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| Background Information Document: Proposed subdivision of the remaining Doornkloof Farm 391 JR |
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A. Purpose of the BID

The purpose of this BID is to notify the interested and affected parties of the Environmental Impact Assessment study for the above-mentioned projects as stipulated in the EIA Regulations, in terms of the Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998. The stakeholders should be informed of the impacts that are associated with the proposed project. These impacts include social, ecological and economic impacts. An initial site visit has been conducted to identify the impacts and the interested and affected parties are therefore presented with the results of the visit, hence this BID. The locality map of the farm and the proposed subdivision plans are attached as Appendix A.

One of the main objectives of the project is for the stakeholders who are affected by the project to raise their issues and concerns of the proposed activity.

B. Background of the proposed activity

The proposed activity entails subdivision of the remaining extent of the farm Doornkloof 391-J.R. Gauteng Province. The proposed subdivision line will be done as simple as possible taking in consideration all existing features, business structures and services. The following factors have played a role in the proposed subdivision; existing dwellings, the existing roads and right of way servitudes, existing subdivisions in the area and the policy of the Kungwini Local Municipality.

Before any subdivision of land can take place, an environmental impact assessment study needs to be conducted, and this affords interested and affected parties an opportunity to raise concerns or suggestions about the proposed activity. Nebar cc appointed Asande Projects to conduct an environmental study for the proposed activity.

C. Declaration of independence of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner

Asande Projects is an independent environmental consulting company and this is confirmed by the signing of a Declaration of Independence. A notice of intent of the

said project has been submitted to the Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment on 4th of October 2007.

D. Basic Assessment Report

The Basic Assessment Report will be compiled by Asande Projects and its focus would be on issues or impacts associated with the proposed subdivision and affording interested and affected parties an opportunity to comment or raise issues. Mitigative measures to minimise negative environmental impacts would be addressed in the Basic Assessment Report.

E. Environmental Impact Assessment procedure

The proposed development would be subject to the Basic Assessment process which basically consists of two components and those are:

1. the technical or environmental assessment
2. public participation process

Environmental/technical assessment consists of the following components:

1. Identification and assessment of ecological components
2. identification and assessment of socio-economic components
3. Writing up of the basic assessment report.

Public participation consists of the following components:

- 1) Identification of interested and affected parties.
- 2) Informing the interested and affected parties of the proposed project.
- 3) Compilation of stakeholder database.
- 4) Putting up notices about the proposed activity or development.
- 5) Information sharing and exchange with all the stakeholders affected by the project.

The public participation and basic assessment processes are conducted in parallel.

The basic principles of public participation are to afford interested and affected parties an opportunity to participate fully in the process.

F. Preliminary environmental issues identified

There were no significant issues that were identified during the site visit.

G. Issues/concerns

For issues or concerns to raise about the proposed activity and to be registered as interested and affected party, Kindly complete the attached comments sheet as Appendix B and return it to Asande Projects. If you have any additional stakeholders that you feel should be involved in the process, kindly inform Asande Projects.

Please note that completed comments sheet should reach us within 30 days after the publication of Environmental Notice. The date of publication of environmental Impact Assessment Notice was the 6th of November 2007 in the Pretoria News.

Asande Projects would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking time and effort to read this Background Information Document.

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX B