

Date: 2 May 2017

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

**NOTICE OF A BASIC ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS
AND INTEGRATED WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION (WULA)**

**BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND INTEGRATED WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF HEKPOORT WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS,
HARTEBEESTFONTEIN AREA, MOGALE CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WEST RAND, GAUTENG
PROVINCE**

Naledzi Environmental Consultants CC, herein after NEC, herewith gives notice of the commencement of a Basic Assessment Process (EIA Study) and water use licensing procedure on behalf of Mogale City Local Municipality.

Mogale City Local Municipality, herein after MCLM, is applying to the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, herein after GDARD, for Environmental Authorisation in order to develop a proposed Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW). The project is being referred to as the proposed "Hekpoort Wastewater Treatment Works". It will be developed on Portions 244 and 38 of the farm Hartebeestfontein 472JQ in the area of Hekpoort in the Magalies River Catchment.

The proposed WWTW will be a medium scale plant covering an area of approximately 2 Hectares. It will be supplemented by a sludge management area, spray field/park and nursery of approximately 7 hectares. The treated effluent discharge from the WWTW will be spray irrigated onto the spray field/park area. Hence there will be no conventional discharge of treated wastewater into a stream.

The WWTW will be developed on portion 244 of the farm Hartebeestfontein 472JQ and the sludge management area, spray field/park and nursery will be developed on Portion 38 of the same farm.

The project site is located 4km north east of Hekpoort amid agricultural small holdings along the D1676 gravel road. It lies within the jurisdiction of MCLM in the West Rand District of Gauteng Province.

NEC has been appointed as the independent environmental consulting group to undertake the EIA Study and obtain the necessary environmental authorisation and water use license. This includes:

- Obtaining a Water Use License (WUL) under the provisions of the National Water Act (Act 36/1998) [NWA] from Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) for the discharge of treated effluent to land and the development of sludge lagoons/drying beds;
- Obtaining Environmental Authorisation under the provisions of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107/1998) [NEMA] and its promulgated EIA Regulations of 2014, from GDARD for the development of the WWTW and clearing of indigenous vegetation for these purposes.

GDARD is the competent authority delegated with the powers to issue Environmental Authorisation in terms of the NEMA for proposals within Gauteng Province. GDARD is thus the competent authority for this application. DWS will be the key stakeholder in the process as it is the competent authority with powers to issue a WUL in terms of NWA. The authorisation and license will be obtained through an integrated authorisation process.

As part of the EIA process, we are required to inform Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) about the proposed project to solicit their views, comments and recommendations on the project.

You are hereby invited to register as an I&AP and to participate in this integrated process for a WULA and Environmental Authorisation by completing the enclosed Comments and Registration Form sheet included with the attached Background Information Document (BID). Please submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter to either Ms. Marissa Botha or Ms. Aluwani Nembahe at the following details;

Contact us on 015 296 3988 or send us your comments by email to botham@naledzi.co.za / aluwani@naledzi.co.za or either by fax number to 015 296 4021.

You may:

- Register as an I&APs
- Submit any comments/views on the project on the comments and registration form provided;
- Notify any other parties/stakeholders that you might be affected or interested in the project by encouraging them to register.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,



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