
THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING ON ERF 781, BUDE ROAD, SOUTHBROOM, KWAZULU-NATAL



BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

EDTEA Ref No.: Pending

1. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This Background Information Document (BID) serves as notice in terms of Section 28 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014 (as amended) in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998), of the proposed development of a private residential dwelling on Erf 781, Bude Road, located in Southbroom, KwaZulu-Natal.

This document provides a brief description of the proposed project as well as the environmental regulatory compliance process that will be followed.

2. INTRODUCTION & PROJECT BACKGROUND

Green Choice Consulting (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Garth Dyer to undertake and manage the environmental regulatory compliance process for the proposed development of a private residential dwelling on Erf 781, corner of Bude and Barnstable Road in Southbroom, KwaZulu-Natal.

The Applicant intends on developing a private residence comprising a total development footprint area of 889m². The proposed "Forest House" will comprise a main house with adjoining "forest pods" with ablution facilities, living areas, double garage and carports, covered decks and walkways, a laundry, staff quarters, and a driveway area. The Applicant intends on retaining as much of the existing indigenous vegetation as possible, with only the trees and undergrowth falling directly within the proposed development footprint are expected to be removed.

The proposed project property is an undeveloped private property located on the corner of Barnstable and Bude Road in Southbroom, KwaZulu-Natal, and is situated within the Ray Nkonyeni Municipality of the Ugu District. The property's central co-ordinates are 30° 55' 15.03"S and 30° 18' 33.30"E. A locality map is attached as Appendix A.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK

3.1 National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998)

In accordance with the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998, NEMA) the Applicant will be required to apply for Environmental Authorisation for the proposed



development of the private residence. The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) will be the Competent Authority for the application. The following listed activities in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2014, as amended) are applicable to the proposal:

Activity No.	Description	Applicability
GNR324 (LN 3, 12)	<p>The clearance of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.</p> <p>d. KwaZulu-Natal</p> <p>(iv) 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.</p> <p>(v) Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans.</p>	<p>The proposed development will comprise a total development footprint of 889m². Trees and undergrowth which fall directly under the proposed development footprint will need to be cleared. Additionally, the property is located in an area which is listed as a Critical Biodiversity Area.</p>

4. APPROACH TO THE APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

A Basic Assessment (BA) process as set out in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2014, as amended) made under section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) will be followed for the Environmental Authorisation application process. A Basic Assessment is the level of environmental assessment applied to activities listed in Listing Notice 1 and Listing Notice 3 of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended). The impacts of these activities are generally known and can be easily managed.

Typically, a Basic Assessment is applied to activities that are considered less likely to have significant environmental impacts and, therefore, unlikely to require a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment. A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) is a more concise analysis of the environmental impacts of a proposed activity than a Scoping and EIA Report. However, Basic Assessment still requires public notice and participation, consideration of the potential environmental impacts of the activity, assessment of possible mitigation measures, and an assessment of whether there are any significant issues or impacts that might require further investigation.

The Environmental Authorisation application is currently in the pre-application phase. This phase serves primarily to inform the public, stakeholders and the relevant authorities about the proposed project and to determine any impacts associated with the project.

An illustration of the Basic Assessment process according to the EIA Regulations (2014 as amended), is provided in Figure 1.



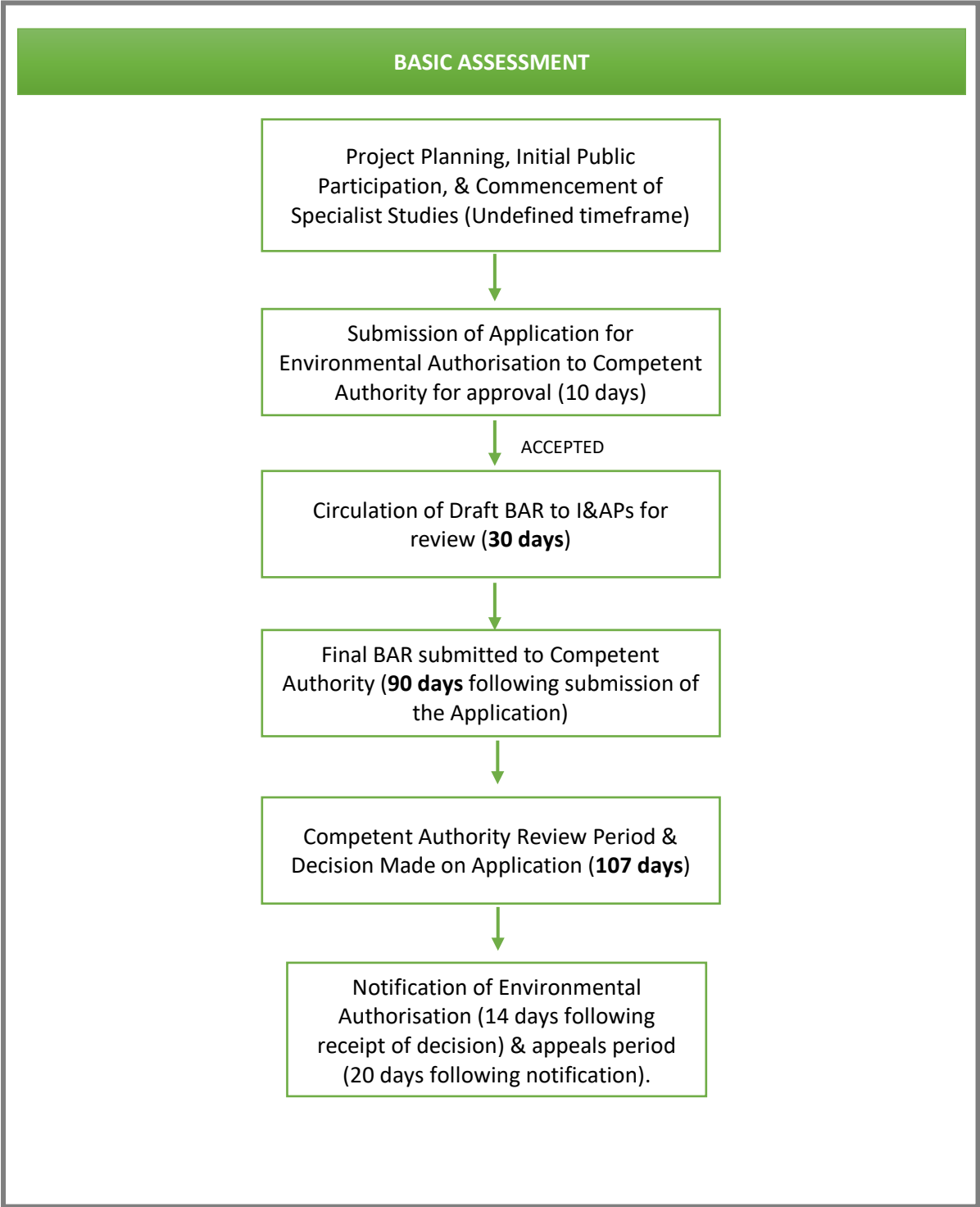


Figure 1: The Basic Assessment Process



5. HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

The aim of the public participation process (PPP) is to provide all interested and affected parties (I & APs) with an opportunity to provide their input into the Environmental Authorisation application process. If you consider yourself to be an I & AP, it is important that you do the following:

1. Register as an I & AP by responding to this notification by submitting your name, contact details, and interest in the project to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (details are provided below). As a registered I & AP, you will be informed of report reviews and project developments throughout the Environmental Authorisation application process.
2. Submit to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner any comments, queries or concerns you may have in relation to the proposed project.
3. Review reports and provide written comment within the regulated 30-day comment period.
4. If you know of a company/private person who may be interested in the project, kindly forward their contact details to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner.

Please note that the collection and storage of personal information by Green Choice Consulting is subject to the Protection of Personal Information Act (Act 4 of 2013). By providing Green Choice Consulting with your personal details, you acknowledge and permit Green Choice Consulting to use your details for the purpose as intended in terms of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended). Should you wish to retract your registration, please inform Green Choice Consulting timeously.

To register as an I & AP, please submit your contact details to:



APPENDIX A: LOCALITY MAP



Satellite image showing the project property outlined in red, with the shaded areas depicting the proposed development footprint.





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