

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED SILO'S INDUSTRIAL PARK EIA Reference No: DC22/0074/08

Dear Stakeholder

Date: 12 January 2009

SiVEST Environmental Division has been appointed as independent environmental consultants by Sunnyhill Farms cc, to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the proposed Silo's Industrial Park in the Camperdown area, South of Thornville main road 56, in the province of KwaZulu-Natal.

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide Interested and Affected Parties with an opportunity to register, and to identify environmental issues and concerns associated with the proposed project. You are therefore invited to submit any comments and queries you may have to the details provided below.

Title of the proposed activity:

Silo's Industrial Park

Name of Applicant:

Sunnyhill Farms cc

Project locality and Description

The proposed development is approximately 259 ha in total extent, and is situated on the following farm portions in the Camperdown area, South of Thornville main road 56, in the province of KwaZulu-Natal:

- The remainder of the farm Crookes No.15723, registration division FT, in extent 252, 7193; and
- Portion 242(of 57) of the farm Vaalkop and Dadelfontein No.885, Registration Division FT, in extent 1, 8557 hectares.

The proposed Industrial Park that will comprise of Logistics warehousing and manufacturing industry with local shopping and open space amenities.

The property is presently used for commercial agriculture and it is understood that an application has been made for authorization to rezone it for mixed residential and commercial development

Geographical coordinates

| Latitude /Longitude | Degrees | Minutes | Seconds |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| South | 29 | 43 | 51,74 |
| East | 30 | 28 | 50.55 |

Relevant Environmental Legislation

The proposed activity is identified in terms of Sections 24(2) (a) and 24(d) of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (as amended) in GN R.385 (21 April 2006) and which must follow the **Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment** process as described in Regulations 27 to 36 of the Environmental Impact Regulations, 2006 promulgated in terms of Section 24(5) NEMA (Act 107, 1998) and published in Listing Notice GN. R.387 (21 April 2006).

The following are the listed activities that trigger the proposed development:

| The number and date of the relevant Government Notice: | Activity No (s) (in terms of the relevant Government Notice): | Listed activity as in the relevant Government Notice: |
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| No. 386, 21 April 2006 | 1 (k) | "the bulk transportation of sewage and water including storm water, in pipelines with- (i) an internal diameter of 0.36 metres or more; |

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| | | (ii) a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more; |
| | 1 (p) | The construction of facilities or infrastructure, including associated structures or infrastructure, for- "The temporary storage of hazardous waste; |
| | 15 | The construction of a road that is wider than 4metres or that has a reserve wider than 6metres, excluding roads that fall within the ambit of another listed activity or which are access roads of less than 30metres long. |
| | 19 | The development of a new facility or the transformation of an existing facility for the conducting of manufacturing processes, warehousing, bottling, packaging, or storage, which, including associated structures or infrastructure, occupies an area of 1 000 square metres or more outside an existing area zoned for industrial purposes. |
| No. 387,21 April 2006 | 1 (e) | Any process or activity which requires a permit or license in terms of legislation governing the generation or release of emissions, pollution, effluent or waste and which is not identified in Government Notice No. R. 386 of 20006; |
| | 1 (p) | The treatment of effluent, wastewater or sewage with an annual throughput capacity of 15 000 cubic metres or more; |
| | 2 | Any development activity, including associated structures and infrastructure, where the total area of the development area is, or is intended to be 20 hectares or more. |

Environmental Impact Assessment Process

The Environmental Impact Assessment Process is divided into a scoping phase and an EIA phase.

1. Scoping

As part of the scoping process completed, the following tasks will be completed:

- Submission of **Application form** and **Land owners Consent** to DAEA (completed).
- Submission of **Background Information Document** to identified Stakeholders including relevant Government Departments as well as local residents and adjacent landowners.
- An **advertisement** in a local and regional newspaper, **pamphlet distribution** and placement of **site notices**, inviting written comments giving Interested and Affected Parties a fourteen (14) day period in which to register.
- Undertake a **public meeting**.
- Scope potential environmental issues/concerns that will require further assessment in the EIA Phase.
- Compilation of **Draft Scoping Report** to be submitted for I&AP's comments
- Submission of **Final Scoping Report** and **Plan of Study for EIA**.

Issues for consideration will be raised by the following means:

- Inputs from I&AP's during the public participation process.
- Compilation of the information relevant to the proposed development.
- Site visit and assessment by the consultants
- Specialist Input

2. EIA

As part of the EIA process, the following tasks will be completed:

- Once the Scoping Report has been approved by DAEA, I&AP's will be notified thereof.
- Undertake any specialist studies required.
- Compilation of **Draft EIA Report** to be submitted for I&AP's comments.
- Submission of **Final EIA Report** to DAEA for environmental authorization.
- Notification to I&AP's of environmental authorization.

The consultation process is predominantly aimed at informing stakeholders of the proposed development and soliciting those environmental issues that need to be addressed. We hereby request your input on specific matters/issues pertaining to the proposed project. Should you have any comments on this document please submit them to our office within **14 days** of receipt of this document (as described in the EIA Regulations, 2006 Chapter 6 Regulation 58 (c)) to the contact person given below.

Please note that in terms of Regulation 58 (c) that as an interested and affected party you need to disclose any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the approval or refusal of the application submitted with your comments.

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