NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

BASIC ASSESSMENT APPLICATION: PROPOSED INTEGRATED HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROJECT ON THE REMAINDER OF ERF 2, LAINGSBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WESTERN CAPE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 41(2)(c) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended) published in Government Notice No. 982 in Gazette No. 3822 (4 December 2014) published under sections 24(5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No 107 of 1998), as amended, of the intent to submit the above proposal for authorisation to the Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Laingsburg Local Municipality proposes developing a housing project less than 2km south of Laingsburg's Central Business District, Central Karoo District Municipality. The site is found on the remainder of Erf 2 Laingsburg with an area of approximately 32.1843 Ha, of which 15 Ha will be used for the development, leaving 17 Ha undeveloped. The site is located on a gentle (undulating) west-facing hill slope and is accessed through R323 Main Road. The proposed development entails installing civil services and constructing roughly 750 single-story free-standing housing units for IRDP. The total number of houses proposed is as follows: 200 IRDP units are currently earmarked/budgeted for full implementation (incl. services and top structures), with approximately 550 IRDP additional units (750 total) targeted for planning stages only. Additional structures, such as commercial, social, and recreational infrastructure, will be included.

LISTED ACTIVITIES:

A Basic Assessment is triggered by the following "listed activities" in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended: LN 1 (GNR No. R327) Activity 9, 12, 19, 27 & 28 | LN 3 (GNR No. R324) Activity 4, 12 & 14

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE:

Engineering Advice and Services has been appointed as an independent environmental assessment practitioner to co-ordinate, manage, and compile the relevant environmental impact and management reports, as well as to facilitate the relevant public participation process related to the proposed project in terms of NEMA. Interested and affected parties (I&AP) are invited to complete and submit the I&AP form on request via e-mail or the website www.easemp.co.za. More information can be furnished on request.

REGISTRATION OF INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTIES (I&APS):

Interested and affected parties are invited to complete and submit an I&AP form at request via e-mail or via the website www.easemp.co.za. The Background Information Document (BID) and Notification Letter will be provided, containing more information regarding the project. Any comments or objections to the applications should be lodged before the dates below. Registered I&AP's will receive further notifications.

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