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Dear Interested and Affected Party

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**SEF REF NO.: 504052**  
**GDARD REF NO.: Gaut: 002/13-14/E0090**

Dear Sir/Madam

**DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (COMET EXT. 8) ON PORTION 406 OF THE FARM DRIEFONTEIN 85-IR IN BOKSBURG, EKURHULENI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY**

**Urban Dynamics Gauteng Inc.** proposes to establish a residential development to be known as Comet Extension 8. The proposed development will consist of Residential and Public Open Space components. The residential component will comprise of Residential 1 consisting of 249 detached houses (240 m<sup>2</sup> each) and Residential 4 consisting of residential dwelling units at 60 units per hectare. Residential 1 is approximately 3,39ha in extent and Residential 4 is approximately 2.04ha in extent. The size of the proposed Public Open Space is approximately 2.98ha. The associated infrastructure will include internal road system, wastewater system, water system, an electricity supply system and storm water attenuation structures. The site is located on Portion 406 of the Farm Driefontein 85 IR in Boksburg within the jurisdiction of the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province.

In terms of Government Notice No. R.543 of NEMA, read with Government Notice No. R.544 (Listing Notice No. 1: Activity Number 23) of NEMA, a Basic Assessment (BA) Environmental Process is required in order to obtain an Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) for the above mentioned project.

Urban Dynamics Gauteng Inc thus appointed Strategic Environmental Focus (Pty) Ltd (SEF), as independent environmental assessment practitioners, to facilitate the Basic Assessment (BA) environmental process for the proposed development.

The following listed activity in terms of Government Notices No. R.544 of NEMA is triggered by the project:

<b>Government Notice No. R544 (Listing Notice 1)</b>
Activity No: 23: The transformation of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land to –
(i) residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use, inside an urban area, and where the total area to be transformed is 5 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares, or
(ii) residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use, outside an urban area and where the total area to be transformed is bigger than 1 hectare but less than 20 hectares; -
except where such transformation takes place –
(i) for linear activities; or
(ii) for purposes of agriculture or afforestation, in which case Activity 16 of Notice No. R. 545 applies.

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Interested and affected parties (I&APs) have an opportunity to **comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR)** by providing issues of concern and/or suggestions for enhanced benefits and/or alternatives and to ensure that the GDARD has sufficient information to make a decision.

The **Draft BAR** is available for comment from **Friday, 26 July 2013 to Monday, 26 August 2013** at the following venue (see Table 1) and on the SEF website (see below for more information).

**Table 1: Public venue where the Draft Basic Assessment Report can be viewed**

Name of public venue	Name of Contact Person	Contact Number(s)	Viewing Times
Boksburg Library Cnr Voortrekker Rd and Trichard Street, Boksburg, 1446	Joeline Rostoll	011 999 5566	Mon - Thur (09h00 to 18h00), on Fri (09h00 to 4h30) and on Sat (08h00 to 13h00)

Should you wish to participate in the BA process by contributing issues of concerns/comments, please register as an I&AP by completing the enclosed Registration and Comment Sheet or you can visit SEF's website at <http://www.sefsa.co.za>. To register as an I&AP or comment on the project, click on "Stakeholder Engagement". Click on the "register" button and complete the compulsory fields to register as an I&AP. Click on client login and put your details to login in and view the Draft BAR for the "**Comet Extension 8**". Should you have any problems in obtaining the information from the Internet, please feel free to contact SEF for assistance.

The comments are due **on or before Monday, 26 August 2013**.

Meanwhile, should you have any questions, or would like to obtain more information, please feel free to contact Mr. Mandla Zuma, at Tel: (012) 349 1307, Fax: (012) 349 1229 or **E-mail:** [mandla@sefsa.co.za](mailto:mandla@sefsa.co.za).

We look forward to receiving your comments!

Yours sincerely

*\* Electronically signed*

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