

## 10. EVALUATION OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

### 10.1 Availability of Basic Assessment Report

The draft Basic Assessment Report (dated: August 2015) was submitted (letter dated: 20 August 2015; Appendix 8) to the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs for evaluation purposes. A hard copy of the document was couriered to the following authorities for evaluation (30-day period):

- Department of Water and Sanitation (Bronkhorstspruit office) – letter dated: 21 August 2015; Appendix 8);
- Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (letter dated: 21 August 2015; Appendix 8);
- Steve Tshwete Local Municipality (letter dated: 21 August 2015; Appendix 8) – hand delivered.

A hard copy of the Draft Basic Assessment Report was made available at the Gerard Sekoto Public Library and the Middelburg Preparatory School for evaluation purposes (21 August to 21 September 2015) by interested and affected parties. The notices displayed and the register are attached in Appendix 8. Photographs of the notices displayed are also provided in Appendix 8.

In addition, a legal notice was placed (21 August 2015) in the Middelburg Observer (Appendix 8) indicating the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Report for evaluation purposes.

The Draft Basic Assessment Report was loaded (20 August 2015) onto SAHRIS (South African Heritage Resources Agency website) for comment (Appendix 8).

A copy of the document was also provided on the Clean Stream Environmental Services website ([www.cleanstreams.co.za](http://www.cleanstreams.co.za)) for download. A copy of the webpage printouts is provided in Appendix 8.

An e-mail (dated: 20 August 2015; Appendix 8) was forwarded to government departments, stakeholders and interested and affected parties (see interested and affected party list) informing them that the document was available for evaluation purposes from 21 August 2015 to 21 September 2015.

The following interested and affected parties/stakeholders/government departments were notified of the said report:

<b>INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY LIST</b>	
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Government Departments</b>	
Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA)	M. Looek
Department of Education	KR Morena
Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (Natural Resource Investigations)	J. Venter

<b>INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY LIST</b>	
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Other Organisations</b>	
South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)	J. Lavin (SAHRA website)
<b>Local Municipality and Municipal Councillor</b>	
Nkangala District Municipality	S. Links
Ward Councillor (Ward 13)	S. Wait
<b>Community</b>	
Steelcrest High School	Ms. Eksteen

## 10.2 Comments received

### 10.2.1 Government Departments

No comment was received on the Draft Basic Assessment Report from any government departments.

#### **Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs**

A letter from the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (dated: 25 August 2015; Ref: 1/3/1/16/1N-26; Appendix 8) was received acknowledging receipt of the application form submitted, indicating the responsible officer and providing the official reference number for the project.

A site visit was undertaken by Ms. O. Fakude (DARDLEA) and Ms. R. van Rensburg (CSES) on Thursday, 10 September 2015. As indicated in the email from CSES (dated: 11 September 2015; Appendix 8), Ms. Fakude indicated that the Environmental Management Programme must include mitigation measures with regards to the following:

<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>ADDRESSED IN SECTION OF THE BAR</b>
Traffic	Table 6.2 (page 51); Section 7.8 (Cumulative impacts; page 63); Section 8.5.2.1 (Construction activities – general principles; page 68); Section 9.2 (Potential environmental impacts; page 77); Section 9.3 (Issues of concern; page 78).
Dust	Section 8.5.2.1 (Construction activities – general principles; page 69).
Noise	Section 8.5.2.1 (Construction activities – general principles; page 69).

### 10.2.2 Other organisations

No comment was received on the Draft Basic Assessment Report from any other organisations.

### 10.2.3 Local municipality and municipal councillor

No comment was received on the Draft Basic Assessment Report from the local municipality or the councillor.

### **Steve Tshwete Local Municipality**

The following is indicated in the letter from the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality (dated: 11 August 2015; Ref: 15/4/4:MM 110973; Appendix 8):

*'You are hereby informed that your application for the rezoning of Portion 362 (A portion of portion 27) of the farm Middelburg Town and Townlands 287 JS from "Agricultural" to "Educational" for the purpose of a primary school has been approved by the Council subject to the following conditions:'.*

For the specific conditions, please refer to the said letter provided in Appendix 8.

#### **10.2.4 Community**

No comment was received on the Draft Basic Assessment Report from any community members through the advertising of the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Report in the Middelburg Observer.

### **10.3 Evaluation of Final Basic Assessment Report**

A hard copy of the Final Basic Assessment Report will be submitted to the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs for final decision making.