

# INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:

## K60

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

#### Purpose

The purpose of this Background Information Document is to provide information to Interested and Affected Parties about the proposed Construction of the K60 road between Maxwell Drive and Woodmead Drive (R55), Gauteng Province.

The Basic Assessment Procedure is in process under the National Environmental Management Act 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 Background Information Document explains the proposed project and the regulatory processes that will have to be complied with, while providing Interested and Affected Parties with the opportunity to:

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

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#### Affected properties

**Location:** Registered road reserve in terms of Plan GDP b13/01/8CDS

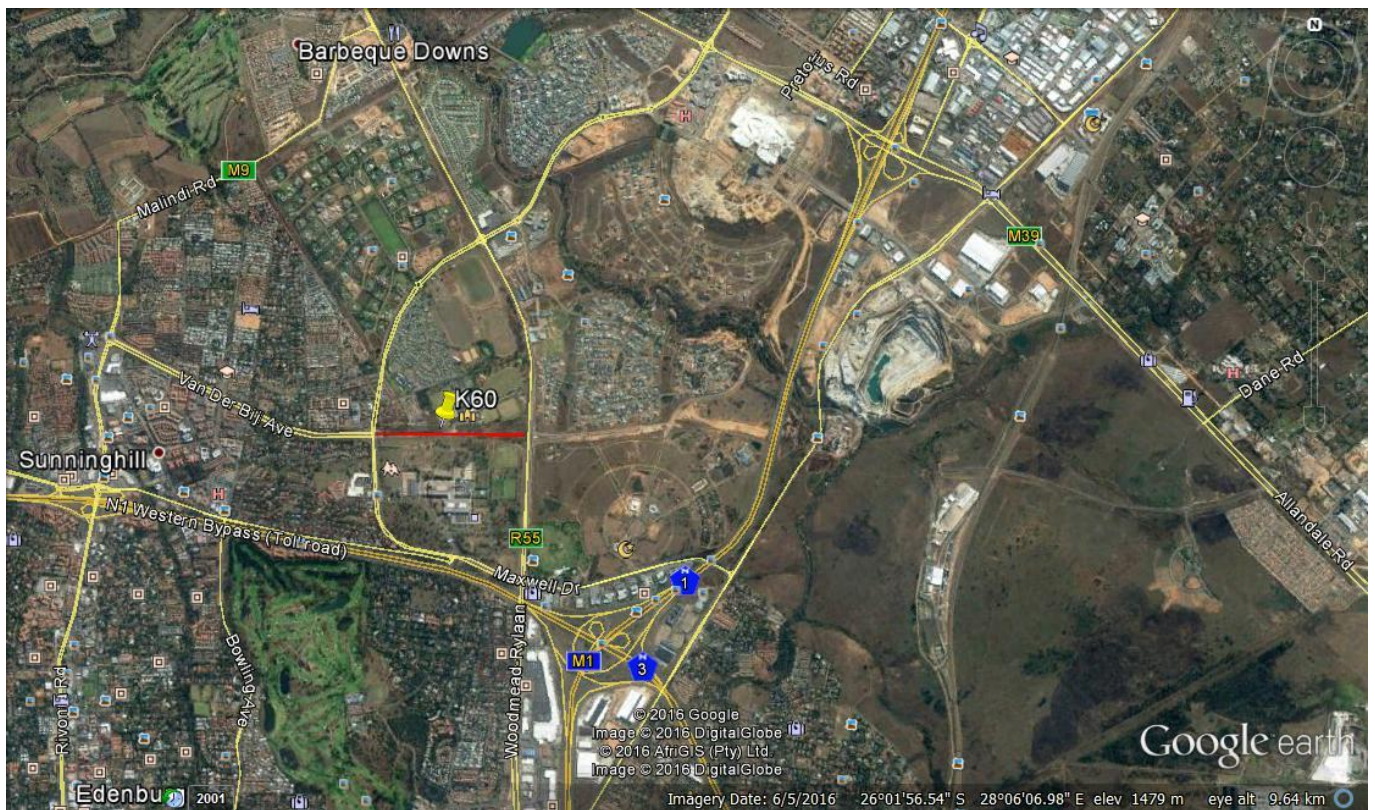
**Extent:** The length of the proposed development is approximately 1km in length

#### Project

The Applicant intends to align the K60 road between Maxwell Drive and Woodead Drive (R55).

#### Your comment is important

Your comments will ensure that all relevant issues are evaluated in the Basic Assessment Report. 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 Basic Assessment process.



**Figure 1: Approximate Location of a Registered road reserve in terms of Plan GDP b13/01/8CDS**

### What is a BA?

Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport (The Applicant) to commence with the proposed development, the applicant must conduct a Basic Assessment process and submit a Basic Assessment Report (BAR) to the regulatory authorities in support of an application for environmental authorisation to proceed with the project. A Basic Assessment process is a well-defined and regulated process, in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, involving public participation and technical studies, to identify issues of concern and to evaluate the environmental and socio-economic impacts of a proposed project.

Basic Assessments 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 Basic Assessment Report, which must:

- Identify the potential impacts of the proposed activities;
- Outline the public participation process undertaken; Illustrate the issues, concerns and suggestions raised by Interested and Affected Parties; 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 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; (ii). the seashore; or (iii). (the littoral active zone, an estuary or a distance of 100 metres inland of the high-water mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever distance is
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		<p>the greater - But excluding where such infilling, depositing, dredging, excavation, removal or moving-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a). will occur behind a development setback;</li> <li>(b). is for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan; or</li> <li>(c). falls within the ambit of activity 21 in this Notice, in which case that activity applies</li> </ul>
GN. R 983, 8 December 2014	Listing Notice 1 27	<p>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-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i). the undertaking of a linear activity; or</li> <li>(ii). (maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.</li> </ul>
GN. R 983, 8 December 2014	Listing Notice 1 56	<p>The widening of a road by more than 6 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) where the existing reserve is wider than 13,5 meters; or</li> <li>(ii) where no reserve exists, where the existing road is wider than 8 metres;</li> </ul> <p>excluding where widening or lengthening occur inside urban areas.</p>
GN. R 985, 8 December 2014	Listing Notice 3 12	<p>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</p> <p>(a) In eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, Limpopo, North West and Western Cape provinces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Within any crucially endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004;</li> <li>ii. Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans;</li> <li>iii. Within the littoral active zone or 100 metres inland from high water mark of the sea or an estuarine functional zone, whichever distance is the greater, excluding where such removal will occur behind the development setback line on erven in urban areas; or</li> <li>iv. 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.</li> </ul>
GN. R 985, 8 December 2014	Listing Notice 3 14	<p>The development of –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Canals exceeding 10 square metres in size;</li> <li>(ii) Channels exceeding 10 square metres in size;</li> <li>(iii) Bridges exceeding square metres in size;</li> <li>(iv) Dams, where the dam, including infrastructure and water surface area exceeds 10 square metres in size;</li> <li>(v) Weirs, where the weir, including infrastructure and water surface area exceeds 10 square metres in size;</li> <li>(vi) Bulk storm water outlet structures exceeding 10 square metres in size</li> <li>(vii) Marinas exceeding 10 square metres in size;</li> <li>(viii) Jetties exceeding 10 square metres in size;</li> <li>(ix) Slipways exceeding 10 square metres in size;</li> <li>(x) Buildings exceeding 10 square metres in size</li> <li>(xi) Boardwalks exceeding 10 square metres in size; or</li> <li>(xii) Infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10 square metres or more</li> </ul> <p>Where such development occurs –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Within a watercourse;</li> <li>(b) In front of a development setback; or</li> <li>(c) If no development setback has been adopted, within 32 metres of a watercourse measured from the edge of a watercourse</li> </ul> <p>Excluding the development of infrastructure or structures within existing ports or harbours that will not increase the development footprint of the port or harbour</p> <p>(b) In Gauteng:</p>

		<p>i. A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies;</p> <p>ii. National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus Areas;</p> <p>iii. Gauteng Protected Area Expansion Priority Areas;</p> <p>iv. Sites identified as Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) and Ecological Support Areas (ESAs) in the Gauteng Conservation Plan or in bioregional plans.</p> <p>v. Sites identified within threatened ecosystems listed in terms of the National Environmental Management Act: Biodiversity Act (Act No 10 of 2004)</p> <p>vi. Sensitive areas identified in an environmental management framework adopted by relevant environmental authority;</p> <p>vii. Sites or areas identified in terms of an International Convention.</p> <p>viii. Sites managed as protected areas by provincial authorities, or declared as nature reserves in terms of the Nature Conservation Ordinance (Ordinance 12 of 1983) or the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (Act No. 57 of 2003)</p> <p>ix. Sites designated as nature reserves within municipal SDFs; or</p> <p>x. Sites zoned for conservation or public open space or equivalent zoning.</p>
GN. R 985, 8 December 2014	Listing Notice 3 18	<p>The widening of a road by more than 4 metres; or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre.</p> <p>(c) In Gauteng:</p> <p>i. A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies;</p> <p>ii. National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus Areas;</p> <p>iii. Gauteng Protected Area Expansion Priority Areas;</p> <p>iv. Sites identified as Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) and Ecological Support Areas (ESAs) in the Gauteng Conservation Plan or in bioregional plans;</p> <p>v. Sites identified within threatened ecosystems listed in terms of the National Environmental Management Act: Biodiversity Act (Act No. 10 of 2004)</p> <p>vi. Sensitive areas identified in an environmental management framework adopted by relevant environmental authority;</p> <p>vii. Sites identified as high potential agricultural land in terms of Gauteng Agricultural Potential Atlas</p> <p>viii. Sites or areas identified in terms of an International Convention;</p> <p>ix. Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA);</p> <p>x. Sites managed as protected areas by provincial authorities, or declared as nature reserves in terms of the Nature Conservation Ordinance (Ordinance 12 of 1983) or the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (Act No. 57 of 2003);</p> <p>xi. Sites designated as nature reserves within municipal SDFs; or</p> <p>xii. Sites zoned for a conservation or public open space or equivalent zoning.</p>

## Public Participation

The public participation process during the Basic Assessment phase will enable Interested and Affected Parties 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 Interested and Affected Parties 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 Background Information Document 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 Basic Assessment 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 comments and response report (C&RR) which will be used to screen and prioritise issues for evaluation

**A Public Meeting will be held on the 18th October 2016 from 18h00 at St Peter's College, off Maxwell Drive, Sunninghill.**

**Due date for registration 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016.**

<b>INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:</b> <b>BA as per NEMA</b> <b>K60</b> <b>REGISTRATION SHEET</b> Accompanying Background Information Document <b>September 2016</b>	Public Participation Office <b>LEAP</b> Jitske van den Heever P.O. Box 13185, Hatfield, 0028 FAX 086 606 6130 <a href="mailto:jitske@leapenviro.co.za">jitske@leapenviro.co.za</a> Nkhensani Sithole <a href="mailto:env@leapenviro.co.za">env@leapenviro.co.za</a>
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*Please complete and return to the contact details as provided, by 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 to register*

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

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	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>I would like my notifications and documents for comment as follows:</b>		
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: .....		

**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**

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**Date**