

## ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED SHELL GLENRIDGE SERVICE STATION, SOWETO, GAUTENG PROVINCE

GDARD Ref Number: Gaut: 002/14-15/0147

### **OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT**

Shell South Africa Marketing (Pty) Ltd (Shell) is proposing to construct and operate a new Service Station is located on the corner of the R559 and Adelstein Street, Protea Glen Extension 29, Soweto, Gauteng. The proposed project site for the service station is an undeveloped (vacant) piece of land surrounded by low density residential areas (see locality map on the next page). The service station will consist of four Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) with a capacity of 46m<sup>3</sup> each, with associated fuel infrastructure and further including a shop, restrooms, parking and access routes.

The Basic Assessment Report (BAR) will discuss the potential impacts associated with this activity, assess the likelihood and significance of the potential impacts, as well as identify appropriate mitigation measures that should be implemented in order to minimise the potential impacts.

#### PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with information about the proposed project and to outline the Environmental Basic Assessment (BA) process to be undertaken. Further this document intends to inform I&APs on how to participate in the BA Process. You are encouraged to register as an I&AP so that you can be kept informed about the project throughout the BA process.

#### WHY A BASIC ASSESSMENT?

Prior to the construction of the Shell Protea Glenridge Service Station, a Basic Assessment (BA) process must be undertaken in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA), in order to obtain the necessary Environmental Authorisation from the competent authority, the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD).

This process is further outlined on the following page.



Typical Shell Service Station at night

#### ERM's Role

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**Environmental** Resources **Management** Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd (ERM) has been appointed by Shell to undertake the Basic Assessment (BA) and associated Public Participation Process.

You are invited to register as an I&AP and comment on this project.

To register please contact ERM or complete the enclosed registration/comment sheet and send to:

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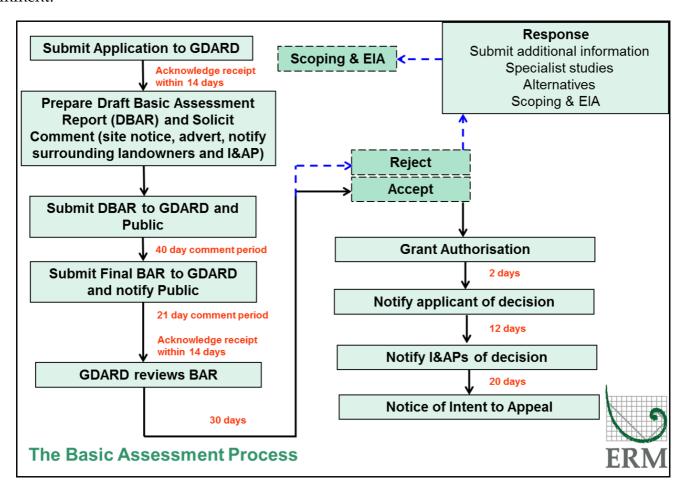
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#### THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The BA for the proposed service station is being conducted in terms of the NEMA. The installation of the USTs with a combined capacity of 184m³ has been identified as a listed activity in terms of the EIA Regulations GNR 544.

"The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the storage, or storage and handling of a dangerous goods, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 cubic metres but not exceeding 500 cubic metres." Activity 13, GNR 544.

Activities listed in GNR 544 require Environmental Authorisation through a BA process. The BA process is a simplified Environmental Impact Assessment and involves concise identification and assessment of potential impacts that the proposed project may have on the biophysical and socioeconomic environment, supported by input from specialists, where required. The Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) will be made available for your comment.



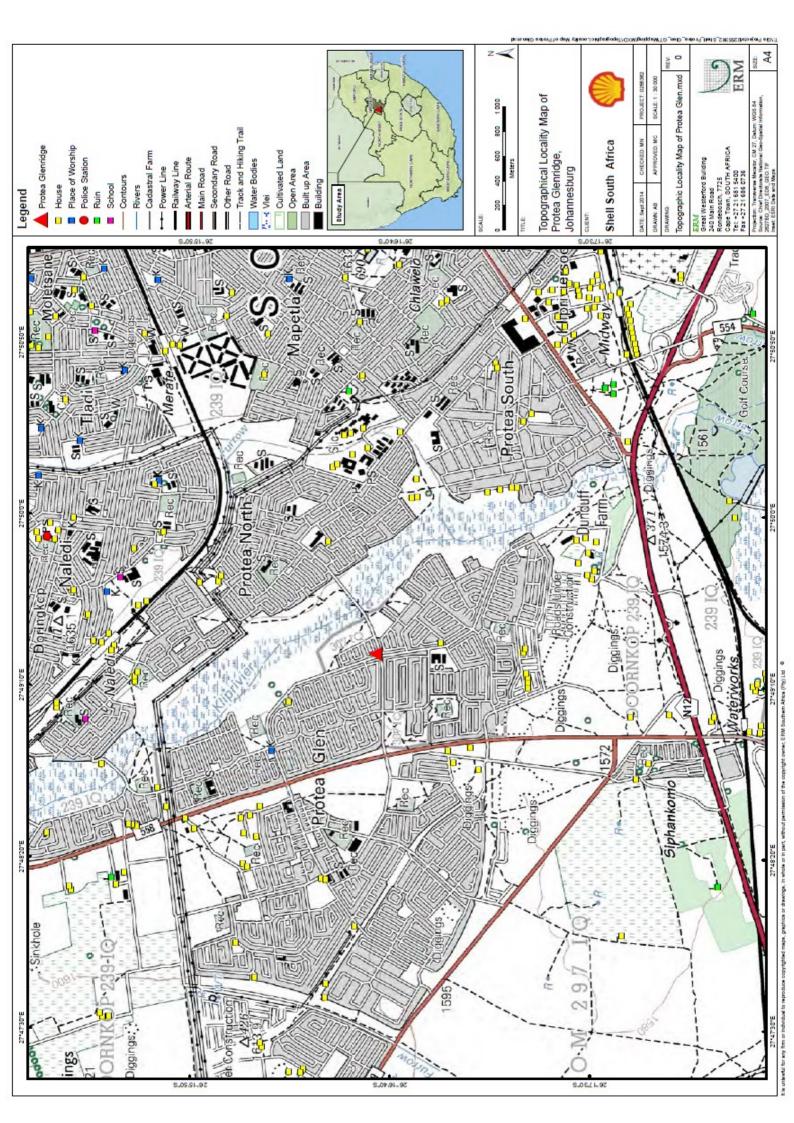
#### **HAVE YOUR SAY**

As a registered I&AP you are invited to identify issues and raise concerns that you have about the proposed project. There will be opportunities to comment on the project including the 30 day public notification period (October 2014). The project team will provide a response to the questions, and all comments and responses will be included in the Final BAR that will be submitted to the GDARD for their consideration.



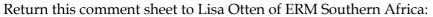


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# REGISTRATION AND COMMENT SHEET October, 2014

Should you have any queries, comments or suggestions regarding the proposed project, please note them below.



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Thank you for your participation!

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