

Background Information Document and Invitation to Comment

Proposed Construction of Two Filling Stations at the N3/London Road Intersection



Introduction

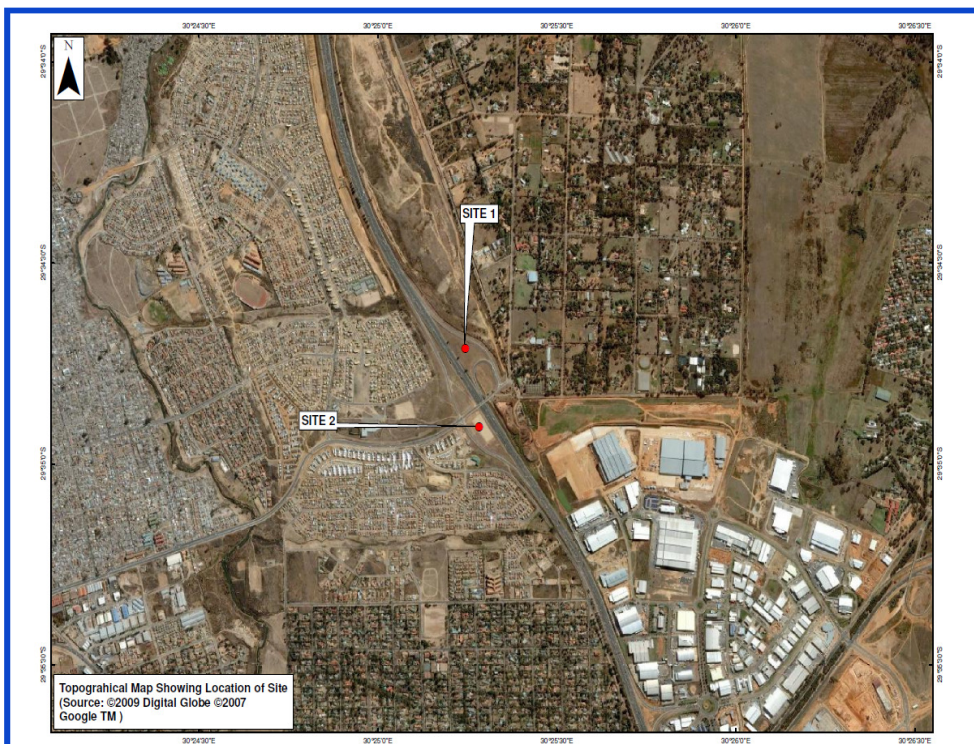
Engen Petroleum (Pty) Ltd proposes the construction of two filling stations on either side of the N3 highway at the London Road intersection, Lindro Park, Johannesburg (see Figure below). The filling stations will be located adjacent to the current off-ramps and will service the north and southbound carriageways of the highway.

In accordance with the relevant environmental regulations, the activity requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process to be followed. In this regard Environmental Resources Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd (ERM) has been appointed as independent environmental practitioners to carry out the EIA process for the proposed project. The proposed project requires authorisation from the relevant competent authority, the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD).

Project Description

The project involves the establishment of facilities for fuel storage and dispensing (diesel, lead-replacement petrol and unleaded petrol), convenience shopping (Corner Bakery), ablutions, truck-stop facilities and a fast food / sit-down restaurant (Wimpy). The following infrastructure will be constructed on both sites:

- Underground storage tanks (USTs) for the storage of petroleum products
- Forecourt with pump islands and overhead canopy; and
- Single-storey building housing associated facilities described above.



Aim of this Document

The aim of this Background Information Document is to provide people affected by, and interested in the proposed project with information about the project, the process being followed and to provide them with an opportunity to become involved in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process

Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) may raise issues and concerns about the project. The issues may pertain to potential environmental, social and economic impacts and will be investigated during the EIA process.

The findings of the EIA along with your comments will be submitted to the GDARD for final decision making as to whether or not the proposed project will go ahead.

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Please submit your comments by: 24 May 2010



Project Location

The project falls within the jurisdiction of the City of Johannesburg and the filling stations would be located on either side of the N3 highway at the London Road intersection in Linbro Park. The land on which the filling stations will be built is administered by the South African National Road Agency (SANRAL) which is a public entity under the National Department of Transport. The development of the filling stations is subject to an existing agreement between SANRAL and Engen.

The N3/London Rd intersection has been identified as an advantageous location because the closest filling station is a considerable distance along the N3, approximately 15 - 30km in a northerly direction.

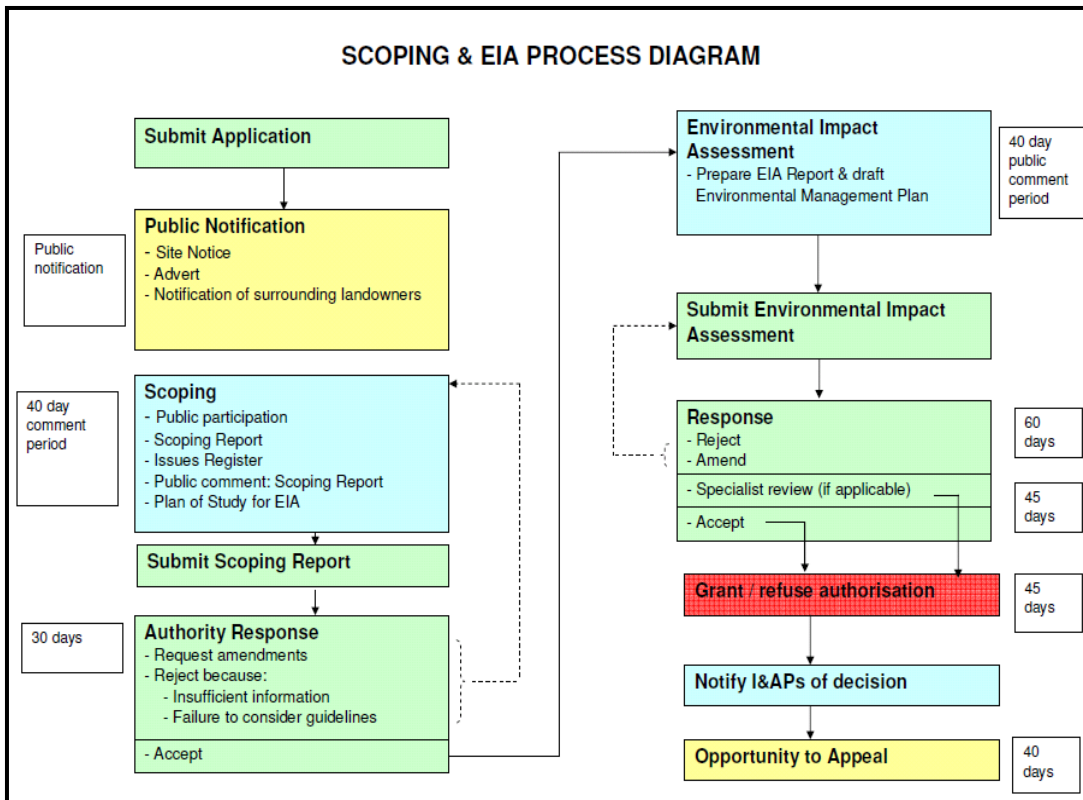
Regulatory Framework

The EIA Regulations in terms of Section 24 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended, commenced on 3 July 2006. Activities covered by the regulations are described in Notices 1 and 2 (R385 and R387 of April 2006). The proposed project is captured by Listed Activity 3 of R387:

Activity 3 "The construction of filling stations, including associated structures and infrastructure, or any other facility for the underground storage of a dangerous good, including petrol, diesel, liquid petroleum gas or paraffin."

Since the activity is captured in Government Notice R387, the process to be followed to obtain environmental authorisation is the Scoping & EIA process outlined in the flowchart on the left.

SCOPING & EIA PROCESS DIAGRAM



How can you be Involved?

The public participation process activities are structured to register I&APs so as to elicit comments and raise issues and concerns for further investigation throughout the process.

Registered I&APs are entitled to the following:

- Project background and information by way of a Background Information Document;
- Opportunity to raise issues and concerns throughout the process, during public comment periods;
- Opportunity to comment on the Draft Scoping Report and Draft EIA Report;
- Opportunity to comment on Final reports to determine if your issues and concerns were addressed;
- A notification informing I&APs of the Environmental Authorisation; and
- Opportunity to lodge appeals against the Environmental Authorisation.

To register please contact ERM. Remember to clearly state the ERM reference number **0101994** and the GDARD reference number **Gaut002/09-10/N0312** on all correspondence.

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