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**BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED VOSLOORUS NODE  
COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, EKURHULENI  
METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY; GAUTENG PROVINCE**

**NOTIFICATION LETTER AND**

**INVITATION TO COMMENT AND REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY**

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**February 2016**

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Dear Interested and Affected Party

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Notice is given in terms of Regulations published in Government Notice R. 982, Government Gazette No. 38282 of 04 December 2014, under section 24(5) read with section 44, of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998), as amended of the intent by Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality to submit a Basic Assessment Application for the Proposed Vosloorus Node Community Residential Housing Development.

#### ***Project Description***

The proposed development will consist of three to four storey walk-up units at a density of between eighty and a hundred units per hectare. The size of the developable land is approximately 11 hectares and is located on Erf 18383 of Vosloorus Extension 9. The proposed development will also include the construction of roads, storm water infrastructure, bulk water infrastructure and landscaping. The site coordinates are 26°20'39.03"S; 28°13'14.18"E.

The Vosloorus Node has a distinct character and function within the Katlehong-Tokoza-Vosloorus Complex. As depicted by the accompanying locality map, the Vosloorus Node is an intensively developed node, comprising a taxi rank, community facilities, shopping centres, a light industrial area, two hostel complexes and a planned commuter railway station.

#### ***Legislative Requirements for the Proposed Development***

The National Environmental Management Act, 1998 or NEMA (Act No. 107 of 1998) was promulgated to serve as the general framework within which environmental management and implementation plans must be formulated.

The proposed activity will entail the clearance of an area of 11 hectares of indigenous vegetation on an area zoned as open space which is a listed activity as per the National Environmental Management Act Regulations, 2014. Other listed activities that are triggered by the proposed development include;

| Activity that triggers the need for environmental authorisation                  | Corresponding Listed Activity in 2014 regulations | Listed activity as described in the NEMA 2014 EIA Regulations  |
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| The clearance of vegetation for the construction of 800 – 1000 housing units     | GNR.983 Listing No.1<br>Activity No 27            | The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for –<br><br>(i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or<br><br>(ii) Maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.  |
| Development of roads in areas zoned as open space                                | GNR.985 Listing No.3<br>Activity No 4             | The development of a road wider than 4 meters with a reserve less than 13.5 meters (c) In Gauteng (xii) Sites zoned for a conservation or public open space or equivalent zoning.  |
| Clearance of indigenous vegetation   | GNR.985 Listing No.3<br>Activity No 12            | The clearance of an area of 300 square meters or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan (iv) On land, where, at the time of the coming into effect of this notice or thereafter such land was zoned open space, conservation or had an equivalent zoning. |
| The Development of Infrastructure in areas zoned for conservation and open space | GNR.985 Listing No.3<br>Activity No 14            | The Development of (xii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10 square meters or more (b) In Gauteng (x) Sites zoned for conservation or public open space or equivalent zoning.   |
| Transformation of Land   | GNR.985 Listing No.3<br>Activity No 15            | The transformation of land bigger than 1000 square meters in size, to residential, retail, commercial industrial or institutional use, where, such land was zoned open space, conservation or had an equivalent zoning, on or after 02 August 2010 (a) In Gauteng (i) all areas.   |

### **Objective of the Basic Assessment Process**

The main objective of the project is to obtain the required Environmental Authorisation from the Competent Authority (Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development), before the commencement of the activity. The Basic Assessment process aims to identify and assess potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed activity; as well as any alternatives to the development / activity and to compile appropriate mitigation measures.

### **Public Participation Process**

In terms of the NEMA, a Public Participation Process (PPP) forms an integral part of the environmental Impact assessment process. The public participation process provides Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) who may be affected by the proposed development with an opportunity to provide comment and to raise issues of concern about the project or to make suggestions that will be beneficial to the project and register on the project database and/or obtaining more information on the project.

The public participation process will enable I&APs to influence the course of the technical investigations and to review the findings of the independent studies that are undertaken. The EAP will correspond directly with registered I&APs 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;

- Advertisements in Local newspaper (The African Reporter) 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 EIA 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 issues and response report (I&RR) which will be used to screen and prioritises issues for evaluation.

### ***Opportunity to participate***

Should you wish to register as an I&AP or to make suggestions and/or comments on this proposal, kindly provide these together with your name, contact details (preferred method of communication, e.g. e-mail address or fax number) and an indication of any interest which you (or the organisation you represent) have in the application to **Name:** Nyaladzi Nleya at **Tel:** 011 312 2537, **Fax:** 011 805 1950, **E-mail:** [nyaladzin@gaenvironment.com](mailto:nyaladzin@gaenvironment.com), [environment@gaenvironment.com](mailto:environment@gaenvironment.com) or **Post:** P.O Box 6723 Halfway House 1685. **Please register your interest in the project before 15 December 2015.**

***We look forward to receiving your comments!***



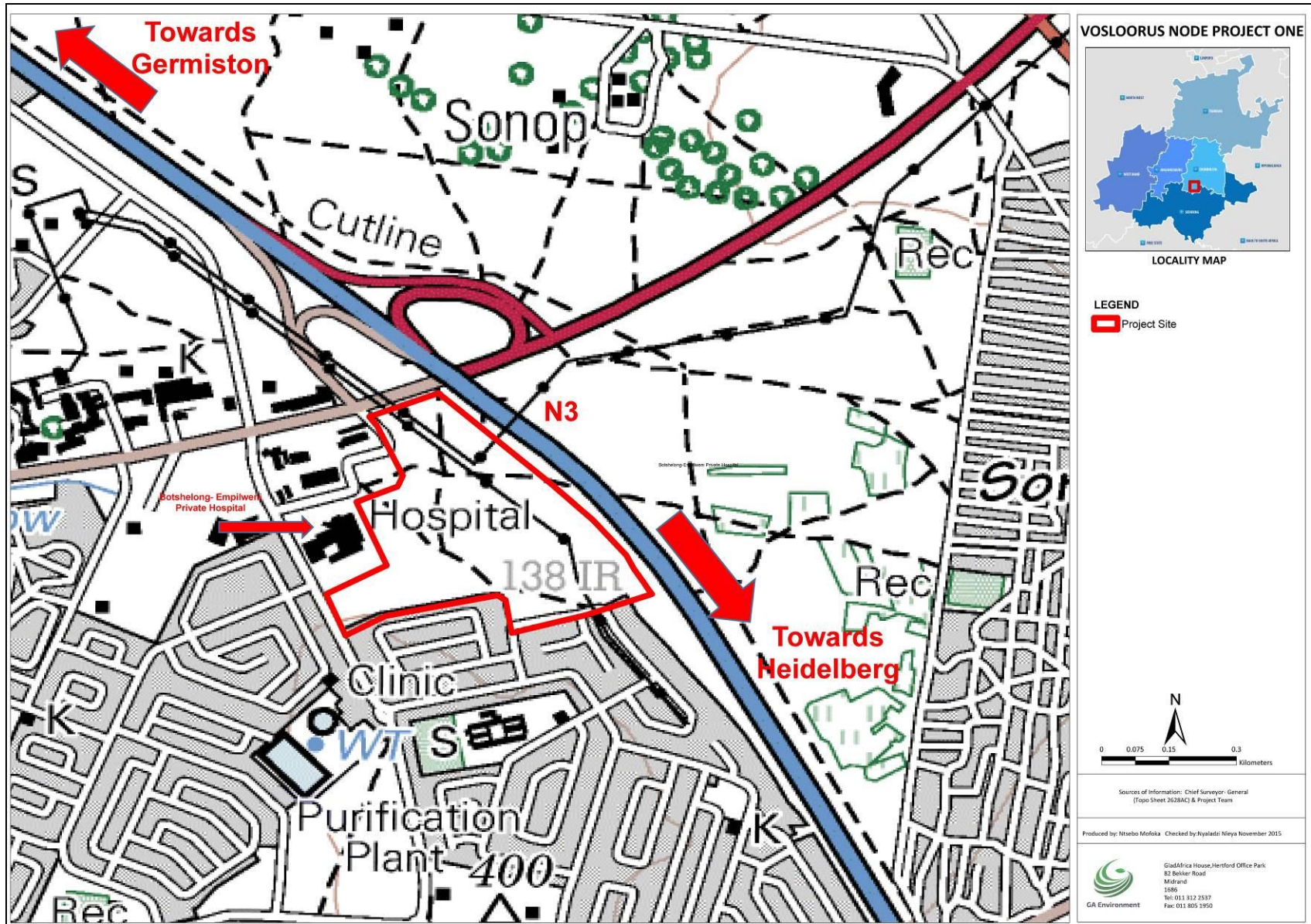


Figure 1: Locality Map of Erf 18983 Vosloorus Ext 9

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| <p><b>INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:</b><br/> <b>Basic Assessment Process as per the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998</b></p> <p><b>THE PROPOSED VOSLOORUS NODE COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p><b>REGISTRATION AND COMMENT SHEET</b></p> <p><b>November 2015</b></p> | <p><b>Environmental Assessment Practitioner:</b></p> <p><b>GA Environment (Pty) Ltd</b><br/>         Nyaladzi Nleya</p> <p>P.O Box 6723<br/>         Halfway House<br/>         1685</p> <p>Tel: 011 312 2537<br/>         Fax: 011 805 1950<br/>         E mail: <a href="mailto:environment@gaenvironment.com">environment@gaenvironment.com</a></p> |
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| INITIALS         |  | SURNAME     |  |
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| Please formally register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) during this BA process. | YES | NO |
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| <b>If yes I would like to receive my notifications and documents for comment as follows:</b> |        |     |       |     |
| Letter (mail)  | E-mail | Fax | On CD | SMS |

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:

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**COMMENTS** (please use separate sheets to add additional information)

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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.....I/we request the following person/s also to be contacted as I&APs for this process:

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**Signature**



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**Date**