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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN BASIC ASSESSMENT APPLICATION ON FARM 52/458, LIME ACRES, NORTHERN CAPE IN RESPECT TO THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (NEMA), ACT 107 OF 1998.

Project Description:

The proposed project entails the decommissioning and removal of four (4) aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) and associated infrastructure at the existing KP Lime facility on Farm 52/458, Lime Acres, Northern Cape. The proposed decommissioning comprises two (2) 83 m³ diesel ASTs and two (2) 23 m³ diesel ASTs, with a combined storage capacity of 212 m³. The proposed activities include the isolation, draining, degassing, cleaning, dismantling and removal of the tanks, as well as the removal of associated pipelines, valves, fittings, supports and other associated infrastructure, where applicable. All decommissioning activities will be undertaken within the existing industrial footprint of the KP Lime facility.

Project Location:

The proposed decommissioning is located on Farm 52/458, Lime Acres, within the Kgatelopele Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province. The property is approximately 444.29 m² in extent and is situated within Ward 4 of the Kgatelopele Local Municipality. The proposed decommissioning area forms part of the existing KP Lime industrial facility and comprises an established and fully transformed industrial environment.

The proposed decommissioning area is surrounded by existing industrial and mining-related land uses associated with the KP Lime facility and the broader Lime Acres area. The proposed activities will be restricted to the existing industrial footprint and will not require any new vegetation clearance, earthworks outside the developed area or expansion of the operational footprint.

The proposed project triggers Listing Notice 1 Activity 31 of the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, as amended, promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), relating to the decommissioning of facilities for the bulk storage of dangerous goods with a combined capacity of more than 80 m³. The project therefore requires an application for Environmental Authorisation through a Basic Assessment process.

Sillito Environmental Consulting (Pty) Ltd (SEC) has been appointed to undertake the Basic Assessment Process with the aim of receiving an Environmental Authorisation in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended, published under the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA).

Project Summary:

The proposed Lime Acres AST Decommissioning Project involves the permanent removal of four existing aboveground storage tanks at the KP Lime facility, comprising two (2) 83 m³ tanks and two (2) 23 m³ tanks, with a combined capacity of 212 m³.

The decommissioning will include isolating, draining, degassing, cleaning, dismantling and removing the tanks and associated infrastructure, where applicable. Waste materials will be appropriately managed and disposed of at licensed waste facilities, and the immediate tank footprints will be rehabilitated following removal.

All activities will be confined to the existing industrial footprint of the KP Lime facility. The project will not involve new infrastructure, vegetation clearance or expansion of the existing operational footprint and will result in a reduction in on-site storage capacity.



Figure 1: Locality Map of the proposed development site (Source: CapeFarm Mapper, 2026).

Public Participation Plan

To ensure that reasonable notice is given to potential and registered interested and affected parties ("I&APs"), DEA&DP should be approached with a proposed Public Participation Plan setting out all the public participation steps, including the additional measures, proposed.

Summary of public participation proposed, as is required in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations (regulation 41 – 44 in Chapter 6 of GN386):

- A register of potential interested & affected parties will be opened.
- During the Public Participation Process, surrounding landowners will be notified via different communication pathways including, but not limited to, newspaper adverts, email notification, postal notifications, site notices etc. Names and contact details (where applicable) will be recorded accordingly.
- Adjacent landowners and / or occupiers will be notified via letters or emails with regards to the availability of the Pre- and Post-Application Draft Basic Assessment Reports for comment (legislated minimum commenting period of 30 days).
- Where written comments cannot be provided (either via email or hard copy), provision for a comments box (postal) and/or telephonic recording of comments must be provided.
- Organs of State; the local ward councillor, local municipality and civic representative bodies (such as ratepayers' associations – if applicable) will be notified by email and/ or post. Existing community structures will be used, as far as practically possible, for communication required in terms of this project;
- An advertisement will be published in local and/or regional newspapers in the appropriate language(s).
- A site notice will be erected in a conspicuous place near the entrance of the site. Site notices will also be placed in other conspicuous areas in proximity to the site.
- Reports will be submitted to Organs of State in electronic format via a Cloud Based service (Dropbox and/or WeTransfer) or via email;
- The report will be made available on the SEC website (www.environmentalconsultants.co.za) for review and comment for a period of at least 30 days during the Pre-Application consultation phase (on the Pre-Application Draft Basic Assessment Report), and 30 days during the Post-Application consultation phase (on the post-application Draft Basic Assessment Report).
- Following the initial 30 days public consultation phase and the second 30-day PPP period on the Post-Application Draft Basic Assessment Report, the I&AP register will be updated with I&APs who provided comments on the Pre-Application Draft Basic Assessment Report. These I&APs will be notified of the decision on the Final Basic Assessment. A Comments & Response Table, summarising all comments received (and addressed by the relevant party (e.g., SEC, specialists, applicant, etc.)) will be sent to all registered I&AP's.

Summary of additional measures that will be implemented to ensure all I&APs are notified of the availability of the Environmental Application and associated BAR applications, as well as the opportunity to participate:

- All adjacent landowners and occupiers will be informed of the availability of the Pre-Application Basic Assessment Report and the opportunity to register as an I&AP, via registered mail or email.
- Email Notifications will be sent to all State Authorities notifying the relevant authorities that the Draft Basic Assessment Report (and relevant appendices including the EMPr) are available for comment.
- The Draft Basic Assessment Reports will be available on the SEC website (www.environmentalconsultants.co.za).
- The Site Notice, Newspaper Adverts and all other notification pathways (e.g., letters, email, website, etc.) will provide the details as to where the electronic copy reports can be viewed.
- A SEC telephone number will be present on the poster to allow I&APs to phone with a comment or if they require additional information.