



**BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT
BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED
DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PETROL FILLING STATION IN
NKANDLA**

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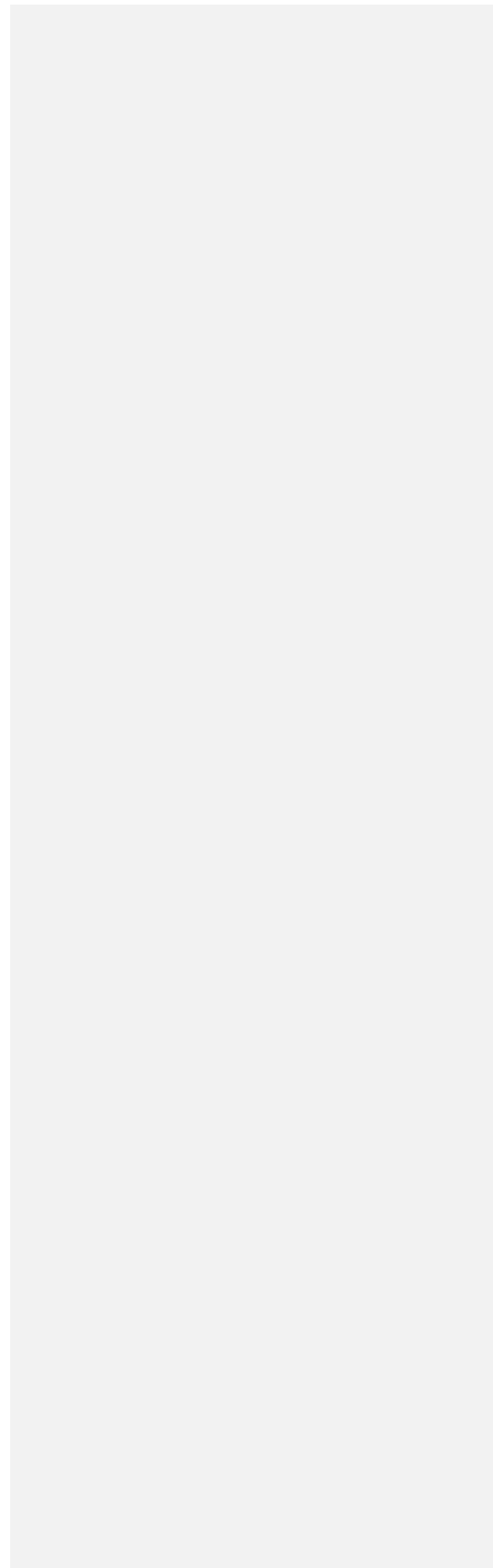
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1. Purpose of the document

This document aims to provide you [Interested](#) and/or Affected Party (I&AP) with background information regarding the application for Environmental Authorisation for the proposed development of a petrol filling station and a convenience shop. (Refer to Appendix A: Locality Map), as well as the required environmental studies to be undertaken. Any person, company, authority or other entities that might be directly or indirectly affected by the proposed activity can register as an Interested [and](#) Affected Party (I&AP). This includes, but is not limited to landowners, tenants, municipal and provincial authorities, interested groups, Non-Governmental Organisation and conservation groups.

This document further [indicates](#) how you can become involved in the project, receive information, or raise issues which may concern and/or interest you. The sharing of information forms the basis of the Public Participation Process [\(PPP\)](#) and offers you the opportunity to become actively involved in the project from the beginning. Input from I&APs ensures that all potential environmental issues are considered within the context of the proposed development.

2. Location

The proposed project site is located on Erf 1252 in Nkandla Local Municipality, KwaZulu Natal province. The property extent is 4951m² and is located approximately 300m from Nkandla town. [The site is bordered](#) by the multipurpose hall, Nkandla business centre, a block of residential [apartments](#) and the main road to Nkandla town.

3. Project description

The project applicant Mathulas t/a Nkandla Motors, has appointed Green Diamond Consulting, as an independent

Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAP), to conduct environmental studies to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. The commercial development of 4951m² includes a petrol filling station and a convenience shop. The proposed development as well as engineering service requirements including sewage, water, electricity, stormwater management and refuse disposal will be defined and assessed [during](#) the EIA Process.

4. EIA Legal Framework

The primary legislation that governs the requirements for environmental assessment is the National Environmental Management Act, (107 of 1998) (NEMA) as amended. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations published on 4 December 2014 under NEMA as Government Notice no. R982 to R985 determine the process to be followed. The scope of the proposed new Nkandla petrol filling station requires a Basic Assessment according to the following activities listing in Government Notice No.R982:

Activity 14: *The development of facilities or infrastructure, including associated structure and infrastructures, for the storage, or for the storage and handling, of dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 but not exceeding 500 cubic metres.*

5. Basic Assessment Process

The Basic Assessment Process (BAP) consists of the following two and very interlinked processes:

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- A PPP, which requires public consultation in order to assist in the identification of possible environmental and/or social issues and/or concerns.

The Basic Assessment Process to be followed is illustrated in the diagram below (Figure 1). An application will be submitted to the competent authority – the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA). We are at the stage where we are calling upon the public to register their interests in the project.

Figure 1: Basic Assessment Flow Diagram

6. Public Participation Process

The PPP involves the public in the problem-solving or decision-making forms an integral part of the EIA process. The PPP provides people who may be affected by the proposed project, with an opportunity to provide comments and to raise issues of concern and or make suggestions that may result in enhanced benefits for the project.

Comments and issues raised during the PPP will be captured, evaluated and included in a Comment and Response Report, which will be incorporated into

the draft Basic Assessment (BAR). These then form part of the documents assessed by the authority in making its decision about the project.

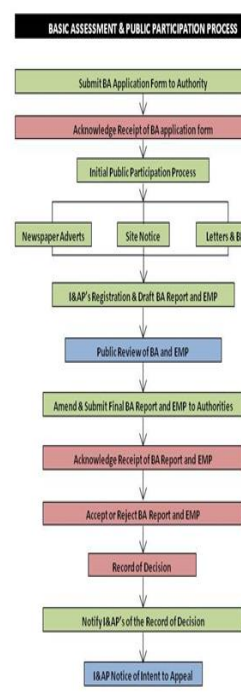
7. Environmental Assessment Practitioner

Green Diamond Environmental Consulting has been appointed as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), to apply for the required authorisation for the proposed petrol filling station in Nkandla Erf 1252.

8. Your Role In The Process As An Interested and/or Affected Party

If you consider yourself an I&AP for the proposed project, we encourage you to make use of the opportunities created by the PPP to become involved and raise any issues or concerns which affect or interest you. Please register by completing and submitting the accompanying registration form on or before 2015/12/01. Alternatively you can call us on the telephone number provided in the form. We will ensure that you are registered as an I&AP for the project, and that your concerns or queries regarding the project are noted and considered. We will also ensure that you are provided with future information pertaining to the project.

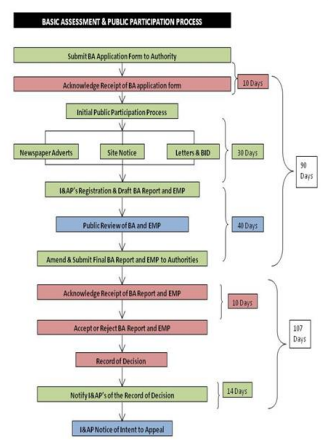
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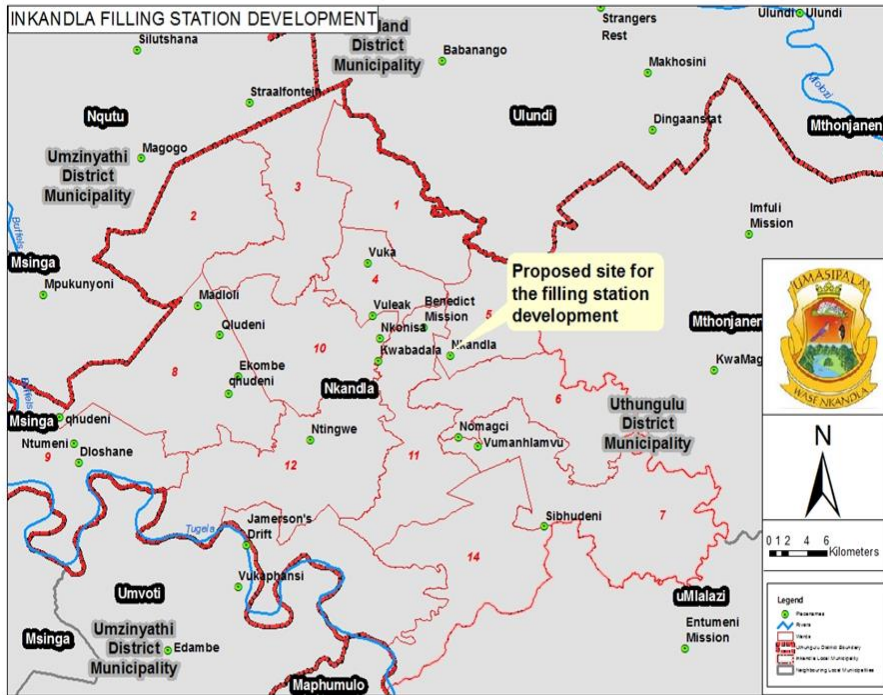


Figure 2: Locality map

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PART REGISTRATION FORM

KINDLY COMPLETE THIS FORM IN DETAIL AND RETURN TO:

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

What is your main area of interest with regard to the proposed project?
2. Do you have any points of concern or support regarding the proposed project? <input type="checkbox"/> YES/NO
If "yes", please briefly list these in point form
3. Are there any additional stakeholders who you feel should be consulted with regard to the proposed project? <input type="checkbox"/> YES/NO
If "yes" please list their names and contact details below:

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