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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ANNOUNCEMENT IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, ACT 107 OF 1998 (NEMA) AND ASSOCIATED 2014 EIA REGULATIONS, FOR THE PROPOSED HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TOWNSHIP "TANGANANI EXTENSION 7", TO BE LOCATED ON A PART OF PORTION 119 OF THE FARM DIEPSLOOT 388 JR, CITY OF JOHANNESBURG MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG, GDARD REF NO: GAUT 002 / 14 - 15 / 0264:

The Applicant; *The Gauteng Department of Human Settlement*; proposes the establishment of a high density residential township including erven for high density residential units (100 units per hectare), a school, roads and public open space (wetland system). The study area is located on Part of portion 119 of the Farm Diepsloot 388 JR, Gauteng. The township will be referred to as *Tanganani Extension 7*.

The applicant has appointed Seedcracker Environmental Consulting CC (SEC), an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner, to conduct the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment, including the Public Participation Process, for the proposed development. SEC meets the requirements as an independent EAP in terms of the EIA Regulations of 2014.

An EIA application for the very same township, was similarly initiated with the public in 2013 by *JW Environmental Solutions (Pty) Ltd*. The project was registered with GDARD, and a scoping phase public participation process was conducted with the community. The 2013 EIA application was halted by various issues, and hence, the 2013 EIA application was closed.

SEC has subsequently been appointed to resubmit an application for environmental authorisation to the approving authority –Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) for "*The Tanganani X 7 Township*". This was completed in February 2015. This EIA application is presently being advertised (March – April 2015) to the public, adjacent property owners, local authorities, and other interested parties such as Ward Councillors and Residents Associations. SEC has compiled the Scoping Report, and will conduct the remainder of the EIA process for this application, until the approving authority has delivered their final decision on this application.

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LOCATION AND SIZE: The site is located on the borders of Diepsloot and Timsrand A.H, south of the N14 highway, and east of the R511 / William Nicole Drive intersection. The intersection with the R511 and Summit Road is located on the western boundary of the site, with Summit road meandering across the site and exiting the site on its eastern boundary. Access to the township will be taken from Summit Road. The site measures 73.25 hectares in extent. The site is located within the City of Johannesburg Municipality. See Figure 1.

PROJECT PROPOSAL: The applicant proposes to establish a low cost housing, medium to high density, residential development with ancillary land uses such as commercial and institutional land uses. The institutional land uses are proposed to be utilised for educational purposes. The project has been registered with Gauteng Department of Rural Development and Agriculture (GDARD) (Ref. No.: 002 / 14 - 15 / 0264).

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), the EIA Regulations of December 2014, and the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA), a Scoping & EIA application and Water use License Application are required to be undertaken for the proposed project. The following EIA listed activities are triggered by the proposed development: Listing Notice 1, GN R 983: Activities 9,10,12,13, Listing Notice 2, GN R 984: Activity 15, Listing Notice 3, GN R 985: Activities 4 &14. A specialist will be appointed at a later stage, to undertake an Integrated Water Use Licence Application in terms of the water uses associated with the project, for submission to the Department of Water and Sanitation, as well as undertake the associated stakeholder engagement process in compliance with the requirements of NWA.

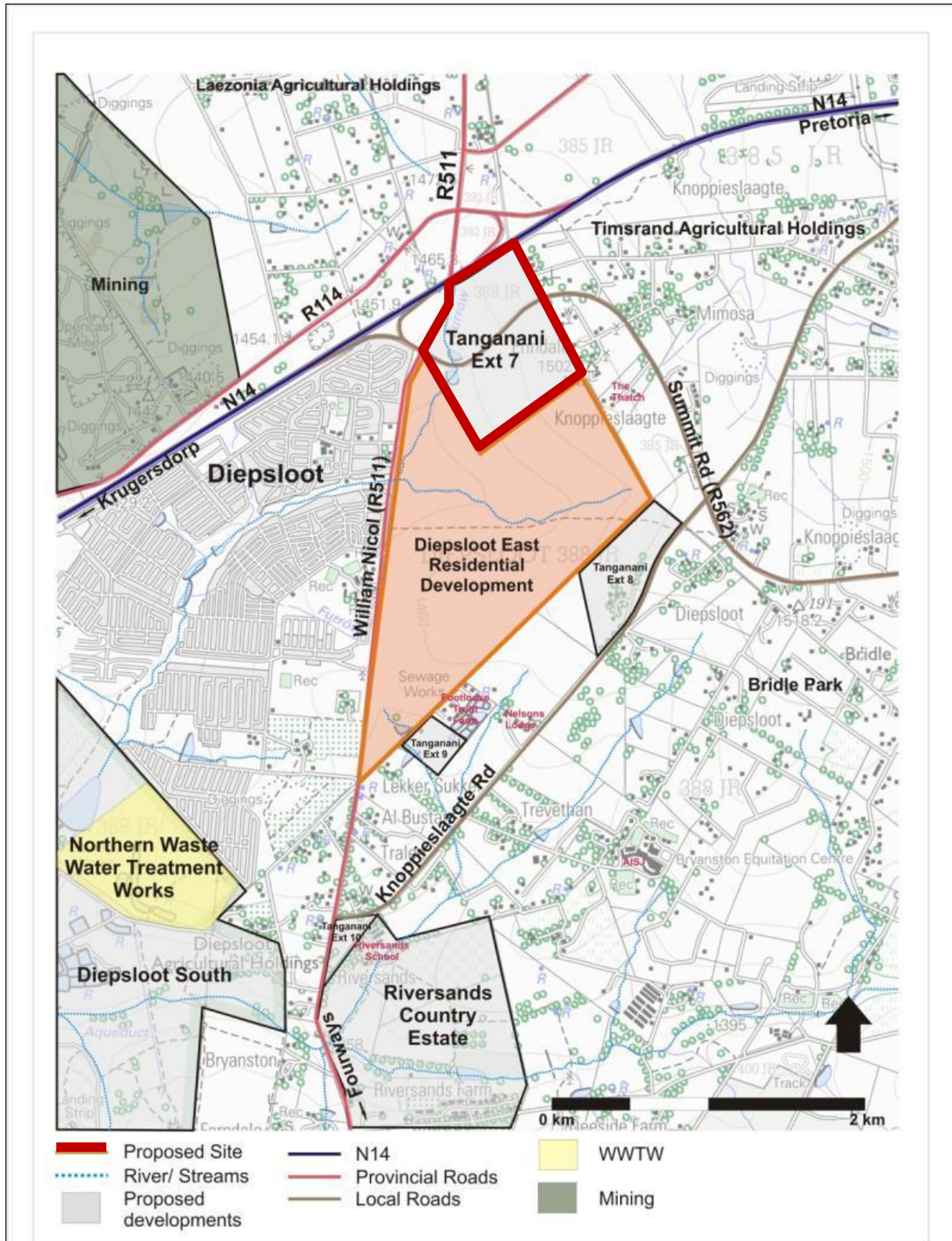
INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

The EIA process will comprise two phases; a scoping phase and an impact assessment phase for the proposed project. During scoping, issues for investigation during impact assessment are identified and the scope of studies defined. This information will be compiled into a Scoping Report for the project. The Scoping Report will be available for public comment for a period of 30 days. After the comment period, the Report will be updated to incorporate stakeholder's comments, and submitted to the relevant authorities for a decision on whether the impact assessment phase may proceed.

Due to the legacy of this project, a number of specialist studies have already been completed. These include the full spectrum of fauna, flora and wetlands, heritage, engineering civil scheme reports, geotechnical investigation, and a traffic impact assessment. With the exception of the Ecological study, these specialist studies will be updated, amended and brought in line with the present proposed township layout plan, during the impact assessment phase. The present proposed township layout plan has been *dictated* by the 2014 wetland investigations.

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Figure 1: Locality Map of study area



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Potential negative and positive impacts that may be associated with the proposed project will be identified and described during impact assessment. Management measures will be proposed to mitigate negative impacts and enhance positive impacts. The information gathered during the impact assessment phase will be incorporated into an Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan (EIA/EMP). The EIA/EMP Reports will be made available for public comment and will be updated with stakeholder comment before submission to the relevant authorities.

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT:

The Scoping Report will be made available for public comment for a period of 30 days from Monday 9 March 2015 up to and including the 28th April 2015, at the following venues:

1. Diepsloot Public library
2. <http://www.seedcracker.co.za/projects/scoping-and-environmental-processes>

Stakeholders are invited to comment on the Scoping Report and proposed project by submitting their written comments on the comment form provided or any written form of communication – for record keeping purposes. Stakeholders are requested to submit their comments via telephone, email, fax, to: Stephanie Cliff at: PO Box 12460, Clubview, 0014 Pretoria. Tel: 082 626 4117, 012 654 5970, Fax: 086 518 4885 E-mail: stephweb@mweb.co.za or before 28 April 2015.

IAP's may also request a telephonic consultation to discuss their comment on the Scoping Report. Comments and issues raised during the scoping phase on the proposed project or the Scoping Report will be captured in the Comments and Responds Report (CRR) to be submitted to the competent authorities along with the Scoping Report, on the 29th April 2015.

Following public comment, the Report will be updated and submitted to authorities. Stakeholders will have another opportunity to comment when the findings of the impact assessment studies are completed.

Consultation with I&APs forms an essential component of an EIA process and enables directly affected landowners, neighbouring landowners, stakeholders, communities and interested parties to identify the issues and concerns relating to the proposed activity, which they feel should be addressed in the process. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
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GDARD REF NO: GAUT 002 / 14 - 15 / 0264:
INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES REGISTRATION AND COMMENTS FORM**

Please complete & return this form to Seedcracker Environmental Consulting CC on or before 28 April 2015

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COMMENTS ON THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (Pls use additional pages if required)

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