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To Whom it may concern

PANEL PROCESSING FACILITY, FOR MEZO KITCHENS, FOR THE PROCESSING OF MATERIALS TO BE USED FOR KITCHEN CUPBOARDS, ON THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 20 OF THE FARM UITZICHT ALIAS RIETVALEI 314-JR, GAUTENG. Shangoni Project number: BOU-ATT-15-10-12, GDARD Reference number: Gaut 002/15-16/E0272

The purpose of this notice is to provide information to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) about potential decisions that may affect them and to afford I&APs an opportunity to influence those decisions in the environmental authorisation application process for the proposed construction of a panel processing facility, for Mezo Kitchens, for the processing of materials to be used for kitchen cupboards, on the remainder of portion 20 of the farm Uitzicht Alias Rietvalei 314-JJ, Gauteng.

BACKGROUND TO THE PROJECT

The proposed activity can be described as a Panel Processing Facility, for a Panel Processing Firm. Mezo Kitchens is a medium size business that has been in operation for 9 years. The company employs 40 workers, and the operational hours are from Monday to Friday, 7:00 -17:00. Mezo Kitchens processes melamine "Particle Board" which is used for kitchen cupboards. The melamine is cut into smaller pieces, shaped and drilled in the panels. "Compressed components" will be packaged in a flat pack and dispatched to the clients. The kitchen cupboards will be assembled at the clients site. The activity will create noise and dust pollution. Waste will also be generated from melamine cuttings. Waste will not be burnt, but will be collected by a contractor for use in compost. The generation of dust would be captured within the building. The noise generated by the machines will be reduced to the acceptable limits for the working environment.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Procedure applied to the application

As the proposed activities entail the construction of a Panel Processing Facility, a Basic Assessment (BA) will be required in compliance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998) (NEMA) for the authorisation of listed activities.

Application submitted to the competent Authority

An application for authorisation in terms of the NEMA, as amended, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, for the proposed activities was submitted on 20 May 2015 to the Gauteng Department of Agriculture, and Rural Development (GDARD).

Listed activities applicable to the application

The following lists the listed activities that were applied for as described in GN R983, 984 and 985.

GNR 983 Listing Notice 1 4 December 2014, 24 (ii), 27 and GNR 985 Listing Notice 3 4 December 2014, 4(iv), 12(iii).

Legislation associated with the application

South African legislation requires that a Basic Assessment Reports and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) be compiled in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), as amended. In order to do so, Mezo Kitchens has appointed Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd (Shangoni) as the independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) in terms of Regulation 12 of GNR 982, to undertake and manage the processes of applying for the required environmental authorisations. Furthermore, Shangoni meets the requirements set out in Regulation 13 of GNR 982.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

People have a right to be informed about potential decisions that may affect them and to be afforded an opportunity to influence those decisions.

Register as an I&AP

You may be an I&AP for this proposed project. To register as an I&AP of this project, or to obtain more information or submit comments, please request a Registration Form from Shangoni and return it to the details provided below by no later than the **30 June 2016**.

Public review of draft Scoping Report: The public will have an opportunity to review the draft BAR for a period of thirty (30) days. The draft BAR will be made available at the 1 Tasty road, Hoornsoord, Pretoria from **31 May 2016**.

Where to obtain more information

To obtain additional information, please contact the EAP at the details provided below.

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Regards

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Lee-Anne Fellowes