

Background Information Document

Basic Assessment for the proposed Nkunzi Agricultural Co-Operative
Broiler Chicken Raising facility on Plot 1109, Winterveld Agricultural
Holding Ext 1, Winterveld, Gauteng

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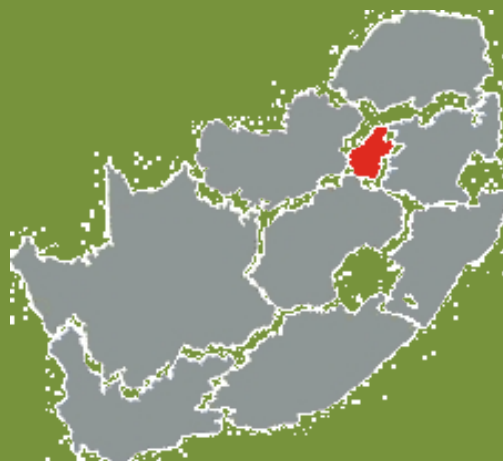
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You are invited to participate in the following process:

Basic Assessment for the proposed Nkunzi Agricultural Co-Operative Broiler Chicken Raising facility on Plot 1109, Winterveld Agricultural Holding Ext 1, Gauteng

INTRODUCTION TO THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Nkunzi Agricultural Co-Operative is proposing a small-scale broiler chicken raising endeavour on a 4.2 hectares piece of land Plot 1109, Winterveld Agricultural Holding Ext 1, in the Winterveld area of Pretoria North, Gauteng Province.

This area falls under the Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, and is approximately 35 km north of Pretoria (Figure 1). The proposed project will include the following components:

- Office building with shower facilities
- A bulk feed silo
- Eighty thousand broiler chicken raised for 6 week cycle
- Two 1800 square meter chicken houses (forty thousand chicks each)
- Water used from a borehole
- Electricity from a generator

Nkunzi Agricultural Co-Operative aims at making a positive contribution to the country's gross domestic product through contributing towards job creation and the generation of wealth and thus contributing to constant improvement of the general wellbeing of the nation. Nkunzi Agricultural Co-Operative is being provided *pro-bono* environmental services by the DEA/CSIR's Special Needs and Skills Development Programme, which aims to assist small-medium micro-enterprises with obtaining Environmental Authorization in order to enhance local economic development.

SUMMARY OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) EIA Regulations published in GNR 983, 984 and 985 on the 4 December 2014 Government Gazette Number 38282, and NEM:WA Regulations published in GNR 921 on the 29 November 2013 Government Gazette No 37083, a **Basic Assessment** (BA) process is required as the project applies to the following listed activities (detailed in Table 1 below).

Table 1: Listed activities relating to the proposed project

Relevant notice:	Activity No (s) (in terms of the relevant notice) :	Description of each listed activity as per the Government Notice:
GN. R 983, 8 December 2014	5	(ii) more than 5000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area, excluding chicks younger than 20 days (iv) more than 25000 chicks younger than 20 days per facility situated outside an urban area
GN. R 983, 8 December 2014	27	The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares, of indigenous vegetation, except where

Relevant notice:	Activity No (s) (in terms of the relevant notice) :	Description of each listed activity as per the Government Notice:
		such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for- (i) The undertaking of a linear activity. (ii) Maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.

The proposed project requires Environmental Authorization (EA) from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Gauteng (GDARD). The Basic Assessment process that will be undertaken for this project is summarised in the following steps below:

Step 1: Notify Authorities and potential Interested and affected parties (I&APs) (30 days) (current stage)

The first stage in the process entails notifying all potential I&APs of the proposed project, by sending out a Background Information Document (BID), and providing I&APs with an opportunity to register as an I&AP. I&APs are required to register their interest on the project database within 30 days hereof.

Step 2: Basic Assessment Report (BAR) for Public Comment (30 days)

The BA process is undertaken in order to identify and assess potential environmental impacts, both positive and negative, that may be associated with the project. Mitigation and management measures will be identified to reduce potential negative impacts and will be included in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for this project. The BAR will include comments received from all I&APs on this document and findings of the specialist study.

Step 3: BAR to be submitted to DMR for decision-making

The BAR will be drafted and will be submitted to GDARD for decision-making. The comments and issues raised will be included in the BAR. All I&APs will be provided with written notification on whether the project has been granted or refused EA and about the appeal process.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

1. By mailing, emailing or faxing a comment form to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner indicated below/telephonically contacting the Environmental Assessment Practitioner if you have a query, comment, or require further information regarding the BA process.
2. By reviewing the various reports and provide comments within the stipulated comment periods provided (i.e. the BID and BAR).

To register as an I&AP or to comment on the project, please complete Comment/Registration Form that has been included with this BID and kindly send to **Ms. Kelly Stroebel** on or before 22 September 2016:





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Appendix A. 1: Project Layout Map (1:4 927)



Legend

-  Full extent of farm portion 1109
-  Area proposed for construction developments.
-  Roads
-  Rivers

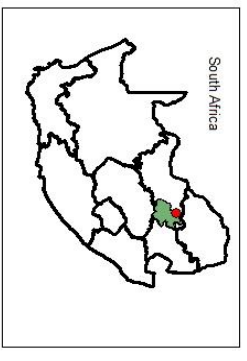
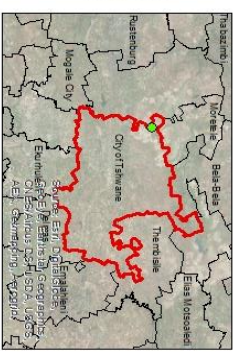


Figure 1: Location of the Proposed Nkunzi Co-Operative Chicken Broiler Production facility on Plot 1109, Winterveld Agricultural Holding Ext 1, Gauteng