

## SITE NOTICE

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION EXPANSION OF THE SPRINGS FRESH PRODUCE MARKET

#### **Notification**

Notification is hereby given in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 and in terms of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 of the intent to apply for an Environmental Authorisation (EA), for activities associated with the expansion of the Springs Fresh Produce Market.

#### **Project Summary**

The Springs Fresh Produce Market is a receiving and distribution facility for a range of fresh fruit and vegetable products. The surface area of the existing structures, including parking, is approximately 75 000 m<sup>2</sup>. Retail facilities for meat, fruit and vegetable products are attached to the facility and there are also offices and ablutions present.

The Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality (EMM) is proposing to expand the existing facility into the primarily vacant and undeveloped adjacent Erfs to the east and north-east of the existing facility. The total surface area for the proposed expansion is approximately 6 ha in extent.

The proposed upgrades to the Springs Fresh Produce market comprise the construction of large, heavily loaded steel or concrete framed structures supporting flat and domed roofs comprising structural steel trusses.

Some smaller single and double storey brickwork structures may be incorporated in the development, with parking areas situated along the western boundary of the site.

The proposed development falls within the ambit of listed activities identified in Listing Notices 1 and 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014. This requires that a Basic Assessment (BA) Process be undertaken to inform the application for EA. A BA Process is a regulated procedure by which the environmental risks and impacts of a development are assessed by qualified and experienced independent professionals.

The following specialist studies will be undertaken as part of the BA Process:

1. A heritage impact assessment as required by Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA);
2. A wetland ecology study; and
3. A terrestrial ecology study.

#### **Participation / Further Information**

ABS Africa has been appointed to manage the application for EA.

Should you wish to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), have any comments or queries on the proposed EA application process or wish to obtain further information, please contact:

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