

1 November 2018

**Dear Interested and Affected Party**

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

➤ **Re-Application for Environmental Authorisation**

Lidwala Consulting Engineers (SA) (Pty) Ltd would like to inform you that Mkhondo Local Municipality submitted an application, for the above mentioned project, with the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA) for an Environmental Authorisation on **11 July 2016**. After reviewing the application and final scoping report (DARDLEA) had comments and concerns that needed to be addressed before acceptance of the scoping can be given (**Attached as Appendix B of the Draft Scoping Report**), this resulted in the project being placed on hold as Mkhondo Local Municipality was unable to address the concerns as desired by the department, and has given the reasons why this is the case (**Attached as Appendix M of the Draft Scoping Report**).

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Amended Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations published in Government Notice R326, Listing Notices R324, R325 and R327 of December 2014 and 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, 30 November 2018;**
- Writing a letter to be received by us on or before **Friday, 30 November 2018,** 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. **Please note that the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days from Thursday, 1 November 2018 to Friday, 30 November 2018 (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<br>Mkhondo (Piet Retief) | 017 826 8100 |
| Piet Retief Public Library | Monday – Friday 09:00 - 16:30<br>Saturdays 09:00 – 11:45 | 10 Retief Street, Piet Retief, 2380                   | 017 826 8153 |

## INVITATION TO OPEN DAY/PUBLIC MEETING

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  |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--|
| 15 November 2018 | Public Open/Meeting | 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: I&AP Registration and Comment Form**