

# INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:

## Mohlakeng X16

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

#### Purpose

The purpose of this Background Information Document is to provide information to Interested and Affected Parties about the proposed Mohlakeng X16 - Township development on a Portion of Portion 83 of the Farm Middelvei 255 IQ, 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:** A Portion of Portion 83 of the Farm Middelvei 255 IQ

**Extent:** Approximately 15, 301 hectares

#### Project

The Applicant intends to develop a Township development on a Portion of Portion 83 of the Farm Middelvei 255 IQ

#### 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 Portion of Portion 83 of the Farm Middelvlei 255 IQ**

### What is a BA?

Zekwakor Investments (Pty) Ltd (The Applicant) to commence with the proposed development, 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, 08 December 2014	Listing Notice 1 9	The development of infrastructure exceeding 1000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of water or storm water- (i). with an internal diameter of 0,36 metres or more; or (ii). with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more; excluding where- (a). such infrastructure is for bulk transportation of water or storm water or storm water drainage inside a road reserve; or (b). where such development will occur within an urban area.
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GN. R 983, 08 December 2014	Listing Notice 2 10	The development and related operation of infrastructure exceeding 1000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of sewage, effluent, process water, waste water, return water, industrial discharge or slimes (i). with an internal diameter of 0,36 metres or more; or (ii). with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more; excluding where- (a). such infrastructure is for bulk transportation of sewage, effluent, process water, waste water, return water, industrial discharge or slimes inside a road reserve; or (b). where such development will occur within an urban area.
GN. R 983, 08 December 2014	Listing Notice 1 27	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- (i). the undertaking of a linear activity; or (ii). maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 from 18h00 at  
Mohlakano Primary School, 274 Ngqonyela Street, Mohlakeng.**

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

<b>INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:</b>  <b>BA as per NEMA</b>  <b>MOHLAKENG X16</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> September 2016 to register*

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

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	YES	NO
<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**

**Date**