

15 June 2016

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party

**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE: PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE AND INTEGRATED HUMAN SETTLEMENT (HOUSING DEVELOPMENT) IN DIRKIESDORP, MKHONDO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

- EIA Process and Integrated Water Use License Application Notification
- Availability Draft Scoping Report for review and written comments
- Invitation to Open Day

Lidwala Consulting Engineering (SA) (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by the Mkhondo Local Municipality (MLM) to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process and an Integrated Water Use Licence application (IWULA) for the proposed establishment of a mix use human settlement (Township) development in Dirkiesdorp within the Mkhondo Local Municipality in the Mpumalanga Province.

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations published in Government Notice R982, R983, R984 and R985 of 8 December 2014 in terms of Section 24 (5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and Government Notice 19182 of 26 August 1998 of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA); that the Mkhondo Local Municipality proposes to establish a sustainable and integrated human settlement (Housing Development) in Dirkiesdorp on Portion 3 of the farm Schoonderzigt 68 HT, in the Mkhondo Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

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The project team would like to invite you, as an interested and/or affected party (I&AP), to become part of the EIA and public participation (PP) processes for the proposed project. The aim of this process is to ensure that the environmental impacts associated with the project are taken into consideration and mitigated, to ensure public input in decision making and to provide decision-makers with sufficient information to make an informed decision on the proposed activities associated with the project.

**YOUR COMMENT IS IMPORTANT**

You are invited to formally register as an interested and/or affected party (I&AP) and to participate in the EIA process by completing the registration and comment form enclosed with the Background Information Document (BID). You are welcome to comment on the BID in any of the following ways:

- Submitting your completed registration and comment form to us on or before **Friday, 15 July 2016**;
- Writing a letter to be received by us on or before **Friday, 15 July 2016**, or
- By e-mail, fax or phoning the public participation office.

**DRAFT SCOPING REPORT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT**

All interested and/or affected parties (I&APs) are hereby notified that the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) for the proposed housing development in Dirkiesdorp on Portion 3 of the farm Schoonderzigt 68 HT, in the Mkhondo Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province is available for public review and comment at the following public places (hard copy), Lidwala Consulting Engineer’s website (<http://www.lidwala.com>) and CD on written request from Lidwala SA, from **Wednesday, 15 June 2016 to Friday, 15 July 2016** (end of business day):

Venue	Working Hours	Street Address	Contact No.
Injabulo Combined School	08:00 - 14:00	Ginastor Street, Dirkiesdorp	
Mkhondo Local Municipality	07:30 - 16:15	Cnr Market and De Wet Street Mkhondo (Piet Retief)	017 826 8100
Piet Retief Public Library	Monday – Friday 09:00 - 16:30 Saturdays 09:00 – 11:45	10 Retief Street, Piet Retief, 2380	017 826 8153

## INVITATION TO OPEN DAY

All individuals or groups interested in or affected by the project are invited to attend one of the open day to be held for this project. The open day will be held as follows:

Date	Type of Meeting	Time	Venue
29 June 2016	Public Open Day	09:00 - 15:00	Injabulo Combined School, Ginastor Street, Dirkiesdorp

The purpose of the Open Day is to:

- Provide background information regarding the proposed project;
- Provide information regarding the EIA process and studies;
- Provide feedback on the environmental findings as per the Draft Scoping Report (DSR);
- Provide the opportunity to raise any particular issue and/or concern that you may have;
- Provide an opportunity to liaise with the project team members; and
- Record the comments, issues and/or concerns raised during discussions.

We would like to thank you, in advance, for becoming part of the EIA, WULA and Public Participation Processes and are looking forward to receiving your comments relating to the proposed project.

Kind Regards



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**Appendix A: Background Information Document**

**Appendix B: Registration and Comment Form**