



BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) AND WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED MIDLANDS PARK RUN AND BIKE TRACK DEVELOPMENT, MSUNDUZI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, UMGUNGUNDLOVU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU NATAL

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

Notice of an Environmental Impact Assessment Process is given in terms of The National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998. Activities triggered by this proposed project will require Basic Assessments as per NEMA, 1998. A Water Use License will also be applied for in terms of the National Water Act, Act no. 36 of 1998.

Issues of concern and potential environmental impacts will be evaluated during the Environmental Impact Assessment and Water Use Licensing Process.

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide a brief description of the project and EIA process to be followed and to obtain initial comments and contributions from Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's).

I&AP's are hereby invited to comment on the environmental and social issues relating to the proposed development of The Liberty Park Run and Bike Track. This recreational development proposes to include two residential blocks: Block A which will see the development of sixteen, 1 bed studio apartments and Block B which will include sixteen, 2 bed apartments as well as a bike track, trail running routes, archery, acrobatics, put-put / golf and paintball. Associated infrastructure will include parking, ablutions, seating areas, amphitheatre, eating areas and open-air events area. The development will include the construction of a vehicular bridge over the Town Bush River.

Comments received from I&AP's will ensure that relevant issues are evaluated and form part of the Assessment processes.

Should you wish to register as an I&AP and/or receive additional information regarding the project, you are requested to complete the form, on page 4 and email, post or hand deliver it to Afzelia Environmental Consultants **by XX Insert Date XX** at the following address: Joleen Wilson and / or Rivani Maharaj at Afzelia Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd, P.O BOX 37069, Overport, 4067 | First Floor, 236 9th Avenue, Morningside, Durban, 4001. 031 303 2835 | joleen@afzelia.co.za or rivani@afzelia.co.za

DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT

The existing site is located adjacent to the Liberty Midlands Mall in Pietermaritzburg. The site has been maintained by the Liberty Midlands Mall and consists of an old quarry, rock outcrops and maintained grasslands.

The proposed development area is 15 878 square meters. The idea is for the development to merge the environment with a recreational area to provide a fun and create space for locals and visitors to enjoy. The addition of residential blocks will see the creation of an eco-estate type living space.

The approximate co-ordinates for the centre of the proposed site is: 29°34'58.61" S | 30°22'52.42" E. The approximate location for the proposed bridge is: 29°34'51.25" S | 30°22'43.15" E.

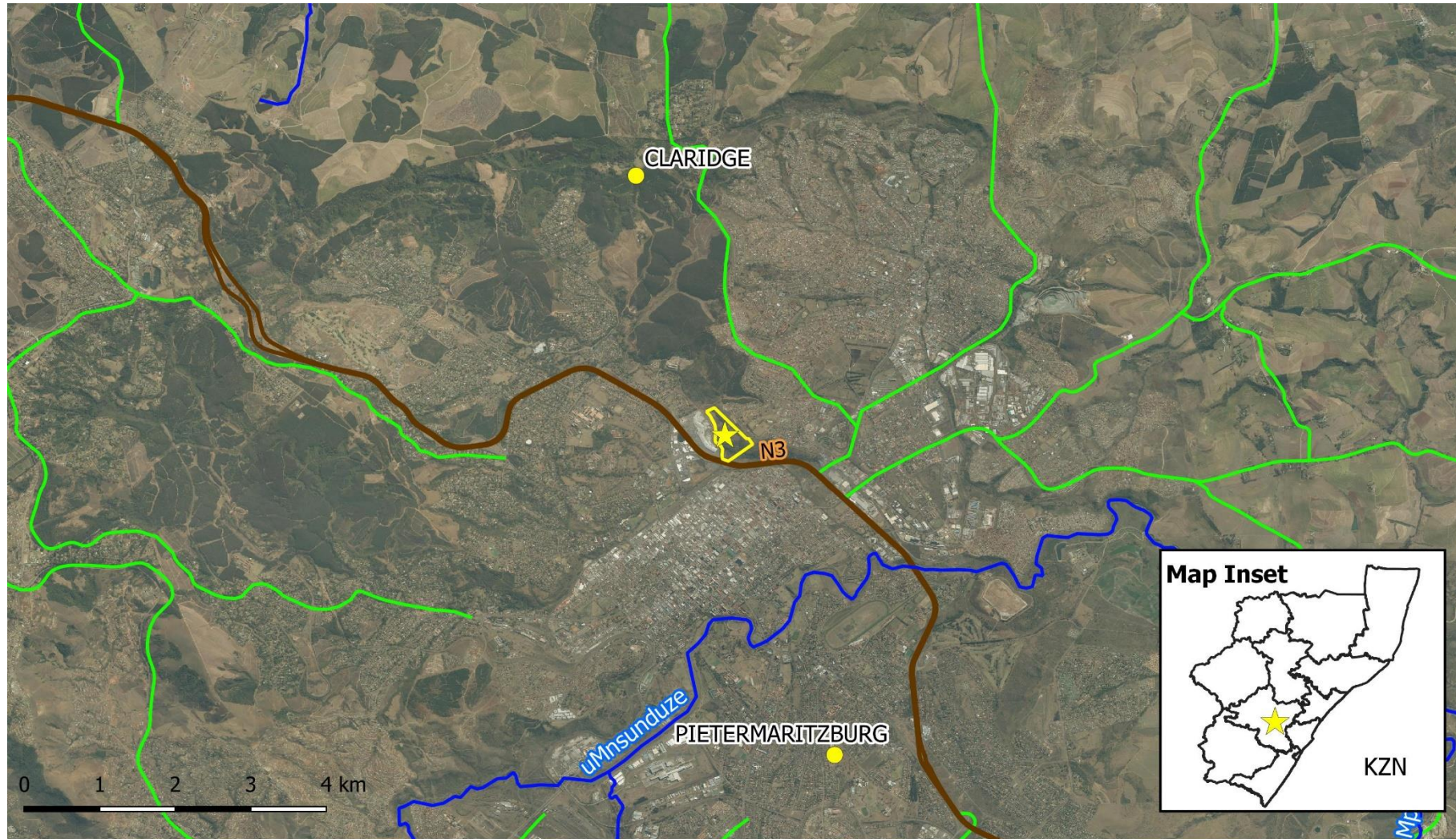
REGIONAL SETTING AND LOCATION

The proposed development is planned for vacant land opposite the existing Liberty Midlands Mall. The land lies to the east of the Liberty Midlands Mall across the Town Bush River. The site is approximately 1.9km away from the centre of Pietermaritzburg and lies on the western boundary of the Woodlands residential area. The site is approximately 300 meters from the National Highway (N3), however there is no direct access from the property onto the highway.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The EIA process for this assessment will be conducted accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended and Section 21 in terms of The National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).

The National Environmental Management Act, 1998, EIA Regulations as amended lists activities that may have a significant impact on the environment which consequently require authorisation from the relevant authorities. The regulations further specify the assessment process and the information that is required to enable the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs and the Department of Water and Sanitation to make a decision regarding the proposed activities.



**Midlands Mall Development:
Phase 4
Locality Map**

Datum: WGS 84
Date: 27/11/2019
Map Author: AJ Briggs

Legend

- ★ Site Location
- RSA Towns
- Approximate Development Boundary
- NFEPA Rivers
- National Roads
- Provincial Roads
- KZN District Municipalities



Figure 1: Locality map



APPENDIX 1: I&AP REGISTRATION FORM

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