

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:

Proposed The Reid (Linbro Park West)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Purpose

The purpose of this BID is to provide information to I&APs about the proposed the Reid project, Gauteng Province.

The Basic Assessment Procedure is in process under the NEMA 2014 legislation and a Notice of Intent was lodged with the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD). Discussions are being held with GDARD to determine the best approach to the application prior to lodging the application.

This BID explains the proposed project and the regulatory processes that will have to be complied with, while providing I&APs with the opportunity to:

- Register as stakeholders in the public participation process; and
- Make initial comments on and contributions to the proposed project.

Affected properties

Location: Holding, 20, Portion 1 of Holding 20, Holding 21, Holding 22, Holding 23, Holding 27, Holding 28 and Holding 29 Linbro Park Agricultural Holdings

Extent: Approximately 13.033 hectares

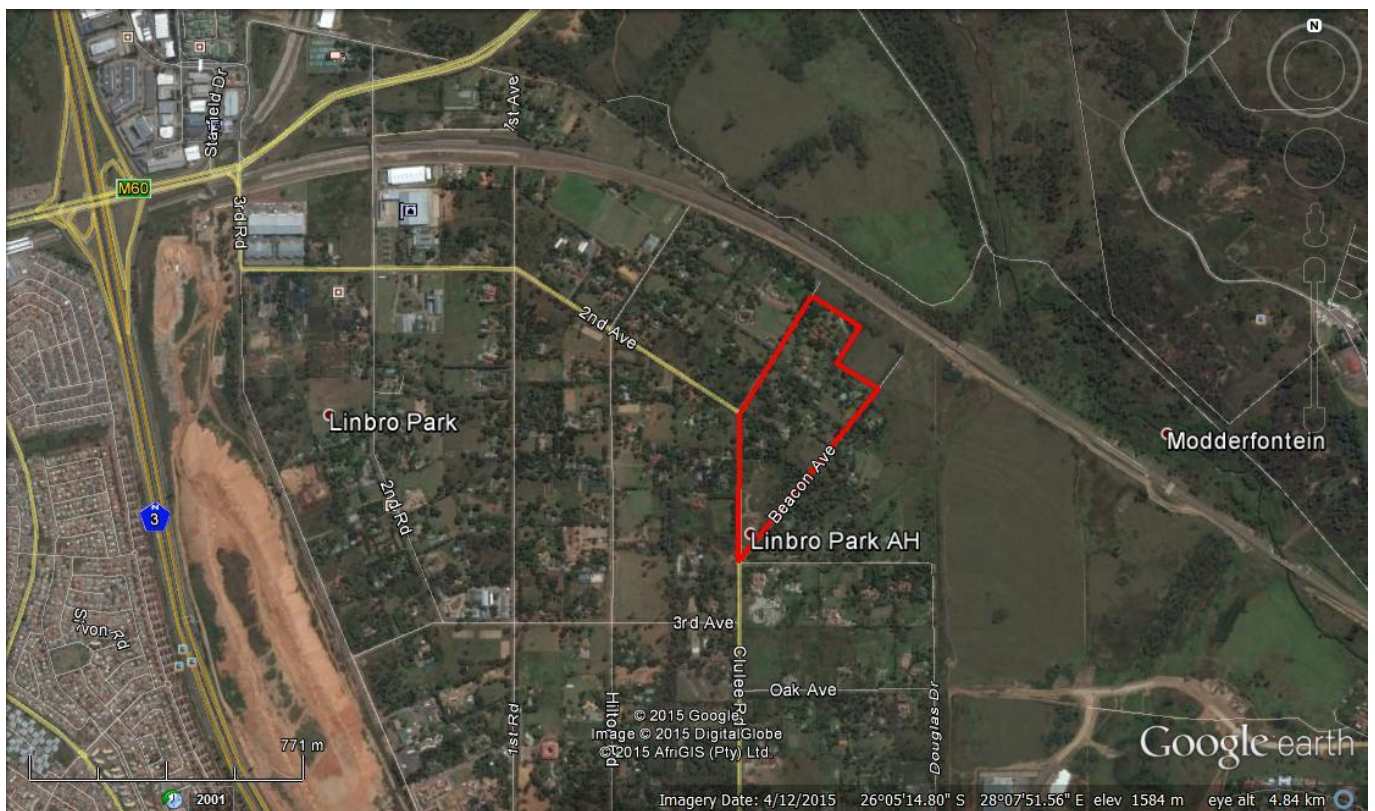


Figure 1 Location of Property

Project

The Applicant intends to develop a residential development including related uses

Your comment is important

Your comments will ensure that all relevant issues are evaluated in the BAR. You are requested to complete the enclosed registration and comment sheet, write a letter, call or e-mail the public participation office in Pretoria (Jitske Botes). Upon request you will then receive further information about the proposed project and the BA process.

What is a BA?

Balwin Properties (Pty) Ltd (The Applicant) to commence with the proposed development, the applicant must conduct a BA process and submit a BA Report (BAR) to the regulatory authorities in support of an application for environmental authorisation to proceed with the project. A BA process is a well defined and regulated process, in terms of the NEMA, involving public participation and technical studies, to identify issues of concern and to evaluate the environmental and socio-economic impacts of a proposed project.

BAs are used by planning authorities to obtain an objective view of the potential environmental and social impacts that could arise during the construction and operation of the proposed development. This information must provide a sound basis for decision-making by the authorities.

The end product of a basic assessment process is a BAR, which must:

- Identify the potential impacts of the proposed activities;
- Outline the public participation process undertaken; Illustrate the issues, concerns and suggestions raised by I&APs; and
- Outline the environmental management and mitigation measures that must be taken to avoid or reduce negative impacts and enhance positive impacts.

The activities to be applied for

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| GN Reg 983 04 December 2014 | 9 | The development of infrastructure exceeding 1000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of water or storm water- (i) with an internal diameter of 0,36 metres or more; or (ii) with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more; excluding where- (a) such infrastructure is for bulk transportation of water or storm water or storm water drainage inside a road reserve; or (b) where such development will occur within an urban area. |
| GN Reg 983 04 December 2014 | 10 | The development and related operation of infrastructure exceeding 1000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of sewage, effluent, process water, waste water, return water, industrial discharge or slimes (i) with an internal diameter of 0,36 metres or more; or (ii) with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more; excluding where- (a) such infrastructure is for bulk transportation of sewage, effluent, process water, waste water, return water, industrial discharge or slimes inside a road reserve; or (b) where such development will occur within an urban area. |
| GN Reg 983 04 December 2014 | 27 | The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for- (i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or (ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan. |

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| GN Reg 985 04 December 2014 | 28 | Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional developments where such land was used for agriculture or afforestation on or after 01 April 1998 and where such development: (i). will occur inside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 5 hectares; or (ii). will occur outside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 1 hectare; excluding where such land has already been developed for residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional purposes. |
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Public Participation

The public participation process during the BA phase will enable I&APs to influence the course of the technical investigations and to review the findings of the independent studies that are undertaken. The environmental consultants will correspond directly with registered I&APs at various stages during the process to keep them informed of progress in the study and the timing of opportunities to be involved. The steps in the public participation process are outlined below.

- Letters of invitation accompanied by this BID and comment sheet to be distributed to adjacent landowners within 100m from the area of the proposed development, key individuals and organisations, announcing the project and inviting their comment
- Advertisements in Local newspaper (Beeld) announcing the proposed project and providing opportunity to comment
- Site notices to be erected at strategic places along the property in accordance with the requirements of the BA Regulations, in order to announce the project
- Key stakeholders in the area will be informed by telephone, e-mail or facsimile.
- All issues received from stakeholders will be captured in the issues and response report (I&RR) which will be used to screen and prioritise issues for evaluation

PUBLIC MEETING

**A public meeting is scheduled for 24 February 2015 and will be held at
The Urban Life Church, Maud Avenue, Midrand at 18h00.**

Due date for registration 24 June 2015

List of Acronyms

- **BA** Basic Assessment
- **BAR** Basic Assessment Report
- **BID** Background Information Document
- **EIA** An Environmental Impact Assessment as contemplated in Sections 21, 22 and 26 of the Environment Conservation Act
- **GN** Government Notice
- **GDARD** Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
- **I&AP's** Interested and Affected Parties
- **I&RR** issues and response report
- **NEMA** National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998)
- **NWA** National Water Act
- **Reg** Regulation

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| <p>INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:</p> <p>BA as per NEMA</p> <p>THE REID (LINBRO PARK WEST)</p> <p>REGISTRATION SHEET</p> <p>Accompanying Background Information Document</p> <p>January 2015</p> | <p>Public Participation Office</p> <p>LEAP</p> <p>Gwen Theron</p> <p>P.O.Box 13185, Hatfield, 0028</p> <p>FAX 086 606 6130</p> <p>gwen.theron@telkomsa.net</p> <p>Jitske Botes</p> <p>Jitske@telkomsa.net</p> |
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*Please complete and return to the contact details as provided, by **24 June 2015** to register*

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| Please formally register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) so that I may receive further information and notifications during the Basic Assessment process | YES | NO |
| I would like my notifications and documents for comment as follows: | | |
| Letter (mail) | E-mail | Fax |
| Telephone | On CD | Internet |
| In terms of this Public Participation process I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application: | | |

COMMENTS (please use separate sheets if you wish)

I suggest that the following issues of concern be investigated:

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I suggest the following for the public participation process:

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Any other comments:

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Please register the following people as I&APs for this process:

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Signature

Date