

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:

Proposed Rayton Cemetery Development BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Purpose

The purpose of this BID is to provide information to I&APs about the proposed Rayton Cemetery Development project, Gauteng Province.

The Basic Assessment Procedure is in process under the NEMA 2014 legislation and a Notice of Intent was lodged with the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD). Discussions are being held with GDARD to determine the best approach to the application prior to lodging the application.

This BID explains the proposed project and the regulatory processes that will have to be complied with, while providing I&APs with the opportunity to:

- Register as stakeholders in the public participation process; and
- Make initial comments on and contributions to the proposed project.

Affected properties

Location: Remaining Extent of Portion 136 of the Farm Elandshoek 337 JR

Extent: Approximately 8,7986 hectares



Figure 1 Location of Property

Project

The Applicant intends to develop a cemetery including related uses such as a chapel, crematorium and wall of remembrance.

Your comment is important

Your comments will ensure that all relevant issues are evaluated in the BAR. You are requested to complete the enclosed registration and comment sheet, write a letter, call or e-mail the public participation office in Pretoria (Jitske Botes). Upon request you will then receive further information about the proposed project and the BA process.

What is a BA?

Vox Terra (Pty) Ltd (The Applicant) to commence with the proposed development, the applicant must conduct a BA process and submit a BA Report (BAR) to the regulatory authorities in support of an application for environmental authorisation to proceed with the project. A BA process is a well-defined and regulated process, in terms of the NEMA, involving public participation and technical studies, to identify issues of concern and to evaluate the environmental and socio-economic impacts of a proposed project.

BAs are used by planning authorities to obtain an objective view of the potential environmental and social impacts that could arise during the construction and operation of the proposed development. This information must provide a sound basis for decision-making by the authorities.

The end product of a basic assessment process is a BAR, which must:

- Identify the potential impacts of the proposed activities;
- Outline the public participation process undertaken; Illustrate the issues, concerns and suggestions raised by I&APs; and
- Outline the environmental management and mitigation measures that must be taken to avoid or reduce negative impacts and enhance positive impacts.

The activities to be applied for

Indicate the number of the relevant Government Notice: Activity No (s) (relevant notice):
e.g. Listing notices 1, 2 or 3 Describe each listed activity as per the wording in the listing notices:

GN. R 983, 8 December 2014	Listing notice 1 Activity 9	The development of infrastructure exceeding 1000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of water or storm water- (i). with an internal diameter of 0,36 metres or more; or (ii). with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more; excluding where- (a). such infrastructure is for bulk transportation of water or storm water or storm water drainage inside a road reserve; or (b). where such development will occur within an urban area.
GN. R 983, 8 December 2014	Listing notice 1 Activity 10	The development and related operation of infrastructure exceeding 1000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of sewage, effluent, process water, waste water, return water, industrial discharge or slimes (i). with an internal diameter of 0,36 metres or more; or (ii). with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more; excluding where- (a) such infrastructure is for bulk transportation of sewage, effluent, process water, waste water, return water, industrial discharge or slimes inside a road reserve; or (b) where such development will occur within an urban area.
GN. R 983, 8 December 2014	Listing notice 1 Activity 23	The development of cemeteries of 2500 square meters or more in size.
GN. R 983, 8 December 2014	Listing Notice 1 Activity 27	The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for – (i). The undertaking of a linear activity; or (ii). Maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan
GN. R 983, 8 December 2014	Listing Notice 1 Activity 44	The expansion of cemeteries by 2500 square metres or more.

Public Participation

The public participation process during the BA phase 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 environmental consultants 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.

- Letters of invitation accompanied by this BID and comment sheet to be distributed to adjacent landowners within 100m from the area of the proposed development, key individuals and organisations, announcing the project and inviting their comment
- Advertisements in Local newspaper (Citizen) 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 BA 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 prioritise issues for evaluation

PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting is scheduled for 03 December 2015 and will be held at
Poelpetaan Country and Function Venue, Rayton, at 18h00.

Due date for registration 7 December 2015

- **List of Acronyms**
- BA Basic Assessment
- BAR Basic Assessment Report
- BID Background Information Document
- EIA An Environmental Impact Assessment as contemplated in terms of the NEMA legislation
- GN Government Notice
- GDARD Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
- I&AP's Interested and Affected Parties
- I&RR issues and response report
- NEMA National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998)
- NWA National Water Act
- Reg Regulation

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Please complete and return to the contact details as provided, by 7 December 2015 to register

TITLE		FIRST NAME	
INITIALS		SURNAME	
ORGANISATION			
POSTAL ADDRESS			POSTAL CODE
LAND LINE TEL NO		CELL NO	
FAX NO		EMAIL	
Please formally register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) so that I may receive further information and notifications during the Basic Assessment process			YES
			NO
I would like my notifications and documents for comment as follows:			
Letter (mail)	E-mail	Fax	Telephone
		On CD	Internet
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:			

COMMENTS (please use separate sheets if you wish)

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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Please register the following people as I&APs for this process:

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Signature

Date