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Environment, Food, Water and Development

Background Information Document

Proposed Mphalala Clinic **Proponent: KZN Department of Health**

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Introduction

The KZN Department of Health is proposing to construct a new clinic in the Mbongolwane area to the west of Eshowe, within the Umlalazi Local Municipality.

The clinic will include standard rural clinic patient counselling and treatment areas. Associated infrastructure and activities will include residential units for on-site staff, parking areas and a vegetable garden. Medical waste will be stored and transferred back to the main referral hospital whilst an onsite septic tank and soakaway system will be used for sewage and wastewater treatment.

The proposed clinic will develop an area of approximately 1.4 hectares and, thus, triggers activity 23 of Listing Notice 1 published under the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2010. Therefore, the project needs to follow the basic assessment process to obtain environmental authorization prior to construction.

Notice is hereby given that applications for environmental authorisation have been submitted to the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs (DAEA). This Background Information Document is to provide potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with information on the proposed project and invite them to participate further in the environmental authorisation process.

Environmental authorisation process

This project will follow the basic assessment process to obtain environmental authorisation prior to construction. This process involves: (a) inviting I&APs to submit comments and concerns; (b) undertaking an assessment, with specialist input, where required, (c) preparing a draft Basic Assessment Report which is submitted for public review and comment; (d) finalising the Basic Assessment Report and submitting this to the DAEA for decision-making.

This project does not trigger any of the activities listed in terms of the National Environmental Management Waste Act 2008 and, thus, environmental authorisation is only required in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2010 and associated listed activities. However, waste management will still be addressed in the Basic Assessment Report.

Register to participate in the Environmental Authorisation process

You are invited to participate in the authorisation process and raise any issues or concerns by registering as an interested and/or affected party. To register, please contact and/or submit your details in writing to:

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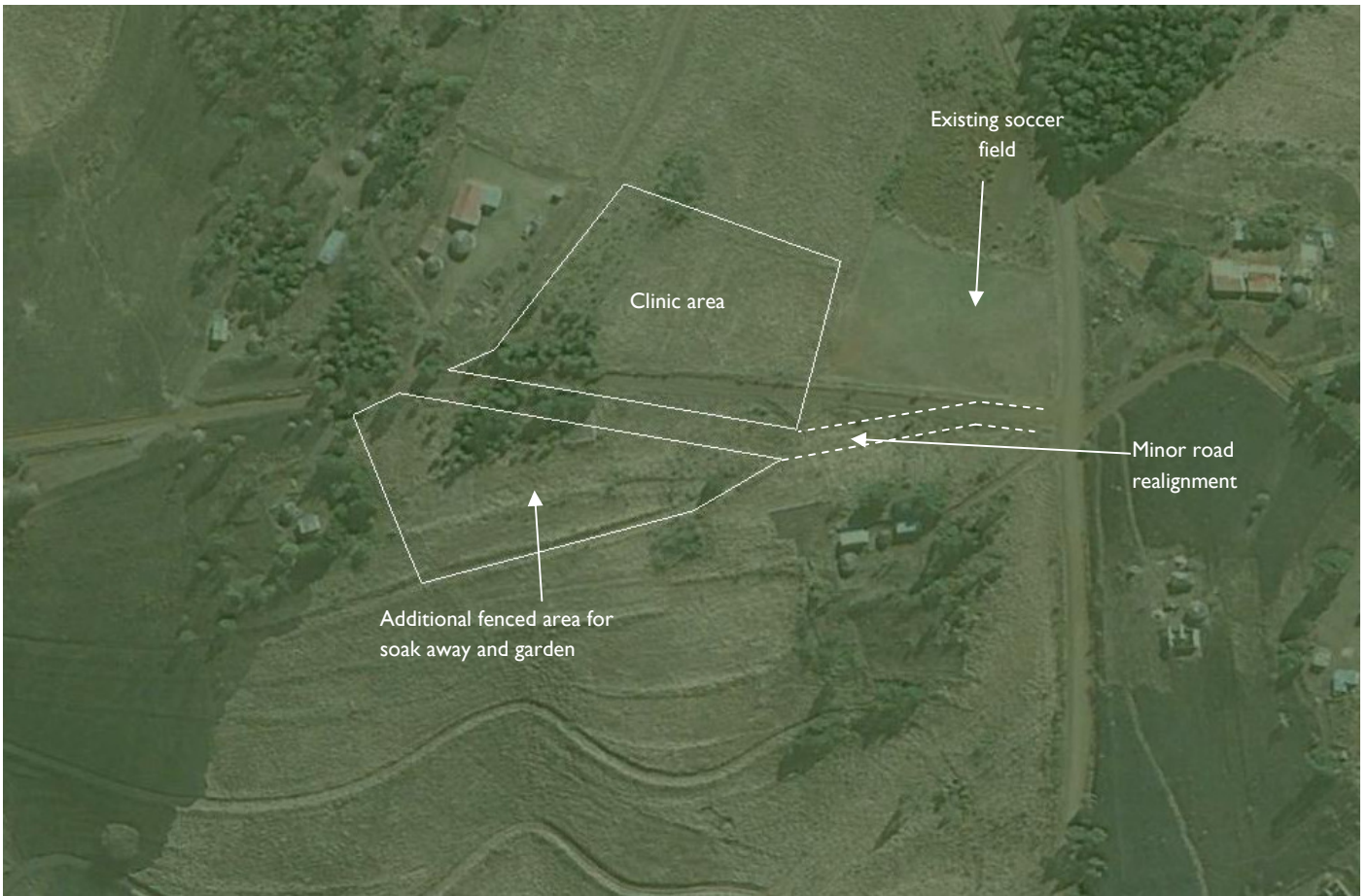
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Please register and comment by the **6 September 2013**.

Proposed Clinic Site
(28° 54' 2.95" S 31° 13' 5.82" E)



Photos of proposed site



Example of a similar clinic and vegetable garden

