

Application for authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014

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PROJECT TITLE

Mkhondo Local Municipality mix use human settlement (township) development in Dirkiesdorp,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. This application form is current as of 8 December 2014. It is the responsibility of the proponent to ascertain whether subsequent versions of the form have been published or produced by the competent authority.
2. It is the responsibility of the proponent to confirm that DARDLEA is the competent authority to which this application must be submitted (refer to NEMA section 24C).
3. The required information must be typed within the spaces provided in the form. The sizes of the spaces provided are not necessarily indicative of the amount of information to be provided.
4. Where applicable **black out** the boxes that are not applicable in the form.
5. The use of the phrase ~~not applicable~~ in the form must be done with circumspection.
6. No faxed or e-mailed applications will be accepted.
7. **Proof of payment of the applicable fee for consideration and processing of applications must accompany the submission of this form, unless an exclusion applies.** If an exclusion applies, a **written motivation** must be attached to this application form.
8. If the proponent is not the owner or person in control of the land on which the activity is to be undertaken, written consent from the landowner or person in control of the land must be obtained and must be attached to this application form, unless Regulation 39(2) applies.
9. The original signed declarations by the applicant and by the EAP and any specialist, which EAP and specialist meet all the requirements contemplated in Regulation 13, must accompany this application form. Where specialists and review EAPs/specialists are appointed after the submission of this form, the relevant declaration forms in Section 10 must be completed, and the original signed forms must accompany the draft basic assessment or the draft environmental impact assessment reports, as well as final reports to be submitted to this Department.
10. Unless protected by law, all information contained in this application will become public information on receipt by the Department. Upon request, the applicant/EAP must provide any interested and affected party with the information contained in or submitted with this application form.
11. Where exemption is intended to be applied for, such application must be made in terms of the National Exemption Regulations, 2014, and must be finalised before lodging an application for environmental authorisation.
12. If, in addition to this application, you must also apply for a Waste Management Licence in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) and/or an Atmospheric Emission Licence in terms of the National Environmental: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004), then separate application forms in terms of the applicable legislation must be completed and submitted to the relevant licensing authorities.
13. An application for environmental authorisation lapses if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations.

14. DARDLEA has not prescribed a format for Basic Assessment, Scoping or Environmental Impact Assessment Reports, or Environmental Management Programmes. Said reports must however contain all the information set out in Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively.
15. This form, and all subsequent reports, **must be submitted to the Department at the relevant DISTRICT OFFICE** given below. Should the application form not be submitted at the relevant district office, it will not be considered.

EHLANZENI DISTRICT	NKANGALA DISTRICT	GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT
Environmental Impact Management 18 Jones Street Nelspruit 1200 Tel: 013 759 4000	Environmental Impact Management Corner Rosemead and Ryan Road Witbank 1035 Tel: 013 692 5843	Environmental Impact Management 13 De Jager Street Ermelo 2351 Tel: 017 811 4830
Please note that the addresses provide above are subject to change. It is the responsibility of the applicant / EAP to verify the abovementioned details with the relevant District Offices prior to submission of all application forms and reports.		

PROOF OF PAYMENT

Tick the appropriate box below to indicate that either proof of payment is attached or that, in the applicant's view, an exclusion applies. Proof and motivations for exclusions must be attached to this application form.

Proof of payment attached:

Exclusion applies:

An applicant is excluded from paying fees if:

- The activity is a community based project funded by a government grant; or
- The applicant is an organ of state

TYPE OF EXCLUSION	Tick which is applicable and attach proof / motivation
The activity is a community based project funded by a government grant	
The applicant is an organ of state	X

FEE AMOUNT		
APPLICATION TYPE	FEE	Tick which is applicable
Application for an environmental authorisation for which basic assessment is required	R2000	
Application for an environmental authorisation for which S&EIR is required	R10 000	

Details for the payment of application fees

<p>Banking Details: Account name: Dept of Agric, Rural Dev & Land Bank: Standard Bank Account number: 0303 02285 Branch Code: 052852 (Nelspruit) Type of account: Current Status: Tax exempt Beneficiary reference number: EIM</p> <p>Proof of payment must be attached to this application form. Proof of payment includes a receipt, a stamped deposit slip, electronic fund transfer copy or a payment advice.</p>
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1. PROJECT TITLE

Mkhondo Local Municipality mix use human settlement (township) development in Dirkiesdorp

Provide a clear, accurate and detailed description of the development project and its associated infrastructure.

Mkhondo Local Municipality proposes the development of sustainable and integrated human settlements at Dirkiesdorp, Gert Sibande District in Mpumalanga province. The proposed establishment includes the development of 1000 stands with an approximate size of **400-500 m²** and will include the development of water, road, electrical and sewage infrastructure. The proposed development site is located to the East of the town of Dirkiesdorp located 41km to the West of Piet Retief in eastern Mpumalanga. The sustainable and integrated human settlement is planned on **Portion 3 of the farm Schoonderzigt 68 HT**. The size of the property is **305.0339 Ha** however only **100 ha** will be utilised for the proposed establishment. Benefits associated with the proposed development include access to good quality houses, provision of infrastructure that will create an environment that is conducive to economic, growth and development, elimination of informal settlements, development of new housing stock catering for affordable and high income markets, understanding of all housing related matters and available housing options, densification in centrally located areas in order to optimize bulk infrastructure provision, promotion of contractor development and address unemployment, and The building of municipal housing development and delivery capacity.

The main aim of the project is to

- Eradicate backlogs and maintain basic services by providing green infrastructure such as water tanks and renewable energy;
- Improve education and health infrastructure;
- Provide public and non-motorised transport;
- Provide facilities that improve accessibility to urban functions and job opportunities;
- Assess alternative utilisations of facilities e.g. underutilised schools;
- Upgrade roads with highest volumes; and
- Strengthen corridors to closet urban functional areas.

The proposed development consists of the following infrastructure development but not limited to:

- Electricity Infrastructure;
- Roads Infrastructure (Internal Access roads)
- Sewerage Infrastructure;
- Water Infrastructure;
- Residential area's
- Healthcare facilities
- Recreational facilities
- Institutions of learning (Primary and High School)
- Churches

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant:	Mkhondo Local Municipality		
Trading name (if any):			
Contact person:	Mr Maqhawe Kunene		
Physical address:	Cor. Mark and De Wet Street ; eMkhondo		
Postal address:	PO Box 23 , Piet Retief		
Postal code:	2380	Cell:	
Telephone:	017 826 8100	Fax:	017 826 3129
E-mail:	mkunene@mkhondo.org.za		

In instances where there is more than one applicant, this section must be duplicated

Company name of EAP:	Lidwala Consulting Engineers SA (Pty) Ltd		
EAP name and surname:	Moseketsi Mochesane		
Postal address:	PostNet Suite 328 Private Bag X21 Bryanston		
Postal code:	2021	Cell:	076 168 9466
Telephone:	0861 543 9252	Fax:	
E-mail:	mmochesane@lidwala.com		
Qualifications & relevant experience	B.Sc. Hons Botany & B.Sc. Hons Env. Man		
Professional affiliation(s) (if any)	(Cert. Sci. Nat.)		

Landowner:	Mkhondo Local Municipality		
Contact person:	Mr Maqhawe Kunene		
Postal address:	Cor. Mark and De Wet Street ; eMkhondo		
Postal code:	PO Box 23 , Piet Retief 2380	Fax:	
Telephone:	017 826 8100	Fax:	
E-mail:	mkunene@mkhondo.org.za		

In instances where there is more than one landowner, this section must be duplicated. PROOF OF DEED TRANSFER ATTACHED IN **APPENDIX 2**

District Municipality in whose jurisdiction the proposed activity will fall (Delete which is not applicable):		Gert Sibande
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Local authority in whose jurisdiction the proposed activity will fall:	Mkhondo Local Municipality		
Nearest town:	Piet Retief		
Contact person:	Mr Maqhawe Kunene		
Postal address:	Cor. Mark and De Wet Street ; eMkhondo		
Postal code:	PO Box 23 , Piet Retief 2380	Cell:	
Telephone:	017 826 8100	Fax:	017 826 3129
E-mail:	mkunene@mkhondo.org.za		

3. SITE DESCRIPTION

Property description:	The proposed integrated mix use human settlement development is planned on Portion 3 of the farm Schoonderzigt 68 HT. The size of the property is 305.0339 Ha however only approximately 100 ha will be utilised for the proposed development. The site is situated in the quarter degree square 2730AB. <small>(Farm name, portion, number and registration division or Erf number etc.) Where a large number of properties are involved (e.g. linear activities), please attach a full list to this application.</small>																							
Current land-use zoning:	Agricultural land <small>In instances where there is more than one current land-use zoning, please attach a list of current land use zonings that also indicate which portions each use pertains to, to this application.</small>																							
Property size (m²) of all proposed sites:	305.0339 Ha.																							
Development footprint size (m²):	1000000 m ² (100 ha)																							
Project map:	A project map must be attached to this document. The map must accurately provide an indication of the project site position as well as the positions of the alternative sites, if any, and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> road names or numbers of all major roads as well as the roads that provide access to the site(s); a north arrow; Any sensitive geographic features (e.g. watercourses). ATTACHED IN APPENDIX 3 																							
Site co-ordinates:	Indicate the position of the activity using the latitude and longitude of the centre point of the preferred site alternative. The co-ordinates must be in degrees, minutes and seconds using the Hartebeesthoek94 WGS84 co-ordinate system. <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">Latitude (S):</td> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">Longitude (E):</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">27°</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9'</td> <td style="text-align: center;">58.83"</td> <td style="text-align: center;">30 °</td> <td style="text-align: center;">22'</td> <td style="text-align: center;">53.93"</td> </tr> </table>	Latitude (S):			Longitude (E):			27°	9'	58.83"	30 °	22'	53.93"											
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4. TYPE OF APPLICATION

4.1 Application for Basic Assessment

Is this an application for conducting a basic assessment (as defined in the Regulations)?

[REDACTED]

Please indicate when the final basic assessment report will be submitted:

[REDACTED]

4.2 Application for Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIR)

Is this an application for Scoping and EIR (as defined in the Regulations)?

YES [REDACTED]

Please indicate when the final Scoping Report (including the Plan of Study for EIA) will be submitted:

NOVEMBER 2018

5. ACTIVITIES APPLIED FOR TO BE AUTHORISED

For an application for authorisation that involves more than one listed or specified activity that, together, make up one development proposal, all the listed activities pertaining to this application must be indicated.

Government Notice R327 Activity No.	Describe the relevant Basic Assessment Activity in writing as per Listing Notice 1 (GN No. R327)	Describe the portion of the development as per the project description that relates to the applicable listed activity
12	<i>The development of : x. Buildings exceeding 100 square metres in size</i>	<i>The township will consist of approximately a 1000 stands of 400-500 square metres</i>
28	<i>Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional developments where such land was used for agriculture or afforestation on or after 01 April 1998 and where such a development: (ii) will occur outside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 1 hectare</i>	<i>The development will be outside an urban area and the total land to be developed is approximately 100 hectares</i>
Government Notice R324 Activity No:	Describe the relevant Basic Assessment Activity in writing as per Listing Notice 3 (GN No. R324)	Describe the portion of the development as per the project description that relates to the applicable listed activity
12	<i>The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation (c) ii within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans</i>	<i>The proposed development area forms part of an area that has been classified as threatened terrestrial ecosystem and classified as vulnerable within the classification. The area is also located within a "Irreplaceable Critical Biodiversity Area" bioregional zone in accordance with the Mpumalanga MBCP Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment</i>
14	<i>The development of : x. Buildings exceeding 10 square metres in size a.ii Outside an urban area (ff): where the area is critical biodiversity areas of ecosystems</i>	<i>The proposed development area forms part of an area that has been classified as threatened terrestrial ecosystem and classified as vulnerable within the classification. The area is also located within a "Irreplaceable Critical Biodiversity Area" bioregional zone in accordance with the Mpumalanga MBCP Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment</i>
Government Notice R325 Activity No:	Describe the relevant Scoping and EIA Activity in writing as per Listing Notice 2 (GN No. R325)	Describe the portion of the development as per the project description that relates to the applicable listed activity
15	<i>The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation</i>	<i>The proposed development footprint is approximately 100 hectares</i>
<p>Please note: Only those activities listed above shall be considered for authorisation. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that all applicable listed activities are included in the application. Environmental Authorisation must be obtained prior to commencement with each applicable listed activity. If a specific listed activity is not included in an Environmental Authorisation, an application for amendment or a new application for Environmental Authorisation will have to be submitted.</p>		

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

6.1 Public Participation undertaken to date

Where public participation in terms of Regulations 40, 41 and 42 was undertaken prior to submission of this application, please provide a summary of the steps followed to date.

- Site Notices were erected on site and the surrounding communities.
- Background Information documents have been distributed.
- Project notifications have been sent out to IA&P's.
- Project notification, availability of draft scoping and invitation to public meetings adverts will placed with the local newspaper (Highveld tribune and Excelsior) proofs will be included as part of the Final Scoping Report
- The Site notices, Notification letters and Adverts are attached in **APPENDIX 4**
- The public participation process for the 2016 application have been included in the Draft scoping report under **APPENDIX E and F**

6.2 State Departments identified in terms of S240

Provide a list of all State Departments / Organs of State that will be / have been consulted, and to whom draft reports will be / have been submitted for comment. **Proof of submission / delivery of the draft report to all State Departments / Organs of State must be attached to the BAR / S&EIR.**

Name of Department	Contact person	Address	Email Address	Phone number
Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency	Mr Frans Krige	N4 National Road, Halls Gateway, Mataffin	frans@mtpa.co.za	013 254 0279
Department of Water and Sanitation	Mr J.M. Aswegan	Promrom Building, c/o Brown & Paul Kruger street, Nelspruit	asweganj@dws.gov.za	013 759 7310
Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries	Mr Zinzile Mtotywa	16 Reitz Street, Sonheuwel, Nelspruit	zinzilem@daff.gov.za	013 754 0761
Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Agency	Kolesky Marius	8th Floor, Maxsa Building, Streak Street	koleskym@iucma.co.za	013 753 9022
The South African Heritage Resources Agency	Hine Phillip	111 Harrington Street	phine@sahra.org.za	021 462 4502

Please note: In terms of Regulation (7)2, the EAP is responsible for consulting with all relevant State Departments / Organs of State in respect of the application (unless agreement to the contrary has been reached with the Department), and such State Departments must be provided with a 30 day comment period.

7. OTHER AUTHORISATIONS

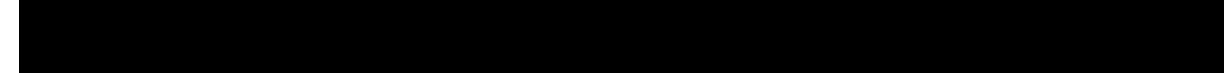
7.1 Do you need any authorisations in terms of the following legislation?

National Environmental Management: Waste Act (NEMWA)

NO

Have such applications been lodged already?

If Yes, please attach proof of submission and provide a status update below. If no, then indicate when such applications will be submitted.



8. SECTOR

Please indicate, by marking the appropriate box below, the **ONE sector** most applicable to the main development which forms the subject of this application

Green economy + Green and energy-saving industries		Greenfield transformation to urban or industrial form (including mining)	
Infrastructure . electricity (generation, transmission & distribution)		Biodiversity or sensitive area related activities	
Oil and gas		Mining value chain	
Biofuels		Potential of metal fabrication capital & transport equipment arising from large public investments	
Nuclear		Boat building	
Basic services (local government) . electricity and electrification		Manufacturing . automotive products and components, and medium and heavy commercial vehicles	
Basic services (local government) . area lighting		Manufacturing . plastics, pharmaceuticals and chemicals	
Infrastructure . transport (ports, rail and road)		Manufacturing . clothing textiles, footwear and leather	
Basic services (local government access roads)		Forestry, paper, pulp and furniture	
Basic services (local government) . public transport		Business process servicing	
Infrastructure . water (bulk and reticulation)		Advanced materials	
Basic services (local government) . sanitation		Aerospace	
Basic services (local government) . waste management		Basic services (local government) . education	
Basic services (local government) water		Basic services (local government) . health	
Agricultural value chain + agro-processing (linked to food security and food pricing imperatives)		Basic services (local government) - housing	X
Infrastructure . information and communication technology		Basic services (local government) security of tenure	
Tourism + strengthening linkages between cultural industries and tourism		Other	
Basic services (local government) . public open spaces and recreational facilities			

8. CAPITAL VALUE AND JOB CREATION ESTIMATES (if applicable)

Capital value	Job estimates

9. LIST OF APPENDICES

		Submitted	
Appendix 1	Proof of payment, (APPLICANT IS AN ORGAN OF STATE)		N/A
	Written motivation where exclusion of payment applies (APPLICANT IS AN ORGAN OF STATE)		N/A
Appendix 2	Land owner consent	YES	
Appendix 3	Project map / plan	YES	
Appendix 4	Public Participation Documents	YES	

10. DECLARATIONS

10.1 The Applicant

Note: Duplicate this section where there is more than one applicant.

I, _____, in my personal capacity or duly authorised thereto hereby declare/affirm all the information submitted or to be submitted as part of the application is true and correct, and that I:

- am fully aware of my responsibilities in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (EIA Regulations) in terms of NEMA (Government Notice No. R. 982 refers) and any relevant specific environmental management act and that failure to comply with these requirements may constitute an offence in terms of relevant environmental legislation;
- appointed the environmental assessment practitioner and/or specialists, where applicable, which EAP and/or specialists meet all the requirements in terms of regulation 13 of GN No. R 982 to act as independent environmental assessment practitioner for this application;
- will provide the EAP, specialists and the competent authority with access to all information at my disposal that is relevant to the application;
- will be responsible for the costs incurred in complying with the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 and other environmental legislation including but not limited to .
 - costs incurred in connection with the appointment of the environmental assessment practitioner or any person contracted by the environmental assessment practitioner;
 - costs incurred in respect of independent reviews in terms of regulation 13(2) of GN No. R982;
 - costs incurred in respect of the undertaking of any process required in terms of the regulations;
 - costs in respect of any fee prescribed by the Minister or MEC in respect of the regulations;
 - costs in respect of specialist reviews, if the competent authority decides to recover costs; and
 - the provision of security to ensure compliance with applicable management and mitigation measures;
- am responsible for complying with conditions that may be attached to any decision(s) issued by the competent authority;
- will ensure that the environmental assessment practitioner is competent to comply with the requirements of the EIA Regulations, 2014;
- hereby indemnify the government of the Republic, the competent authority and all its officers, agents and employees, from any liability arising out of the content of any report, any procedure or any action for which the applicant or environmental assessment practitioner is responsible in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 and any specific environmental management act; and
- will not hold the competent authority responsible for any costs that may be incurred by the applicant in proceeding with an activity prior to an appeal being decided in terms of the NEMA Regulations, 2014.

Note: If acting in a representative capacity, a certified copy of the resolution or power of attorney must be attached.

Signature of the applicant

Name of company

Date

10.2 The Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)

I, **MOSEKETSI MOCHESANE**, as the appointed environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) hereby declare/affirm the correctness of the information provided or to be provided as part of the application, and that I:

- in terms of the general requirement to be independent (tick which is applicable):

	other than fair remuneration for work performed/to be performed in terms of this application, have no business, financial, personal or other interest in the activity or application and that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity; or
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	am not independent, but another EAP that is independent and meets the general requirements set out in Regulation 13 has been appointed to review my work (Note: a declaration by the review EAP must be submitted);
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- have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments, including knowledge of the Act, regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- will ensure compliance with the EIA Regulations 2014;
- will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the application;
- will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in regulation 18 of the regulations when preparing the application and any report, plan or document relating to the application;
- will disclose to the proponent or applicant, registered interested and affected parties and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority or the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority (unless access to that information is protected by law, in which case I will indicate that such protected information exists and is only provided to the competent authority);
- will ensure that information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application is distributed or made available to interested and affected parties and the public and that participation by interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all interested and affected parties will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate and to provide comments on documents that are produced to support the application;
- declare that all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct;
- am aware that it is an offence in terms of Regulation 48 to provide incorrect or misleading information and that a person convicted of such an offence is liable to the penalties as contemplated in section 49B(2) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998).

Signature of the environmental assessment practitioner

LIDWALA CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Name of company

OCTOBER 2018

Date