



**BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT
FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADING AND FORMALIZATION OF THE MABELE A
PUDI SETTLEMENT AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 1 OF
THE RHENOSTERSPRUIT FARM 908 JQ IN MOGWASE TOWN WITHIN THE
JURISDICTION OF THE MOSES KOTANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE
NORTH WEST PROVINCE**



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INTRODUCTION

Lesekha Consulting was approached by Akha Maduna Property Developers to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment, for the proposed upgrading and formalization of the Mabele a Podi Settlement and related infrastructure on Portion 1 of the Rhenosterspruit Farm NO. 908 JQ in Mogwase within the jurisdiction of the Moses Kotane Local Municipality in the North West Province. Mabele a Podi is located approximately 42 km South West of Rustenburg Town.

PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

The purpose of this background information document is to provide information about Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process that would be conducted for the proposed upgrading and formalization of the Mabele a Podi Settlement and related infrastructure on Portion 1 of the Rhenosterspruit Farm No. 908 JQ in Mogwase within the jurisdiction of the Moses Kotane Local Municipality in the North West Province. This document also aims to invite interested and affected parties (I&AP's) and to participate in the process and to obtain comments their inputs for environmental authorization.

Your participation will assist in identifying environmental consequences of the proposed project and ensure that they are evaluated in the EIA process. Should you want to participate, you will receive further EIA reports and notification of the decision from the relevant authority

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed upgrading and formalization of the Mabele a Podi Settlement and related infrastructure on Portion 1 of the Rhenosterspruit Farm No.908 JQ in Mogwase Town. The extent of the area to be cleared of trees and vegetation for construction is 150 hectares. The EMP will be compiled and submitted to the Department of Rural Agricultural Environments and Development North West (NW DREAD) in order to obtain authorization.

AIM OF PARTICIPATION

Identified Interested and Affected Parties (I&APS) on the project are therefore required by the law to participate in the EIA process by submitting issues of concern and suggestion on the proposed project. The purpose of Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) is not merely to assess the impact of a development on the environment. EIA also facilitates improved decision making by the

competent authority, tasked with either granting or refusing the environmental authorisation for the development to proceed. The EIA Regulations promulgated under section 24 of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA), sets out the minimum requirements regarding public participation by interested and affected parties (I&APs).

Importance of your participation:

Everyone has the right to be involved in decisions that may affect their livelihood. Participation by Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) is in everyone's best interest because:

- ❖ It provides opportunities for I&AP's and the authorities to obtain clear, accurate and understandable information about the expected environmental impacts of the proposed project.
- ❖ it assist to incorporate views and concerns of I&AP's into the design phase and augment the information requirements to attain a Environmental Authorization (EA) from Department of Environmental Affairs that will facilitate legislative compliance and project inception.
- ❖ It provides members of the public with the opportunity to voice their concerns and to raise questions regarding the project.
- ❖ It provides affected parties with the opportunity to suggest ways for reducing or mitigating any negative impacts of the project, and for enhancing its benefits.
- ❖ It will enable the project proponent to consider the needs, preferences and values of affected parties in their decisions.
- ❖ It provides opportunities for the clearing up of misunderstandings about technical issues, resolving disputes and reconciling conflicting interests.
- ❖ It is vital for ensuring transparency and accountability in decision-making.
- ❖ It contributes towards maintaining a healthy, vibrant democracy.

Trust you find this in order;

Regards;



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