



BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF STUDENT ACCOMODATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTRE IN- SOSHANGUVE, BLOCK M, WITHIN THE JURIS- DICTION OF THE CITY OF TSHWANE METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE

INTRODUCTION

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION:

The proposed development requires an Environmental Authorisation (EA) from a competent Authority and an application will be submitted to the Gauteng Department of Environment (GDEnv) and will be carried out under the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended) under the National Environmental Management Act - NEMA (Act 107 of 1998) as amended.

Selahle Consultancy and Projects (Pty) Ltd (herein referred to as Selahle CP) team has approached this proposal with a great deal of experience in undertaking BAs. Selahle CP have a team of specialists with the capacity and background to undertake the fieldwork and compile the reports in the required timeframes.

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide information to interested and/or affected parties (I&APs) about the Basic Assessment process for the Proposed Construction of Student Accommodation and Associated Infrastructures in Soshanguve, Block M, within the jurisdiction of the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province.

In addition to supplying information about the proposed project and the BA process being undertaken, this BID will also provide I&APs with the opportunity to:

- Duly register as an Interested and Affected Parties in the public participation process;
- Understand the environmental authorization process in order to participate effectively;
- Raise issues of concern and/or submit suggestions to enhance the proposed project; and
- Contribute local knowledge.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Govhani Student Accommodation (applicant) intends to construct an approximately 2000 bed Student Accommodation on ERF 1305 Soshanguve-M which will formally be known as the TUT Soshanguve Student Village in Pretoria.

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed site can be accessed by traveling along Flower Street and the co-ordinates to the site are:

25° 32' 0.49" S 28° 5' 25.24" E

(Refer to Figure 1)

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What is a Basic Assessment?

A Basic Assessment (BA) is a process of collecting, organising, analysing, interpreting and communicating information that is relevant for the consideration of a particular application. BAs are undertaken where the impacts are less likely to have significant impacts on the receiving environment.

BAs are used by planning authorities/developers to obtain an independent and objective view of the potential environmental (biophysical and social) impacts that could arise during the construction and operation of the proposed development. This information needs to provide the Competent Authority with a sound basis for their decision-making. Environmental management and mitigation measures are also identified through the BA process.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (NEMA) AND TRIGGERED ACTIVITIES

The proposed development requires compliance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014, promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998, as amended. The proposed development triggers:

- Listing Notice 1, Activity 27 of GN R 327; and
- Listing Notice 3, Activity 12(c)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

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
- Advertisement in Local newspapers (Noweto Newspaper) announcing the proposed project and providing opportunity to comment

- 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

YOUR COMMENTS ARE IMPORTANT

Your comments will ensure that all relevant issues are evaluated in the BAR. You are requested to complete the enclosed registration form and comment sheet. Use the contact details below in this document to make any commenting methods

How to become involved

- Respond (by phone or e-mail) to our invitation for your participation, which has been advertised in the printed media.
- WhatsApp, fax or e-mail the attached Registration and Comment Form to Selahle CP;
- Contact us telephonically should you have a query, comment or require further project information.

By completing and submitting the accompanying Registration and Comment Form, you automatically register yourself as an I&AP for this proposed project, ensuring that your comments and/or concerns raised regarding the proposed project will be noted. The public participation consultants will respond to all comments and queries received during the course of the project.



Figure 1: Locality Map

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