

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

## NOTICE FOR A BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS TO OBTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED CATTLE FEEDLOT ON PORTION 46 OF THE FARM NAAWPOORT 437 JP AND THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 4 OF THE FARM NAAWPOORT 437 JP, KOSTER, KGETLENGRIVIER LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE.

### 1. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this document is to provide:

- Background information about the proposed project.
- A description of the required environmental authorisation process.
- A description of the required public participation processes.
- Details of how you can become involved in the public participation process.
- The registration form to register as an Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP).

### 2. PROJECT BACKGROUND

EHW Voerkraal CC appointed Water Use Licence Associates (Pty) Ltd to undertake a Basic Assessment Process for the development of a feedlot with an extent of approximately 16.4 hectares and capacity to accommodate approximately 7 000 cattle.

### 3. LOCATION

The development is situated in North West Province. The development falls within the following boundaries:

Local Municipality:	Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality
District Municipality:	Bojanala Platinum
Town:	Koster
Properties Affected:	Remainder of Portion 4 of the Farm Naauwpoort 437 JP Portion 46 of Portion 4 of the Farm Naauwpoort 437 JP

The locality map of the cattle feedlot in relation to the Remainder of Portion 4 of the Farm Naauwpoort 437 JP and Portion 46 of Portion 4 of the Farm Naauwpoort 437 JP is illustrated in Annexure A.

### 4. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS

The proposed cattle feedlot will trigger several listed activities in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended and promulgated in terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998). The following listed activities may apply triggering the need for a Basic Assessment (BA) process:

#### LISTING NOTICE 1 (GN R.327)

##### **Activity 4:**

The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure for the concentration of animals in densities that exceed –

- (i) 20 square metres per large stock unit and more than 500 units per facility.

##### **Activity 27:**

The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation.

##### **Activity 39:**

The expansion and related operation of facilities or infrastructure for the concentration of animals in densities that exceed –

- (i) 20 square metres per large stock unit and more than 500 units per facility.

#### LISTING NOTICE 3 (GN R.324)

##### **Activity 12:**

The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation - (h) North West: (iv) critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority; (v) sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority.

##### **Activity 23:**

The expansion of infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10 square metres or more where such expansion occurs – (a) within a watercourse and (c) If no development setback exists, within 32 meters of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse – (h) North West: (iv) Site identified as a Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) and Ecological Support Areas (ESAs) in the Gauteng Conservation Plan or in bioregional plans. (v) Sites identified within threatened ecosystems listed in terms of the National Environmental Management Act: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004).

The regulatory competent authority for this application is North West Province: Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (DEDECT).

### 5. POTENTIAL IMPACTS

Positive impacts and negative impacts may derive during the construction and operational phases of the proposed project. An independent specialist was appointed to assess potential impacts on the environment. The specialist studies to be undertaken

include – Terrestrial Ecological Scan and a Freshwater Ecological Assessment.

## 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

As part of the Basic Assessment process, I&AP will be offered the opportunity to register their interest to the project (see Diagram 1 below).

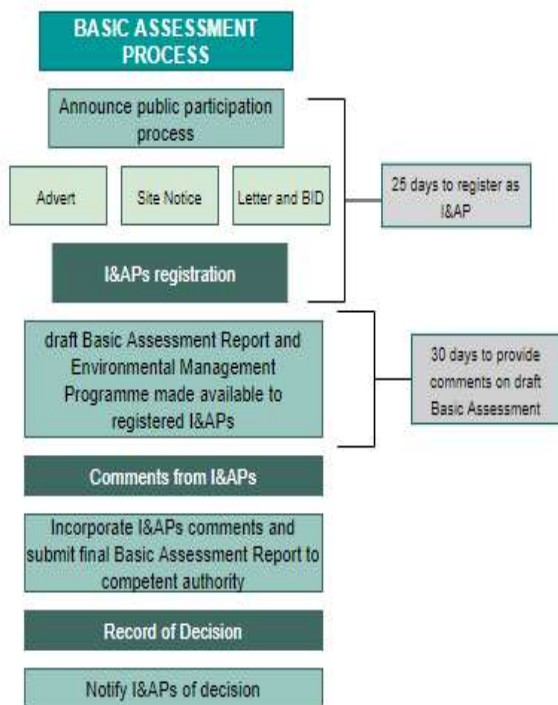


Diagram 1: Basic Assessment Process.

## 7. HOW TO BECOME INVOLVED

You can become part of the public participation process by:

- Returning the Registration Form (page 3) to the relevant contact person between the date of 8 January 2021 and 2 February 2021.
- Reviewing and commenting on the draft Basic Assessment Report within the stipulated 30-day review period (refer to Diagram 1 – Basic Assessment process and I&AP commenting opportunities).

## 8. RESPONSIBILITIES AS AN I&AP

In terms of the public participation process, your attention is drawn to your responsibilities as an I&AP:

- To participate in the public participation process, you must register yourself on the project database with the correct contact details (refer to the Registration Form, page 3).
- You must ensure that any comments regarding the proposed project are submitted within the stipulated timeframes.
- You are required to disclose any direct business, financial, personal or other indirect interest that you

may have regarding the approval or refusal of the application for Environmental Authorisation for the proposed project activity.

Your input into this process forms a key element with regard to the decision of the application for Environmental Authorisation.

By completing and submitting the accompanying form, you automatically register yourself as an I&AP for this project and are ensured that your comments, concerns or queries raised regarding the project will be noted and brought to the attention of the North West Province: DEDECT.

## 9. CONTACT DETAILS

To register as an I&APs, please submit the registration form to the contact details provided below by 9 February 2021.

**Water Use Licence Associates (Pty) Ltd**  
Ms Jana Liebenberg: Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAPASA REG.NO: 2019/1509)  
Water Use Licence Associates (Pty) Ltd  
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## INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY REGISTRATION FORM

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The members of the public are invited to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP).  
Please complete the form and submit to:

Water Use Licence Associates (Pty) Ltd  
Contact Person: Ms Jana Liebenberg  
Environmental Assessment Practitioner - EAPASA REG.NO: 2019/1509  
Address: 29 Arterial Road West, Oriel, Johannesburg, 2007  
Email: [jana@sasenvgroup.co.za](mailto:jana@sasenvgroup.co.za)  
Tel: 011 616 7893

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (work): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (home): \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical address (street) / property description (name and number):  
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Postal address:  
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What is your main area of interest with regard to the proposed project?  
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Please register any possible comments to the proposed project:  
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As an Interested and Affected Party, I, \_\_\_\_\_ (full name), owner / tenant of property \_\_\_\_\_ (name of property), agree with the following (kindly mark the applicable option/s):

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I do not want to register as an I&AP and receive any further correspondence.

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I want to register as an I&AP and to be kept informed of the process.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## ANNEXURE A: LOCALITY MAP

