

**Annexure 1: Reasons for Decision****1. Background**

The applicant, **Supreme Poultry (Pty) Ltd**, applied for an Authorisation to commence with activity 38(i) from (Listing Notice 1; GNR 327) of the 2014 EIA Regulations as amended, described in the Final Basic Assessment Report (BAR) dated 08 August 2022, as the proposed expansion of the Supreme Poultry Processing Plant from 120 000 Units to 140 000 units per day on portion O of Erf No.166 in Botshabelo, Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality.

The applicant appointed Kings Landing Trading 507 (Pty) Ltd t/a Enviroworks to undertake Environmental Impact Assessment process for the activities as required by Regulation 21 of the 2014 EIA Regulations as amended.

**2. Information considered in making the decision**

In reaching its decision, the Department took, *inter alia*, the following into consideration -

- a) The listed activity as applied for in the application form received on 06 May 2022.
- b) The information contained in the Final Basic Assessment Report (BAR) dated 08 August 2022 completed by **Kings Landing Trading 507 (Pty) Ltd t/a Enviroworks**.
- c) Comments received from the interested and affected parties as included in the Final BAR dated 08 August 2022.
- d) Mitigation measures as proposed in the Final Basic Assessment Report (BAR) dated 08 August 2022 and the EMPr.
- e) The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines and Section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998).
- f) The findings of the site inspection were undertaken by Mr. R. Tlhomelang from the Department on the 21 September 2022.

### 3. Key factors considered in making the decision

All information presented to the Department was taken into account in the Department's consideration of the application. A summary of the issues which, in the Department's view, were of the most significance is set out below:

- a) Details provided of the qualifications of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) indicated the EAP is competent to carry out the Environmental Impact Assessment procedures.
- b) The findings of all the specialist study conducted and their recommended mitigation measures.
- c) The need for the proposed development is to ensure availability of a more stable source of poultry products in the area and to the retail industry.
- d) The Final BAR dated 08 August 2022 identified all legislation and guidelines that have been considered in the preparation of the BAR.
- e) The methodology used in assessing the potential impacts identified in the Final BAR dated 08 August 2022 and the specialist studies have been adequately indicated.
- f) A sufficient public participation process was undertaken and the applicant has satisfied the minimum requirements as prescribed in the 2014 EIA Regulations as amended for public involvement.
- g) Recommendations made by the EAP in the Final BAR, feasible and reasonable alternative options including the no-go were investigated as part of the assessment process.

### 4. Findings

After consideration of the information and factors listed above, the Department made the following findings –

- (a) The need for the development has been identified.
- (b) The identification and assessment of impacts are detailed in the Final BAR dated will lead to a more stable source of poultry products being available in the area and to the

retail industry and sufficient assessment of the key identified issues and impacts have been completed.

- (c) The procedure followed for impact assessment is adequate for the decision-making process.
- (d) The proposed mitigation of impacts identified and assessed adequately curtails the identified impacts.
- (e) EMPr measures for the pre-construction, construction, operation and rehabilitation phases of the development were proposed and included in the Final BAR and will be implemented to manage the identified environmental impacts throughout the life span of the project.
- (f) Adequate process in line with law and legislation for public participation process was undertaken and the EAP has met the minimum requirements as prescribed in the 2014 EIA Regulations as amended.

In view of the above, the Department is satisfied that, subject to compliance with the conditions contained in the Environmental Authorisation, the proposed activities will not conflict with the general objectives of integrated environmental management laid down in Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and that any potential detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the proposed activities can be mitigated to acceptable levels, therefore the application is accordingly granted.