

Background Information Document

Proposed construction of a mixed shopping complex Ndumu Farm No 13147, portion 0, Ward 6 within
Jozini Local Municipality

7 June 2022

Appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner:

GKM Consulting PTY LTD is a fully registered consulting company that specializes in conducting environmental, water and earth science impact assessments. GKM Consulting provides a team of registered, qualified professionals on all their projects to undertake the required assessment in line with promulgated regulation.

Invitation to Comment:

You are invited to comment on the above-mentioned proposed development. Please send your comments to:

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Documents for review will be made available either at a local library or an electronic copy can be emailed to you at your request.



INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with information in respect of the applications for an Environmental Authorisation, Water Use Licence and Heritage permit.

In addition, the BID aims to:

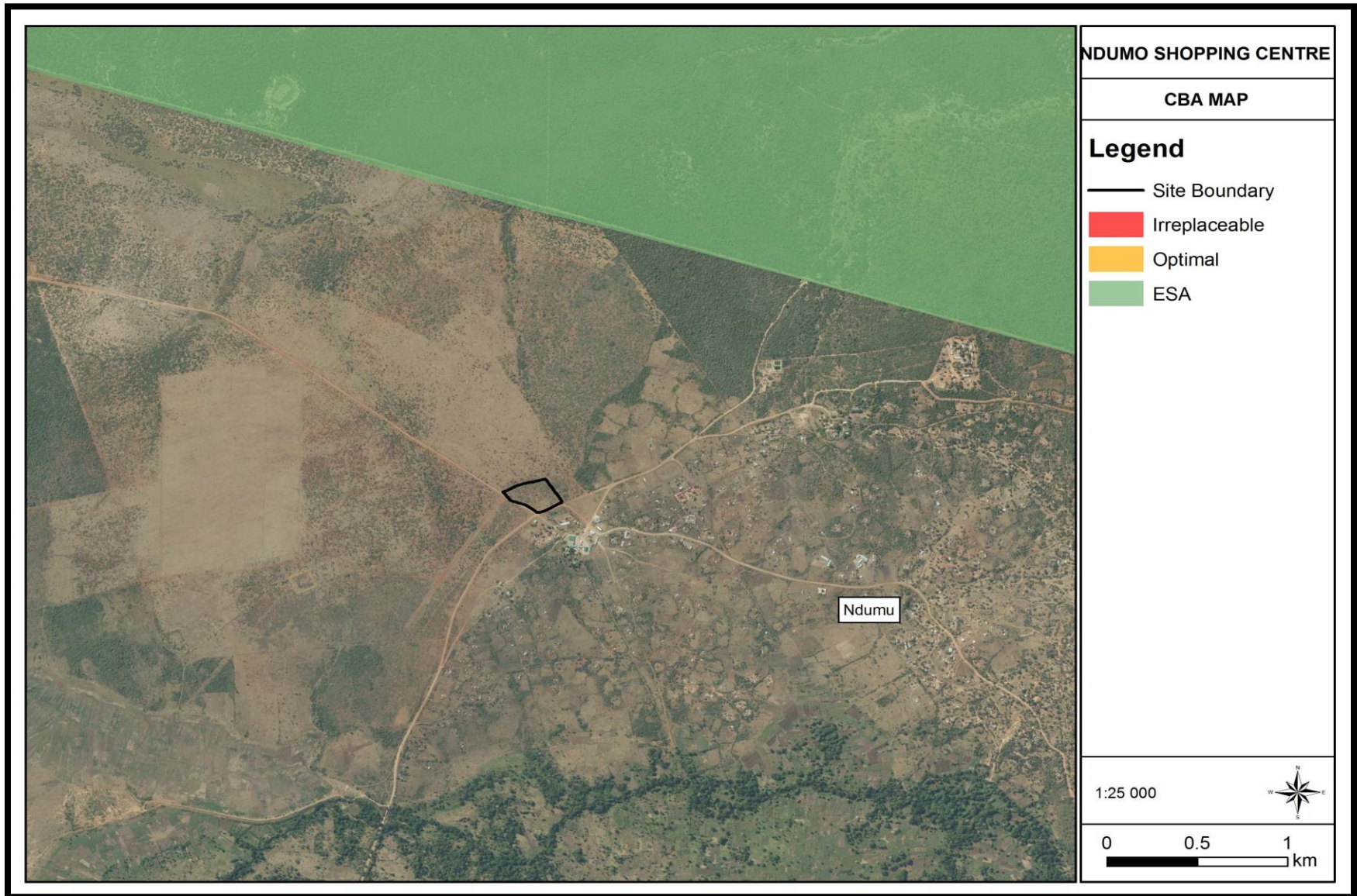
- Introduce and explain the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process, as well as other related parallel environmental processes.
- Introduce and explain how I&APs can participate in the process as prescribed by the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA).
- Invite all I&APs to comment on:
 - The potential for negative and positive biophysical and socio-economic impacts of the project, as well as any other issues of concern,
 - The proposed public participation and environmental assessment process, and
 - Any other comments or suggestions which might be of relevance.

PROJECT DETAILS:

GKM Consulting PTY LTD was appointed by Exlite Consulting Engineers to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed development entails the clearance of 2.7 ha of indigenous vegetation for the construction of the following:

- A shopping center of 3 levels and supporting services (6000 sqm),
- A fuel station of 60 000 litres above-ground storage tanks (820 sqm). The 60 000 litres consist of 20 000 litres petrol, 20 000 litres diesel and 20 000 litres petrol.
- A taxi rank (540 sqm); and
- Market stalls (3600 sqm).

Figure 1 – Locality Map



APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:

The National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 listed activities for the Environmental Authorisation applied for:

Table 1 – National Environmental Management Act Listed Activity

Notice No	Activity Number	Description
Listing No 1	27	The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Public involvement is an essential part of any environmental assessment process. As an interested and affected member (IAP) you will be given the opportunity to provide your input into the environmental assessment process and to receive information. All comments will be recorded and presented to the project team and regulatory authorities. You will receive feedback on how your comments have been considered and the outcome of the assessment.

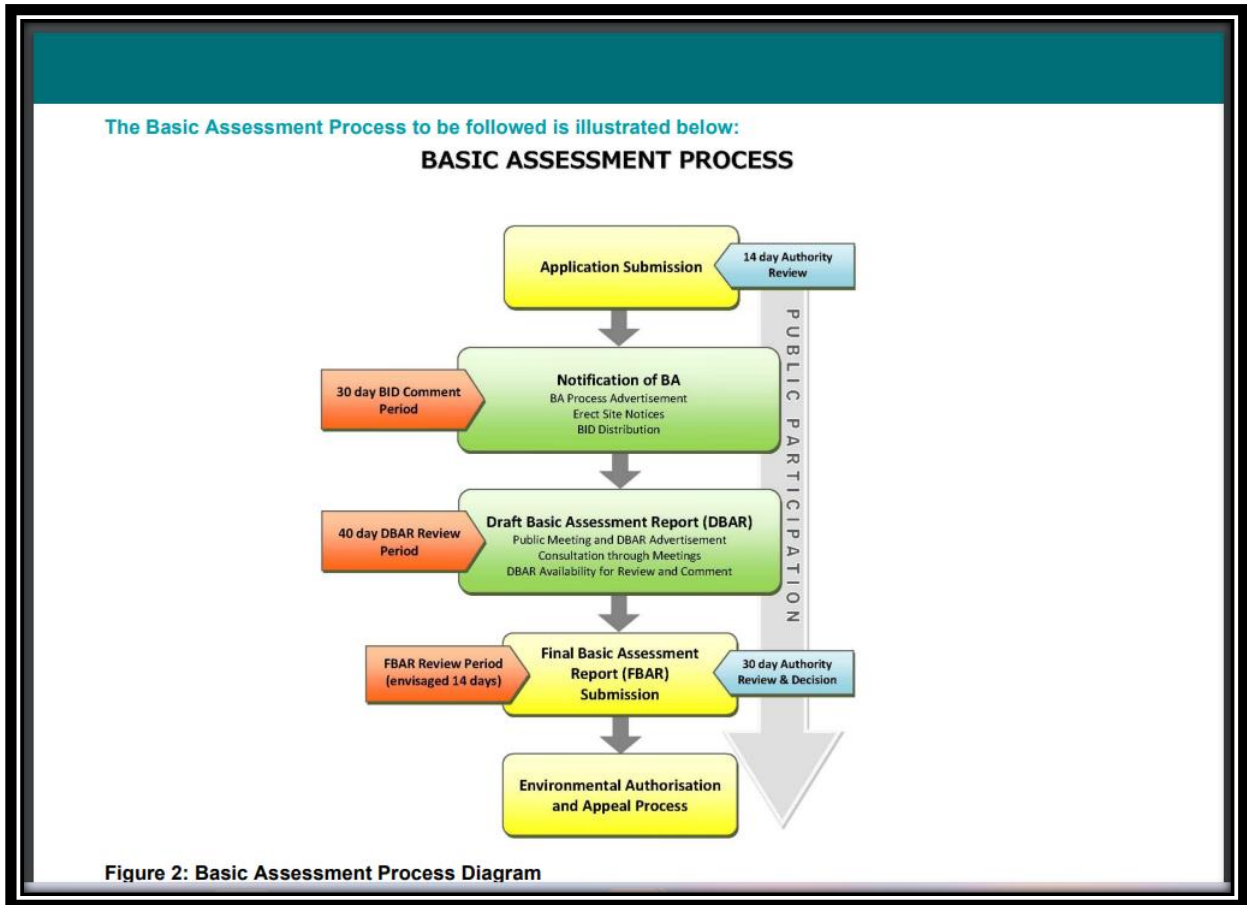
IAPs include any person who will be directly or indirectly affected by the project. To be recognized as an IAP one must register with GKM Environmental to be added to the stakeholder database for the project. You may communicate via email or telephone to obtain further information or comment on the proposed project. All registered I&APs will be kept informed of the decision taken by the competent authority.

Table 4 – Public Participation Process Followed:

Notification Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Post Site Notices in strategic places close to the proposed site• Publish the notice in a newspaper• Circulate written notices to all potential IAPs
Commenting Period	30 days will be allowed for registered and interested parties to comment on the draft basic assessment report
Appeal Process	Notify all registered and interested and affected parties of the competent authority decision and allow an opportunity to appeal the decision.

BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FLOW CHART

Figure 2 – Flow Chart



INVITATION TO COMMENT:

Dear Sir/Madam,

**PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A SHOPPING COMPLEX ON NDUMU FARM NO 13147, PORTION 0
WITHIN THE JOZINI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

iThala Development Finance Corporation proposes the construction of a shopping complex and associated features on the above-mentioned property. To proceed, the applicant must obtain an Environmental Authorisation from the relevant competent authority

As an Interested and Affected Party, I, _____ owner / tenant of property _____ (name of property), agree with the following **(kindly mark the applicable option/s)**:

<input type="checkbox"/>	I have received information regarding the application for Environmental Authorisation for the project on the property mentioned above.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not have any objections regarding the proposed project, and I therefore wish to express my consent or no-objection for the proposed project.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not agree with the proposed project, and I therefore wish to express my objection to the proposed application for environmental authorisation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I want to register as an I&AP and be kept informed of the process and of local open day sessions (please use attached form to fill in your contact details).
<input type="checkbox"/>	I want to attend an information session of the proposed project.

Comment: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Please return filled in form to:

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