



Background Information Document for the Proposed “Milky Way Shopping Mall” on Erf 18976, Pinetown, Wiltshire Road, Marianhill

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THE PROPOSED PROJECT

NS Environmental (Pty) Ltd were appointed by Newlitone (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Basic Assessment (environmental authorisation) for the proposed construction of Marianhill Mall on Erf 18976, Pinetown, Wiltshire Road located within eThekweni Municipality.

The infrastructure to be established will include approximately 6 000m² of line shops, parking, taxi rank and associated infrastructure.

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This Background Information Document (BID) provides Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with basic project information, as well as information regarding the Basic Assessment and Water Use Licence process being undertaken. It further indicates the important role of public participation during the assessment phase, as input from I&APs contributes to ensuring that all potential issues are considered.

LOCALITY

The site is situated approximately 5 km South of Pinetown. Geographical co-ordinates for the study area are (29°51'46.71"S) (30°50'22.18"E). The proposed site is formally described as on Erf 18976, Wiltshire Road, Pinetown.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

According to the National Environmental Management Act (Act no. 107 of 1998), EIA Regulations promulgated on the 4th December 2014 a Basic Assessment process must be undertaken for the proposed development. The following listed activities of the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations will be applied for:

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19) The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 10 cubic metres from a watercourse.

The development will also require a Water Use License Application (WULA) from the Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS) in terms of Chapter 4 and Section 21 of the National Water Act No. 36 of 1998 for the following water uses:

- Section 21 (c): Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse; and
- Section 21 (i): Altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse.

Eco-Pulse Consulting has been appointed to manage the WULA application. **NS Environmental (Pty) Ltd.** will manage the Basic Assessment process and facilitate the Public Participation Process for both the BA and WULA.

NEED AND DESIRABILITY

There is a need for a shopping mall in the vicinity of study site. The site is located in Marianhill surrounded by Marian-Ridge, Southmead and Marian-Heights. The proposed shopping mall will service the local community who currently have to travel to Pinetown CBD to access to formal shopping facilities.

The proposed development will also provide employment opportunities for the local community, which will likely stimulate the local economy.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

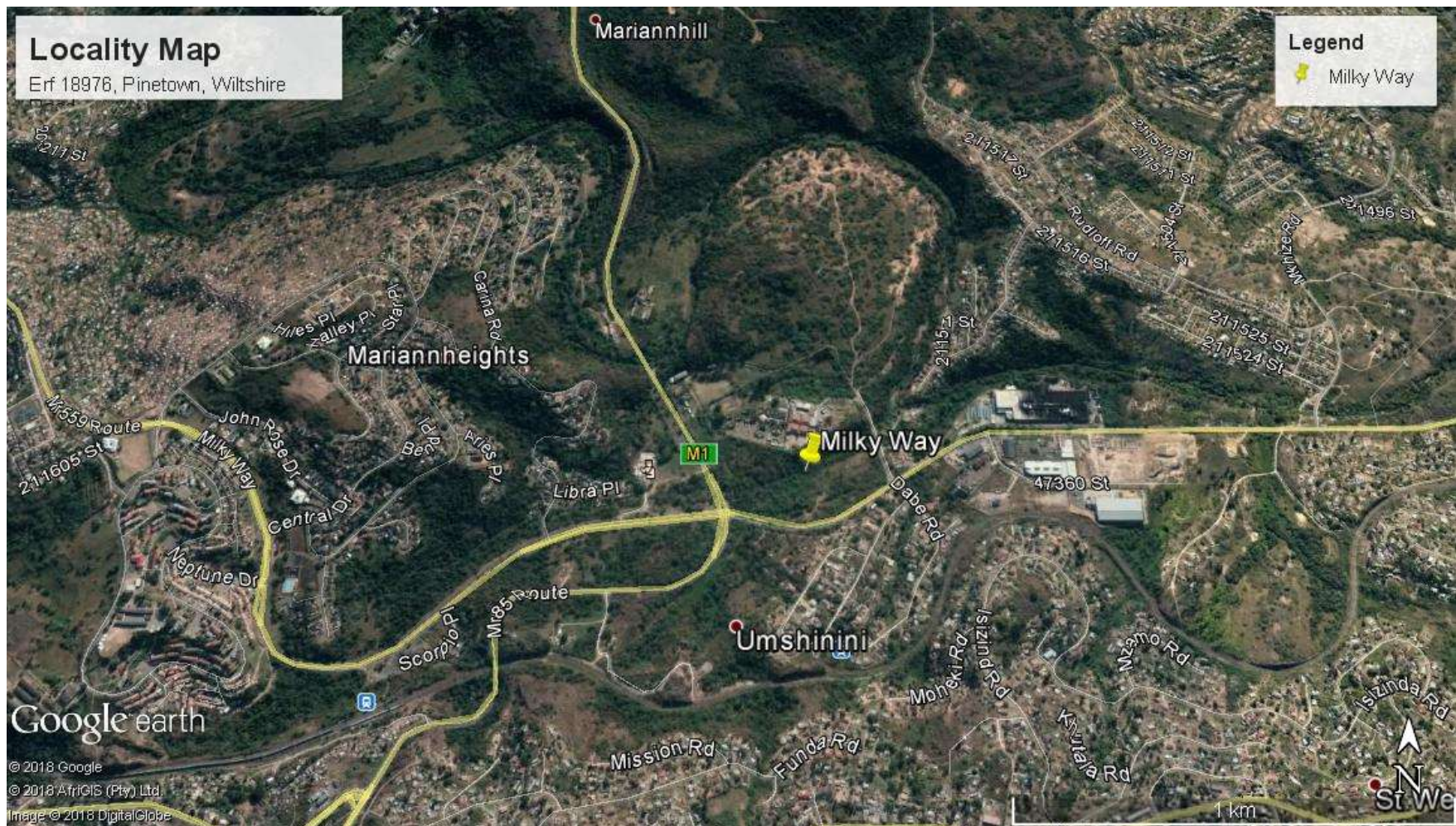
Public participation is a process that invites Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to submit their comments on the proposed project. I&APs are invited to participate by registering with the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) undertaking the environmental authorisation process. The public participation process is intended to:

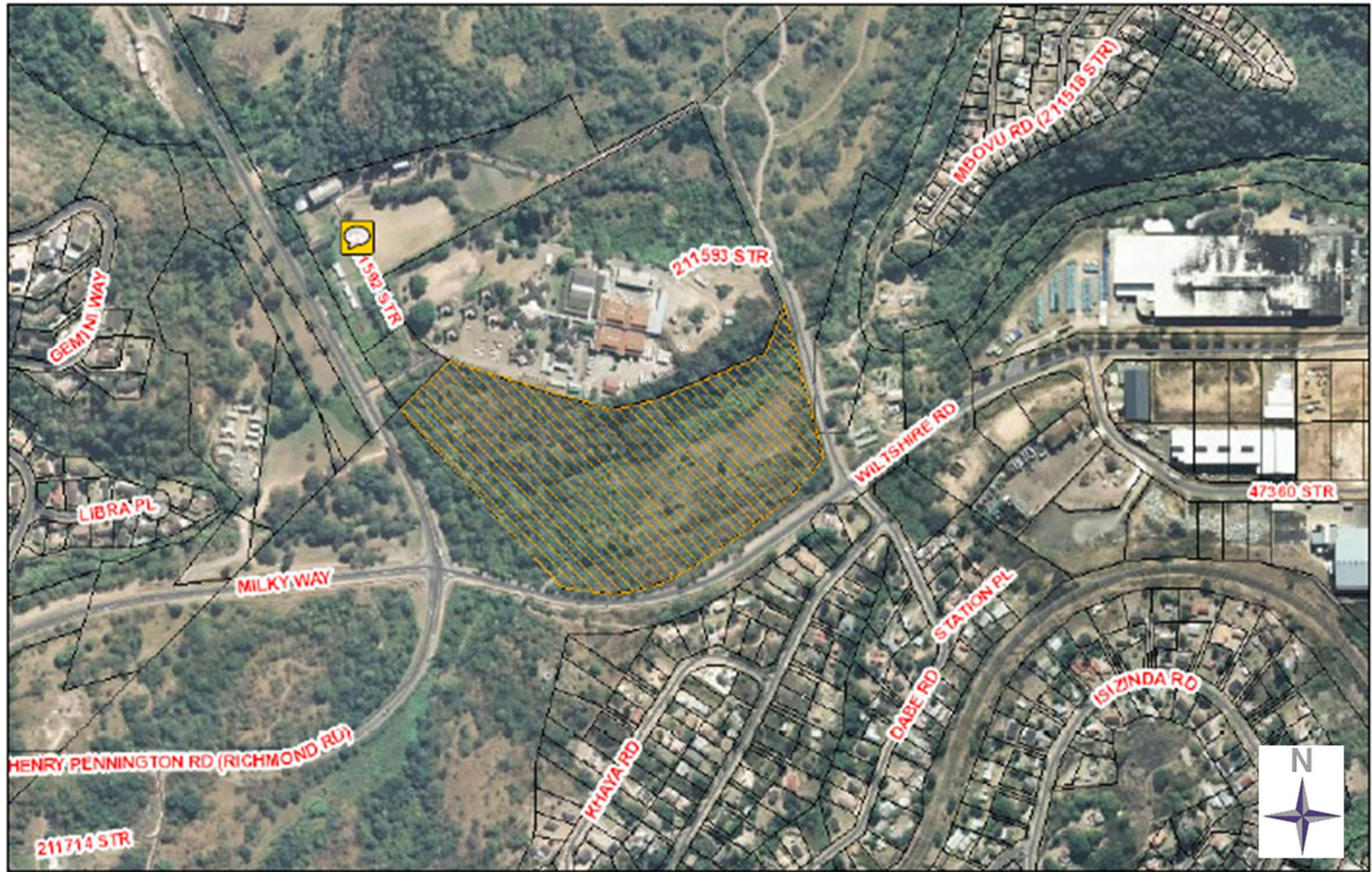
- Provide the public with information on the proposed development
- Provide the public with information on the BA and WULA processes.
- Provide I&APs an opportunity to seek clarity and raise any issues or concerns.

Should you wish to register as an I&AP, please complete the I&AP registration form at the end of this document before the close of this commenting period. The commenting period is 60 days from the date of this notice.

CONTACT DETAILS

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR A WATER USE LICENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL
AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED 'MILKYWAY MALL' IN MARIANHILL, KZN**

The applicant, Newlitone (Pty) Ltd, intends to apply for the following environmental approvals:

- Water Use Licence Application (WULA) through the Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS) in terms of Chapter 4 and Section 21 of the National Water Act No. 36 of 1998.
- Environmental Authorisation (Basic Assessment) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998).

Activity: Proposed development of 'Milkyway Mall', a shopping centre to be located at the intersection of Milky Way Main Road and M1 Main Road in Mariannhill. The proposed development is located on Erf 18976, Pinetown, Wiltshire Road. The geographical coordinates for the site are (29°51'46.71"S) (30°50'22.18"E). The infrastructure to be established will include approximately 6000m² of line shops, parking, taxi rank and associated infrastructure.

Eco-Pulse Consulting has been appointed to manage the application for the following water uses in terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998):

- Section 21 (c): Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse; and
- Section 21 (i): Altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse.

NS Environmental (Pty) Ltd. will manage the Basic Assessment process and facilitate the Public Participation Process for both of the above applications.

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In order to register as an interested and affected party, please submit your name, contact information, and interest in the project in writing to NS Environmental (Pty) Ltd. Within 60 days of this advertisement. Further information on the project can also be obtained from the above contact details.

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Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) Registration Form

Name and Surname	
Landline number	
Cell number	
Fax number	
Email address	
Physical address	
Postal address	
Project name	
Date of comment	
Comment	

Please Email, fax, or post to:

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