

Date: 15 July 2022

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) PROCESS AND WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THABAZIMBI EXTENSION 75, THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WATERBERG DISTRICT, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

LEDET Ref. no. Pending

Bertie Joubert Eiendomme Lephalale CC (applicant) proposes to establish a 2.4 hectare residential development to be known as Thabazimbi Extension 75. The development will comprise 33 erven on Portion 129 of the farm Doornhoek 318KQ. The property is located within the jurisdiction of Thabazimbi Local Municipality along the Medivet Road, next to Zeldri Park (Thabazimbi Extension 32) and across from Akasia Park (Thabazimbi Extension 47).

In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations of 2014 (GNR 326) and its associated listing notices (GNR 327, 324 and 327) the project requires environmental authorisation from the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environmental and Tourism (LEDET) through a Basic Assessment (BA) process. There may also be a requirement for a water use license (WUL) from the North West Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) for Section 21 (c) and (i) water uses triggered in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36/1998) (NWA) due to the potential presence of a wetland on the property. The application will be subject to a WULA Procedure in line with the NWA WULA Regulations of 2017. Both applications are subject to a public participation process (PPP).

Naledzi Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd (Naledzi) has been appointed by the applicant, as the independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) to undertake the BA process and will conduct the required PPP for the project.

This letter serves as notification of the project and we draw your attention to the following:

- An invitation to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)
- The availability of a Background Information Document (BID) for comment

Register as an I&AP

You are hereby invited to register as an I&AP on the project and to participate in the process by completing the enclosed Registration and Comment Form included with the attached BID.

Background Information Document (BID) available for public review

The enclosed BID provides an overview of the BA process and invites I&APs to participate and register on the process. A period of 30 day from **15 July to 15 August 2022** is provided to review the BID and submit comments and concerns regarding the application.

The BID and associated Registration and Comment Form, is available in English and Afrikaans and can be downloaded from the Naledzi website at <u>www.naledzi.co.za/publicdocuments</u>. Alternatively contact the appointed EAP for a copy of the BID.

Please send your comments together with your name, contact details and interest in the project to the EAP, Marissa Botha (Naledzi) at botham@naledzi.co.za or contact us on 084-226-5584 for more information. Registrations and comments must be submitted on or before **15 August 2022**.

What's next?

All comments and issues received during the public registration and comment period on the BID will be incorporated into an Issues and Response Report (IRR), and responded to. We will prepare a draft Basic Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) which will be made available for public review for 30 calendar days. The IRR will be attached to the Draft BAR and made available on the Naledzi website and at public venues. The details of these tasks will be communicated to registered I&APs telephonically or via email.

Thank you for your participation.

Regards,

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