

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR BASIC ASSESSMENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) APPLICATION: THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF A DIESEL STORAGE & DISTRIBUTION DEPOT, WESGRAAN KLIPHEUWEL SILO, PORTION 17 OF THE FARM VRYHEID NO. 55, KLIPHEUWEL.

Background Information:

The primary use of the existing operating facility includes the storage and handling of grain. A number of grain storage silos are located on the property. In addition, there are two existing 23 000 litre above ground storage tanks.

The applicant, Kaap Agri (Pty) Ltd proposes to construct a bulk fuel storage depot on site to include 5 X 83 000 litre above ground tanks. The fuel depot will enable some existing Moorreesburg clients to be serviced from the Klipheuwel depot. Fuel will be delivered to the depot typically by 40 000 litre tankers. This will enable Kaap Agri to deliver fuel from the proposed depot directly to Kaap Agri farm clients. A smaller 16 000 litre tanker will be used to make the farm deliveries.

The five 80m³ capacity above ground, horizontal, diesel storage tanks, are proposed to be located within a single bund area. Fuel deliveries will occur on a concrete surfaced area (spill slab) which is sloped to a containment pit for spillage containment. Fuel dispensing to Kaap Agri road tanks will take place on a separate spill containment slab.

In summary, the following is proposed:

- 5 X 83m³ above ground diesel storage tanks.
- Bund retaining wall.
- Separate loading and offloading points on spill containment slabs.
- Brick paved roadways.
- Raised islands (to prevent access via truck).

The proposed expansion of the existing Klipheuwel fuel depot will therefore trigger Activity 51 from Listing Notice 1 (2014 EIA Regulations, as amended).

Sillito Environmental Consulting (SEC) has therefore been appointed to undertake the Basic Assessment EIA 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 Location:

The existing Klipheuwel fuel depot where the proposed expansion is to take place is located at Portion 17 (spot zoned for General Industry) of the Farm Vryheid no. 55, Western Cape. Access to/from the site can be obtained from two the existing Minor Road 60 intersection with MR188 (Klipheuwel Road) and subsequently via three gates along the western boundary of the site fronting Minor Road 60. The northern gate is ingress only, while the middle and southern gates are egress only.



Figure 1: Locality Map of Portion 17 of the Farm Vryheid no. 55, Western Cape (red polygon).

Public Participation Plan

DEA&DP Circular No 0024/2020 regarding EIA & Related Processes during Lockdown Alert Level 1 explains that at all times it must be ensured that reasonable opportunity is provided for public participation. While the COVID-19 Lockdown is a unique circumstance, the specific circumstances of each case must be considered to determine what will be reasonable. If in the circumstances of a particular case additional measures to give notice to potential interested and affected parties and to allow for commenting on reports are available, such additional measures should be considered.

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.
- All surrounding neighbours with formalized erven with postal addresses will be notified via letters to be sent via the postal system. The adjacent landowners and / or occupiers will therefore be notified via letters of the availability of the Basic Assessment EIA Report & EMPR (hardcopy and electronic copy) during the two respective 30-day commenting periods (on the pre-application and post application BAR Reports respectively).
- Organs of State; the local ward councillor, local municipality and civic representative bodies (such as ratepayers’ associations) will be notified by email and/ or post.
- An advertisement will be published in the local newspaper in English.

- A site notice will be erected at a place visible near the proposed entrance to the Klipheuwel fuel depot.
- The reports will be sent to Organs of State in electronic format via a Cloud Based service or via email.
- The reports will be made available on the SEC website (www.environmentalconsultants.co.za) for review and comment for a period of 30 days during the pre-application consultation phase (on the Pre-Application Draft BAR) and for a further 30 days during the post-application consultation phase (on the post-application Draft BAR).
- Following the initial 30 days public consultation phase and the second 30-day PPP period on the post application BAR, the I & A register will be updated with all those who provided comments on the pre-application BAR.
- Following the initial 30 days public consultation, and the second 30 day PPP period on the post application Draft BAR, a Comments & Response Table, summarising all comments received and SEC response to the comments received will be send 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 Authorisation Amendment and BAR applications, and the opportunity to participate:

- The BAR & EIA Report will be available on the SEC website and in hardcopy format at the Sisonke Sibambisene ECD centre located at the Klipheuwel Community Church.
- Additional arrangements have been made with Ruan Beneke (Councillor – Ward 105) and Lynette Dalasile (Klipheuwel Leadership Group – Chairperson). Sillito will provide Lynette Dalasile with a hardcopy copy of the Basic Assessment EIA and EMPR Reports when they become available for public and authority comment.
- The Basic Assessment EIA & EMPR Report can be viewed by potential I&APs at the Sisonke Sibambisene ECD centre located at the Klipheuwel Community Church. Therefore, all potential I&APs will have access to a hardcopy of the BAR and EMPR reports required to be made available for public comments, especially those residing in Ward 105 who may not have access to the internet to download big reports as a result of the National State of Disaster.
- The Site Notice, Newspaper Advert and all other notification media (letters & email & website) will provide the details as to where the hardcopy reports and electronic copy reports can be viewed. In addition, Lynette Dalasile will allocate two community members to disseminate small A5 info pages (x200) to the occupiers of the adjacent land (in this case an informal settlement) listing the details as to where the hardcopy reports and electronic copy reports can be viewed.
- When the Basic Assessment EIA & EMPR Reports are uploaded onto the SEC website, an additional upload of the Executive Summary will also be uploaded as a data saving alternative.