

# INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:

## Proposed Trinity School Blue Hills Development BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

### Purpose

The purpose of this BID is to provide information to I&APs about the proposed Trinity School project, Gauteng Province.

The Basic Assessment Procedure is in process under the NEMA 2006 legislation and a Notice of Intent was lodged with the GDARD. Discussions are being held with GDARD to determine the best approach to the application prior to lodging the application.

This BID explains the proposed project and the regulatory processes that will have to be complied with, while providing I&APs with the opportunity to:

- Register as stakeholders in the public participation process; and
- Make initial comments on and contributions to the proposed project.

### Affected properties

Applicant: Advtech

Location: Portion 544 of the Farm Witpoort 406 J.R

Extent: Approximately 15.4796 Hectares

Project Name: Trinity School Blue Hills

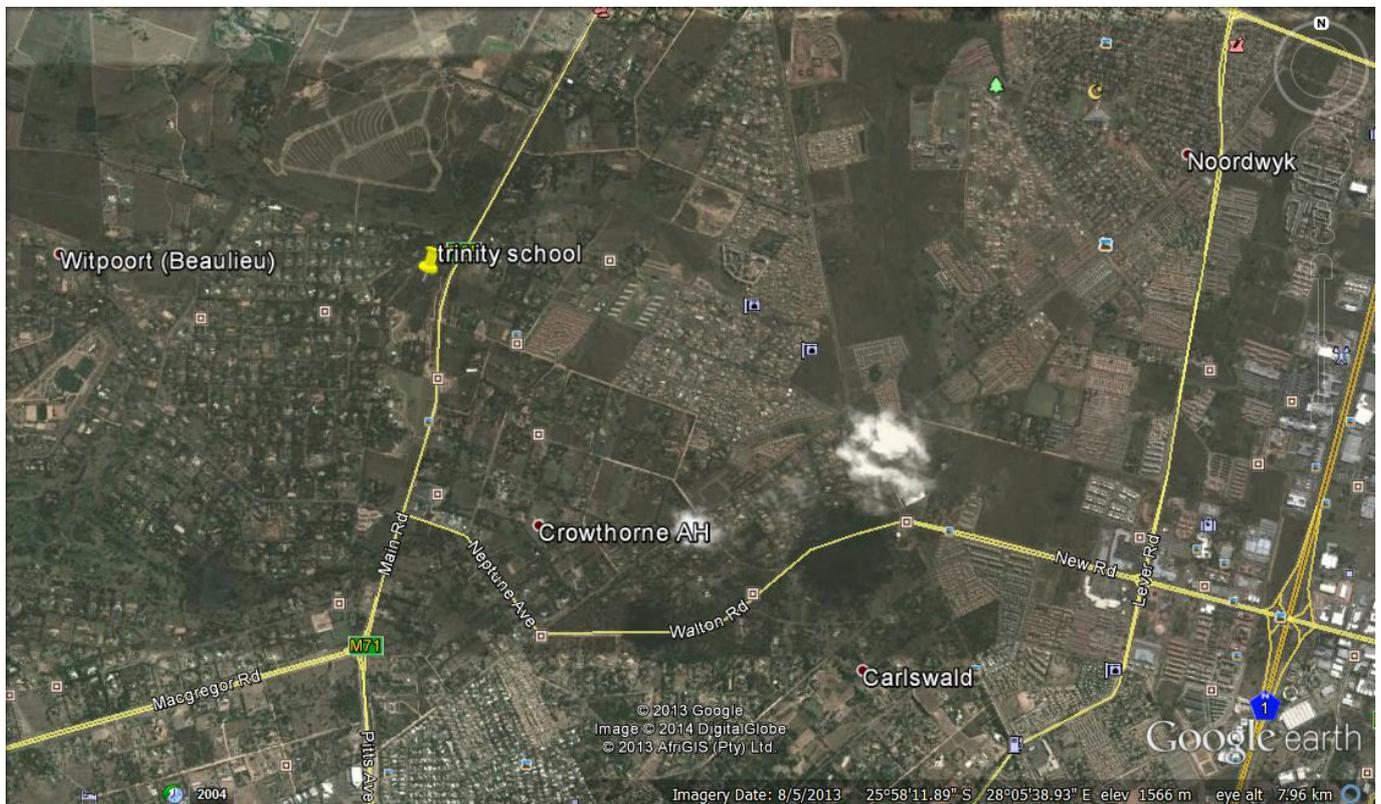


Figure 1 Location of Property

## Project

The project entails the development of a Trinity School in Blue hills and related infrastructure including sports facilities

## Your comment is important

Your comments will ensure that all relevant issues are evaluated in the BAR. You are requested to complete the enclosed registration and comment sheet, write a letter, call or e-mail the public participation office in Muckleneuk, Pretoria (Jitske Botes). Upon request you will then receive further information about the proposed project and the BA process.

## What is a BA?

ADvtech Group (Pty) Ltd (The Applicant) to commence with the proposed development, the applicant must conduct a BA process and submit a BA Report (BAR) to the regulatory authorities in support of an application for environmental authorisation to proceed with the project. A BA process is a well defined and regulated process, in terms of the NEMA, involving public participation and technical studies, to identify issues of concern and to evaluate the environmental and socio-economic impacts of a proposed project.

BAs are used by planning authorities to obtain an objective view of the potential environmental and social impacts that could arise during the construction and operation of the proposed development. This information must provide a sound basis for decision-making by the authorities.

The end product of a basic assessment process is a BAR, which must:

- Identify the potential impacts of the proposed activities;
- Outline the public participation process undertaken; Illustrate the issues, concerns and suggestions raised by I&APs; and
- Outline the environmental management and mitigation measures that must be taken to avoid or reduce negative impacts and enhance positive impacts.

## The activities to be applied for

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GNR Reg 544, 18 June 2010	9	The construction of facilities or infrastructure exceeding 1000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of water, sewage or storm water - (i) with an internal diameter of 0,36 metres or more; or (ii) with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more, excluding where: a. such facilities or infrastructure are for bulk transportation of water, sewage or storm water or storm water drainage inside a road reserve; or b. where such construction will occur within urban areas but further than 32 metres from a watercourse, measured from the edge of the watercourse.
GNR Reg 544 18 June 2010	11	The construction of: (i) canals; (ii) channels; (iii) bridges; (iv) dams; (v) weirs; (vi) bulk storm water outlet structures; (vii) marinas; (viii) jetties exceeding 50 square metres in size; (ix) slipways exceeding 50 square metres in size; (x) buildings exceeding 50 square metres in size; or (xi) infrastructure or structures covering 50 square metres or more

		where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line.
GNR Reg 544 18 June 2010	18	The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock or more than 5 cubic metres from: (i) a watercourse; (ii) the sea; (iii) the seashore; (iv) the littoral active zone, an estuary or a distance of 100 metres inland of the high-water mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever distance is the greater- but excluding where such infilling, depositing, dredging, excavation, removal or moving: (a) is for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a management plan agreed to by the relevant environmental authority; or (b) occurs behind the development setback line.
GN Reg 544, 18 June 2010	22	The construction of a road, outside urban areas, (i) with a reserve wider than 13,5 meters or, (ii) where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres, or (iii) for which an environmental authorisation was obtained for the route determination in terms of activity 5 in Government Notice 387 of 2006 or activity 18 in Notice 545 of 2010.
GN Reg 544 18 June 2012	23	The transformation of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land to – (i) residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use, inside an urban area, and where the total area to be transformed is 5 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares, or (ii) residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use, outside an urban area and where the total area to be transformed is bigger than 1 hectare but less than 20 hectares; - except where such transformation takes place – (i) for linear activities; or (ii) for purposes of agriculture or afforestation, in which case Activity 16 of Notice No. R. 545 applies. [Corrected by "Correction Notice 1" of 30 July 2010, GN No. R. 660]
GN Reg 544 18 June 2010	47	The widening of a road by more than 6 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre - (i) where the existing reserve is wider than 13,5 meters; or (ii) where no reserve exists, where the existing road is wider than 8 metres – excluding widening or lengthening occurring inside urban areas.
GN Reg 546 18 June 2012	4	The construction of a road wider than 4 metres with a reserve less than 13,5 metres.  <b>(a) In Gauteng:</b> i. A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies; ii. National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus areas; iii. Sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority; iv. Sites identified in terms of the Ramsar Convention; v. Sites identified as irreplaceable or important in the Gauteng Conservation plan; vi. Areas larger than 2 hectares zoned for use as public open space; vii. Areas zoned for a conservation purpose. viii. Any declared protected area including Municipal or Provincial Nature Reserves as contemplated by the Environment Conservation Act, 1989 (Act No. 73 of 1989) and the Nature Conservation Ordinance (Ordinance 12 of

		1983); <i>ix.</i> Any site identified as land with high agricultural potential located within the Agricultural Hubs or Important Agricultural Sites identified in terms of the Gauteng Agricultural Potential Atlas, 2006.
GN reg 546 18 June 2010	12	The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation. <b>(a)</b> Within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004; <b>(b)</b> Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans; <b>(c)</b> Within the littoral active zone or 100 metres inland from high water mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever distance is the greater, excluding where such removal will occur behind the development setback line on erven in urban areas.
GN Reg 546 18 June 2010	13	The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more of vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation, except where such removal of vegetation is required for: <b>(1)</b> the undertaking of a process or activity included in the list of waste management activities published in terms of section 19 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008), in which case the activity is regarded to be excluded from this list. <b>(2)</b> the undertaking of a linear activity falling below the thresholds mentioned in Listing Notice 1 in terms of GN No. 544 of 2010.  <b>(a) In Gauteng:</b> <i>i.</i> A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies; <i>ii.</i> National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus areas; <i>iii.</i> Any declared protected area including Municipal or Provincial Nature Reserves as contemplated by the Environment Conservation Act, 1989 (Act No. 73 of 1989), the Nature Conservation Ordinance (Ordinance 12 of 1983); <i>(v)</i> Sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority; <i>iv.</i> Sites or areas identified in terms of an International Convention; Sites identified as irreplaceable or important in the Gauteng Conservation Plan.
GN Reg 546, 18 June 2010	16	The construction of: <b>(xii)</b> jetties exceeding 10 square metres in size; <b>(xiii)</b> slipways exceeding 10 square metres in size; <b>(xiv)</b> buildings with a footprint exceeding 10 square metres in size; or <b>(xv)</b> infrastructure covering 10 square metres or more  where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line.  <b>(a) In Gauteng:</b> <i>i.</i> A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies; <i>ii.</i> National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus areas; <i>iii.</i> Sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority; <i>iv.</i> Sites or areas identified in terms of an International Convention; <i>v.</i> Sites identified as irreplaceable or important in the Gauteng Conservation Plan; <i>vi.</i> Any declared protected area including Municipal or Provincial Nature

		Reserves as contemplated by the Environment Conservation Act, 1989 (Act No. 73 of 1989) and the Nature Conservation Ordinance (Ordinance 12 of 1983); vii. Areas zoned for a conservation purpose.
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## Public Participation

The public participation process during the BA phase will enable I&APs to influence the course of the technical investigations and to review the findings of the independent studies that are undertaken. The environmental consultants will correspond directly with registered I&APs at various stages during the process to keep them informed of progress in the study and the timing of opportunities to be involved. The steps in the public participation process are outlined below.

- Letters of invitation accompanied by this BID and comment sheet to be distributed to adjacent landowners within 100m from the area of the proposed development, key individuals and organisations, announcing the project and inviting their comment
- Advertisements in Local newspaper (Beeld) announcing the proposed project and providing opportunity to comment
- Site notices to be erected at strategic places along the property in accordance with the requirements of the BA Regulations, in order to announce the project
- Key stakeholders in the area will be informed by telephone, e-mail or facsimile.
- All issues received from stakeholders will be captured in the issues and response report (I&RR) which will be used to screen and prioritise issues for evaluation

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

**A public meeting is scheduled for 16 April 2014 and will be held at**

**The Urban Life Church, Maud Avenue, Midrand at 18h00.**

**Due date for registration 22 April 2014**

<p><b>INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:</b></p> <p><b>BA as per NEMA</b></p> <p><b>TRINITY SCHOOL BLUE HILLS</b></p> <p><b>REGISTRATION SHEET</b></p> <p>Accompanying Background Information Document</p> <p><b>March 2014</b></p>	<p>Public Participation Office</p> <p><b>LEAP</b></p> <p>Gwen Theron</p> <p>P.O.Box 13185, Hatfield, 0028</p> <p>FAX 086 606 6130</p> <p><a href="mailto:gwen.theron@telkomsa.net">gwen.theron@telkomsa.net</a></p> <p>Jitske Botes</p> <p>Jitske@telkomsa.net</p>
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*Please complete and return to the contact details as provided, by 22 April 2014 to register*

TITLE		FIRST NAME	
INITIALS		SURNAME	
ORGANISATION			
POSTAL ADDRESS			POSTAL CODE
LAND LINE TEL NO			CELL NO
FAX NO			EMAIL

Please formally register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) so that I may receive further information and notifications during the BA process	YES	NO
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I would like my notifications and documents for comment as follows:

Letter (mail)	E-mail	Fax	Telephone	On CD	Internet
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In terms of this Public Participation process I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:

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**COMMENTS** (please use separate sheets if you wish)

I suggest that the following issues of concern be investigated:

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I suggest the following for the public participation process:

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Any other comments:

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Please register the following people as I&APs for this process:

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**Signature**

**Date**