## NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN, IN TERMS OF THE GAUTENG TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE ACT NO. 8 OF 2001, FOR THE ROUTE DETERMINATION PHASE OF ROAD K47 FROM THE PROPOSED K83 IN THE SOUTH-EAST TO THE PROPOSED PWV 20 IN THE NORTH-WEST (± 15KM)

Notice is hereby given of the Route Determination Process/Phase for the Proposal Provincial Road k47 from the proposed K83 in the South-East to the proposed PWV 20 in the North-West (± 15km). The Gauteng Transport Infrastructure Act No.8 of 2001 (As Amended by the Gauteng Transport Infrastructure Act No. 6 of 2003) requires in Part 2: Section 6 (2) that an environmental investigation/report be conducted in line with the applicable EIA Regulations. The applicable Regulations are the 2014 Amended NEMA EIA Regulations. The route determination phase of a road is however not subject to an EIA process in terms of the Amended 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations and the purpose of this scan is to comply with Section 6(2) of the Gauteng Transport Infrastructure Act No. 8 of 2001 and to assist the MEC of the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport (GDRT) to comply with, and to achieve the relevant public participation and notification requirements as stipulated is Sections 6 - 11 of the Act.

#### a) Broad Description of the Proposed Route:

The environmental scan will be for the route determination phase of the involved section of the proposed Road K47 from the proposed K83 in the south-east to the proposed PWV 20 in the north-west. The involved section of the proposed K47 is ±15km in extent and will run just north of Vereeniging and Three Rivers. For purpose of the K47 scan, the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport (GDRT) will consider at least 4 alignment alternatives /combination of alternatives. The original alignment as published in terms of the Gauteng Road Infrastructure Act No. 8 of 2001 will also represent one of the alternatives to be investigated during this route determination phase.

The proposed alignment alternatives for the K47 will affect the following suburbs, agricultural holdings/ properties/farm portions:

- In the vicinity of the following towns/ suburbs: Falcon Ridge, Waldrift, Vereeniging, Three Rivers East
- Agricultural Holdings: Buyscelia AH; River Park AH
- On various Portions of the following Farms: Waldrift 599 IQ; Kookfontein 545 IQ; Mckay 602 IQ; Smaldeel 542 IQ; Washington Post 600 IQ and Uitvlugt 434 IR.

## b) The GDRT Road Planning Phases

The planning of roads in Gauteng Province consist of four planning phases namely the Road Network Planning Phase, the Route Determination Phase, the Preliminary Design Phase and the Detail Design Phase. The overall road network planning phase has already been completed more than 40 years ago and it has been revised in 2010. The Route Determination Phase, which represents the second planning phase assist with the refining of the proposed alignment as reflected on the larger network plan. During this phase alternative alignments are identified, considered and compared and potential "fatal flaws" are identified. This planning phase does not require any Environmental Impact Assessment in terms of the applicable Environmental Legislation. The Preliminary and Detail Design Phases of the road only follow after the Route Determination Phase and such phases are subject to and EIA Process. As mentioned the involved section of the K47 in now in the Route Determination Phase.

# c) Invitation to Register and Interested and Affected Party and Availability of Environmental Scan for Public Scrutiny and Comment:

You are hereby invited to register as Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) in the environmental scan process. In order to register you must supply your name, contact details, property details and preliminary issues to Bokamoso Environmental Consultants within the next 30 days. The contact details of Bokamoso Environmental Consultants are supplied below.

The Draft Environmental Scan will be available for public review from 27 July 2015 until 27 August 2015 at the Vereeniging Public Library – Leslie St, Vereeniging, 1930 and on the Bokamso website.

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In order to ensure that you are identified as an Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) please submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter, in writing, to the contact person given above within 30 days of this Notice.

