

**NOTICE OF A SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A LANDFILL SITE (CLASS B) AND ASSOCIATED
INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 1 OF THE FARM MELK
SPRUIT NO. 12, WALTER SISULU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE**



BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

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1. PURPOSE OF THE BID

The purpose of this document is to provide all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with information about the proposed development. This BID also aims to provide information about the Public Participation Process (PPP) to be followed as prescribed by the Section 41(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014 published in Government Notice (GNR) (R982) as amended by GNR 326 (07 April 2017) published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) as amended. As well as the provisions of the National Environmental Management Act: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) (NEMWA).

The BID provides an overview of the following:

- The various aspects of the environmental processes that are required for the implementation of the proposed project;
- An understanding of the proposed project; and

- A locality map indicating the position of the development.

All I&APs are invited to comment on issues and concerns related to the project.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

Rambuda Consultants (Pty) Ltd has been appointed in terms of EIA Regulations 12 (1) by Imbawula Civil Projects (Pty) Ltd (on behalf of Walter Sisulu Local Municipality (WSLM) as an Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed landfill (class B) development.

The proposed landfill site will have the following infrastructure:

- Landfill cells
- Leachate & Evaporation dam
- Leachate monitoring and collection system
- Recycling (Sorting) facility
- Dead carcass pit
- Access roads
- Office buildings
- Electric Connection

- Workshop
- Weighbridge
- Security Perimeter Fence
- Access control/Security House

The proposed development is located within Ward 3, on the remaining extent of portion 1 of the farm Melk Spruit No. 12, Walter Sisulu Local Municipality. The property is owned by WSLM under title deed no. T55629/1996. The central

coordinate of the proposed project is 30°41'27.97" S 26°39'46.43" E (Preferred Site). Two (2) alternative sites are also considered: Alternative 01 (30°42'23.02" S 26°40'19.59" E) and Alternative 02 (30°42'27.27" S 26°39'27.81" E). All these sites are located on the same farm

Refer to the locality map below.

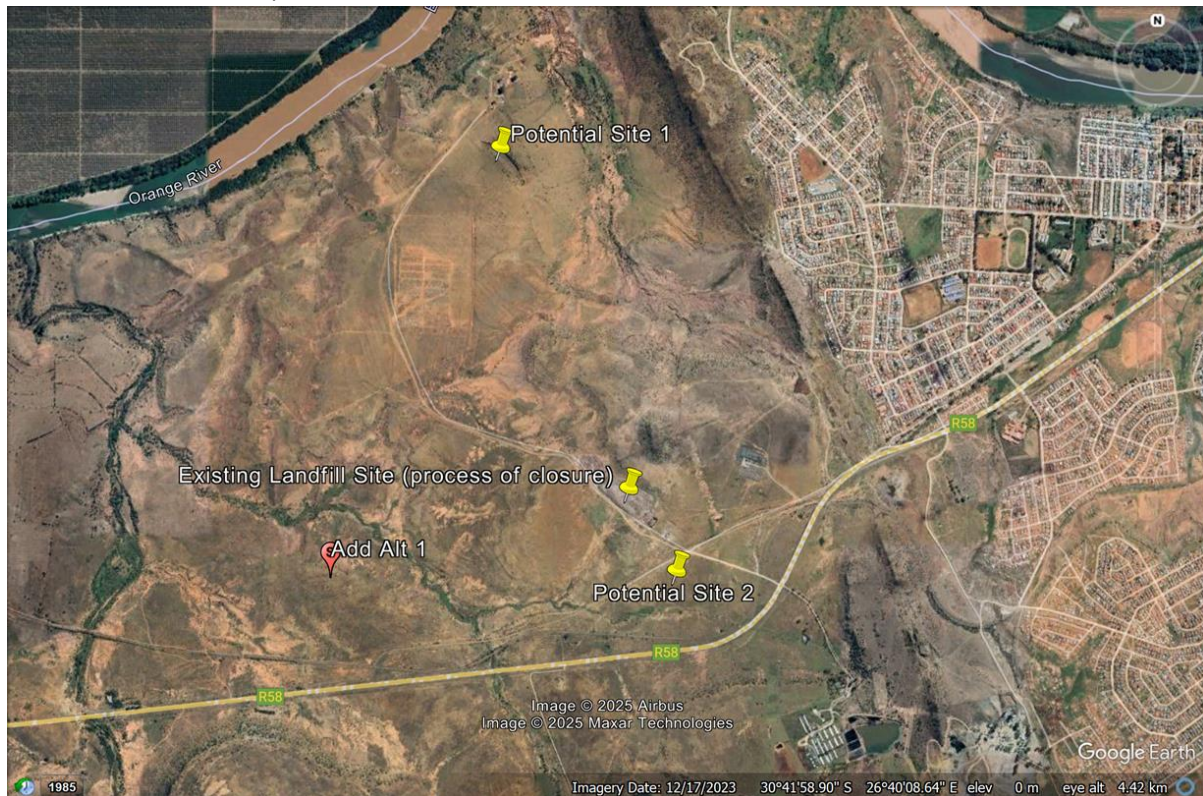


Figure 1: Project Location



Figure 2: Landfill Site's Concept Design

3. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Section 24 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) requires that activities (e.g., construction of a landfill site), which may impact the environment, must obtain an Environmental Authorisation (EA) from a relevant competent authority before commencing with the listed activities. Such activities are listed under GN 983, GN 984 and GN 985 (Dated 2 December 2014, as amended) of NEMA and listed waste management activities for Category A and B (Government Notice No. 921 in Government Gazette No. 37083 of 29 November 2013, as amended). In terms of the proposed project, the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism is the competent authority for integrated Environmental authorisation and Waste Licence.

The proposed development triggers the following EIA-listed and waste-related activities

- The proposed development triggers NEMWA-listed waste management activities for Category B (Activity 8 and 10) and A (Activity 3) (Government Notice No. 921 in Government Gazette No. 37083 of 29 November 2013, as amended).
- Listed Activity No. 27 and 28 of Listing Notice 1, of EIA Regulations of 2014, as amended by R327.

Based on the above-identified activities, a Scoping and Full Environmental Impact Assessment Process is being followed.

4. TIMEFRAMES

The EA Application Process timeframes are legislated in terms of NEMA and associated regulations as amended. As such, it is estimated that the license for the proposed project should be forthcoming within 6 – 8

months if no hindrances are encountered during the process.

- **Environmental Impact Assessment Duration: 247.**

Additionally, the application might trigger a water use licence in terms of Section 40 and 21 of the National Water Act, 1998, for the following water uses:

- Section 21 (c) and (i).

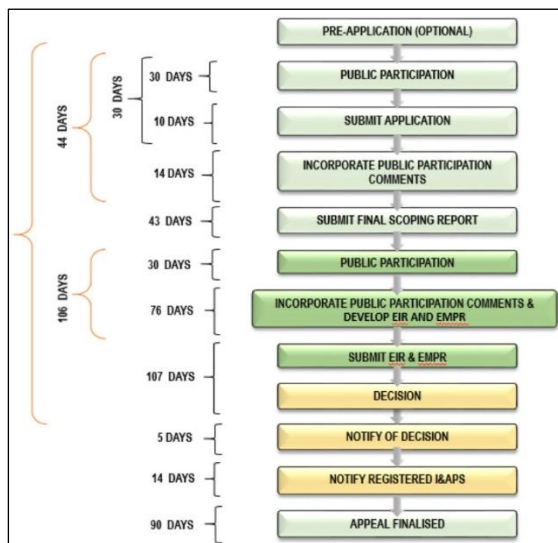


Figure 3: Scoping and EIA process flow diagram

5. POTENTIAL IMPACTS

The proposed development has, amongst others, the following potential environmental impacts: Soil Erosion; Dust Pollution; Noise Pollution; Social Impacts; Economic Impacts; Ecological Impacts;

and Land use. As part of the Environmental Impact Assessment, an Environmental Management Programme report (EMPr) will be developed as a management tool to mitigate and reduce the negative impacts and ensure that the positive impacts are maximised.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Public Participation Process (PPP) will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 6 of GN No. 982 of 4 December 2014, of the NEMA, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998). The Public Participation Guideline in the Integrated Environmental Management Guideline Series (Guideline 7), as published in Government Gazette No. 35769 on 10 October 2012, is also used. The Public Participation Process will entail the following:

- Distribution of notice letters and fixing of site notices.
- Distribution of Flyers and BIDs to I&APs.
- Placement of Newspaper Advert in a local newspaper.
- Engagements with the municipality, the ward councillor, and other relevant government departments.

I&APs are encouraged to participate in the process for their concerns to be addressed and included in the Scoping and EIAR process.

APPENDIX A: REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY

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To ensure that you are identified as I&APs, please submit your name, contact information and comments regarding the proposed development, by means of e-mail, fax or post to the consultant below:

Kindly complete and return to the EAPs below:

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Title: _____
Initials: _____
Surname: _____

ORGANISATION'S INFORMATION (If applicable)

Name of Organisation's: _____
Address of the Organisation: _____
Tel No: _____
Fax No: _____
E-mail: _____

COMMENTS

1. Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the proposed activity?

2. Are there any additional stakeholders that you think should be contacted about the proposed development? Kindly furnish us with their details.

NB: Kindly add another page if required

By registering as an Interested and Affected Party, you give permission to Rambuda Consultants (Pty) Ltd and the Competent Authority to selectively disclose your personal data (including contact details) in accordance with the 2014 EIA Regulations and the National Appeal Regulations. The data will only be used for the purpose of providing relevant information and obtaining feedback regarding these processes. Rambuda Consultants (Pty) Ltd undertakes to process the data in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 04 of 2013).