Notice is hereby given in terms of Chapter 6 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, that an application for a **Basic Assessment (BA) Process** will be lodged with the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD)/Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF), as per the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended for road construction and upgrades related to the Gauteng Transport Infrastructure Act.

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Notice is hereby given that the proposed road infrastructure triggers a **Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA)** in terms of Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999). Take note that the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority of Gauteng (PHRA-G) and South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA) will be notified of the proposed road infrastructure development.

PROJECT NAME: K54 CONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADE

This project forms part of SIP 24: Human Settlements as published in GN 812 dated 24 July 2020, Presidential Infrastructure Coordinating Commission Council Strategic Integrated Projects designated in terms of Section 8(1)(a) read with Section 7(1) of the Infrastructure Development Act, as amended, 2014 (Act No. 23 of 2014). SIPs are subject to specific timeframes that have to be honoured in this application.

Proponent: Central Plaza Investments 28 (Pty) Ltd on behalf of the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport (GDRT)

Project and Property Description:

The proposed K54/M31 (Nelmapius Drive) construction and upgrades covering a distance of approximately 11.5km will be implemented in phases. At this stage it is envisaged that the phases will be as follows: **Phase 1:** Upgrading of the M31 (Nelmapius Drive), two lanes per direction, from Van Ryneveld Avenue eastwards up to the R50 (Delmas Road). **Phase 2:** The construction of the planned K54 from the R50 (Delmas Road) eastwards crossing road K50 (Garsfontein Road) up to the K40 (Aterbury Road), consisting of one lane per direction. Intersections along the abovementioned route will also be upgraded. The proposed road construction and upgrade will occur on various Portions of Rietfontein 375 JR, Rietvallei 377 JR, Garsfontein 374 JR, Doornkloof 391 JR and the Remainder of Portion 499 of Zwavelpoort 373 JR, and it could affect townships, erven, agricultural holdings and developments situated along the involved section of the K54/M31 and the intersections to be constructed and or upgraded.

Location: The proposed road construction and upgrade will occur in the east of Tshwane from the R21/M31 Off-ramp near the Rietvlei Nature Reserve in the south-west, eastwards through Mooikloof up to the K40 (Aterbury Road) in the north-east.

NEMA Activities which may be triggered:

Listing Notice 1 – Activity 12. (ii)a., 19, 24, 48.(i)(a) and 56.
Listing Notice 3 – Activity 4, 12, 14, 18 and 23

NHRA Activities which may be triggered:

Construction of a road, wall, power line, pipeline, canal or other linear form of development or barrier **exceeding 300m in length**.

Date of Notice: 27 October 2020 to 26 November 2020

The activities associated with the road infrastructure triggers activities as listed in Listing Notice 1 and 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended in 2017, and the infrastructure is therefore subject to a **BA process**. The proposed road infrastructure will also trigger activities as listed in Section 38 of the NHRA, and it is therefore required that the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority of Gauteng (PHRA-G) and SAHRA be notified of the infrastructure and such authorities could require that a Phase 1/Phase 2 **HIA** be conducted. Please note that in order to receive information regarding this project, you must register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) with Bokamoso. A copy of the BA Report to be compiled will be made available (for review and comment) to all the registered I&APs, stakeholders and organs of state that might have an interest in the infrastructure, for a period of **30 days**. Please note that a Section 21 Water Use Authorisation/GA Registration will be applied for with the Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998, as amended).

COVID-19

Due to COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, large public meetings are prohibited and therefore we will only facilitate small focus group meetings if and when required.

Queries regarding this matter should be referred to:

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