

Background Information Document (BID) for the Proposed Wembezi Shopping Centre and Filling Station, Inkosi Langalibalele Local Municipality UThukela District

NS Environmental Ref no: P243

Date: 11 October 2019

THE PROPOSED PROJECT

NS Environmental was appointed by Timocento (PTY) LTD to undertake the Basic Assessment process to obtain an Environmental Authorisation for the construction of a Shopping Centre and Filling Station in Wembezi.

Currently most of the site is vacant and undeveloped. A portion of the site is used for a bottle store/tavern. A telecommunications mast is also present on the site. The site area is approximately 16 000 m².

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This Background Information Document (BID) provides Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with basic project information, as well as information regarding the Basic Assessment (BA) being undertaken. It further indicates the important role of public participation during the assessment phase, as input from I&APs contributes to ensuring that all potential issues are considered.

LOCALITY

The site is situated approximately 9.9 km from Escourt. Geographical co-ordinates for the study area are (29°2'31.88"S) (29°47'38.67"E). The proposed site is formally

described as Portion 191 of the Farm 15988, Wembezi.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

According to the National Environmental Management Act (Act no. 107 of 1998), EIA Regulations promulgated on the 4th December 2014, a Basic Assessment process must be undertaken for the proposed development. The following listed activities of the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations will be applied for:

Government Notice Regulations (GNR) 983 of the EIA Regulations, December 2014 as amended:

Activity 14:

The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure, for the storage, or for the storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 cubic metres or more but not exceeding 500 cubic metres.

Activity 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.

Government Notice Regulations (GNR) 985 of the EIA Regulations, December 2014 as amended:

Activity 10:

The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure for the storage, or storage and handling of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 30 but not exceeding 80 cubic metres.

(d) In KwaZulu-Natal:

xiii. Outside urban areas:

(aa) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core areas of a biosphere reserve.

NEED AND DESIRABILITY

- There is a need for a shopping centre and filling station in Wembezi. The nearest filling station is approximately 20 km away.
- The proposed development will service the local community
- The proposed development will provide employment opportunities for the local community.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation is a process that invites Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to submit their comments on the proposed

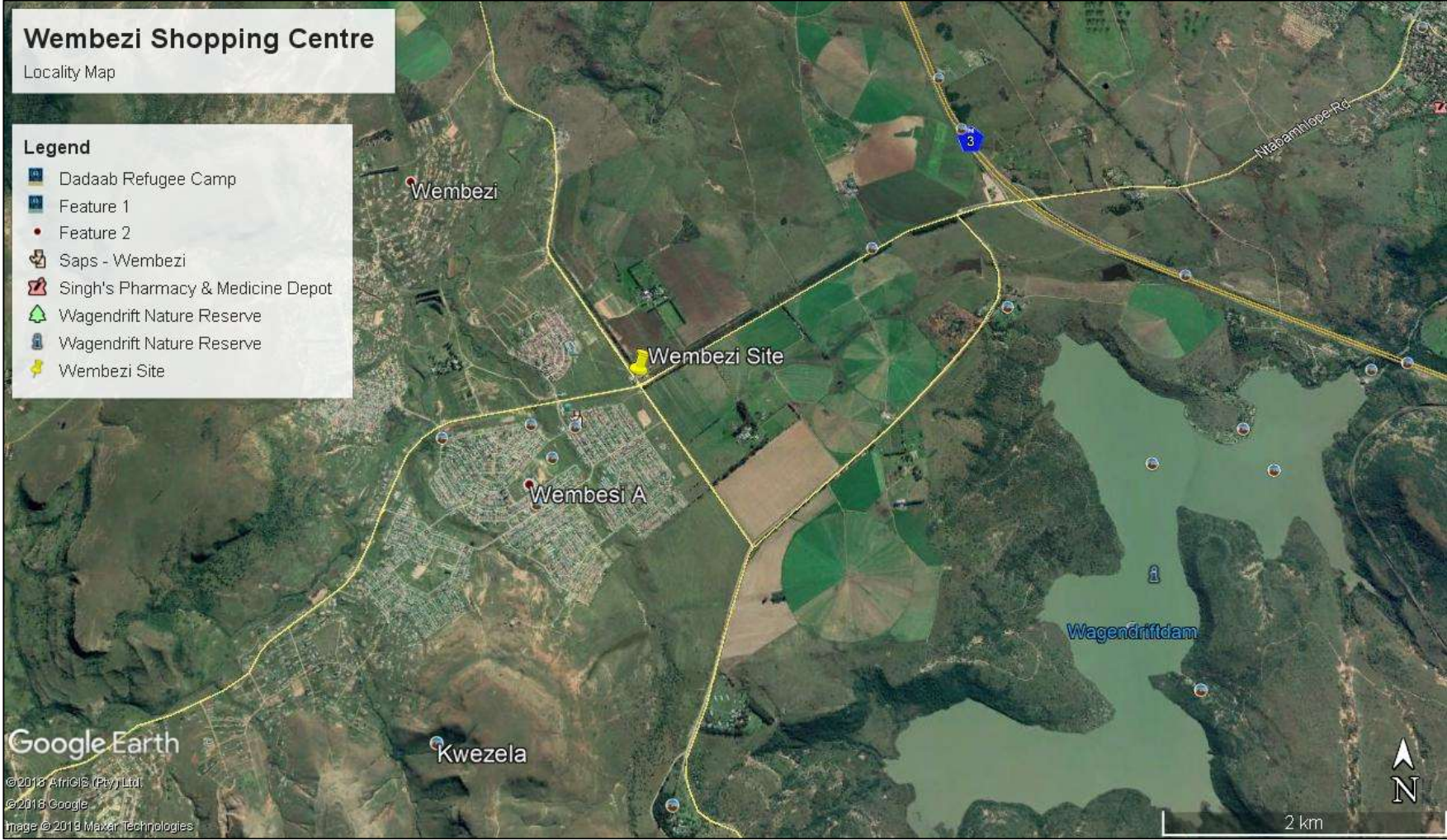
project. I&APs are invited to participate by registering with the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) undertaking the environmental authorisation process. The public participation process is intended to:

- Provide the public with information on the proposed development
- Provide the public with information on the BA.
- Provide I&APs an opportunity to seek clarity and raise any issues or concerns.

Should you wish to register as an I&AP, please complete the I&AP registration form at the end of this document before the close of this commenting period. The commenting period is 30 days from the date of this notice.

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NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENT

Notice is hereby given in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), of intent to carry out the following activity:

ACTIVITY

Proposed Wembezi Shopping Centre and Filling Station

LOCATION

Portion 191 of the Farm 15988, Wembezi, Escourt

GEOGRAPHICAL CO-ORDINATES

(29°2'31.88"S) (29° 47'38.67"E)

PROJECT APPLICANT

Timocento (PTY) LTD

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER (EAP)

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In order to register as an interested and affected party, please submit your name, contact information, and interest in the project in writing to the EAP within 30 days of this advertisement. Further information on the project can also be obtained from the above contact details.

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Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) Registration Form

Name and Surname	
Landline number	
Cell number	
Fax number	
Email address	
Physical address	
Postal address	
Project name	
Date of comment	
Comment	

Please Email, fax, or post to:

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