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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

### **MAC CORKINDALE POULTRY FARM EXPANSION**

ON

**The Farm Rencken No 17436 (Previously Rem of Lot W No 2891)  
(Hereafter referred to as EMERALDENE)**

and

**Portion 11 of the Farm MacCorkindale's Grant No 1810  
(Hereafter referred to as MACCORKINDALE)**

MAY 2016

#### **1. INTRODUCTION:**

Indiflora cc – Environmental Services on behalf of Emeraldene Poultry Farm (the applicant) is conducting a Basic Assessment Process in respect of an application to the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) for authorization to undertake certain scheduled activities (listed below) for the proposed development described below.

The application for authorization requires the undertaking of the minimum of a *Basic Assessment process* and compilation of a *Basic Assessment Report (BAR)* prior to the approval of such a development in terms of Regulation Notice R984 of the National Environmental Management Act 1998, as amended in 2014). This document highlights relevant information for all interested and affected parties (I&AP's) associated with the BAR and provides further information on technical issues related to the project.

#### **2. PROPERTY LOCATION:**

The properties in question are located in the Kwadukuza municipal area of the Ilembe District Municipality. Emeraldene is located at the GPS co-ordinates 29° 16' 39.17" S 31° 24' 47.16" E. It is situated immediately south of and adjacent to the P403 to Zinkwazi approximately 2 km from town. MacCorkindale is located at the GPS co-ordinates 29° 15' 21.75" S 31° 23' 15.16" E. It is situated west of the N2 and immediately south of District Road P111 approximately 1km from the R102/P111 intersection.

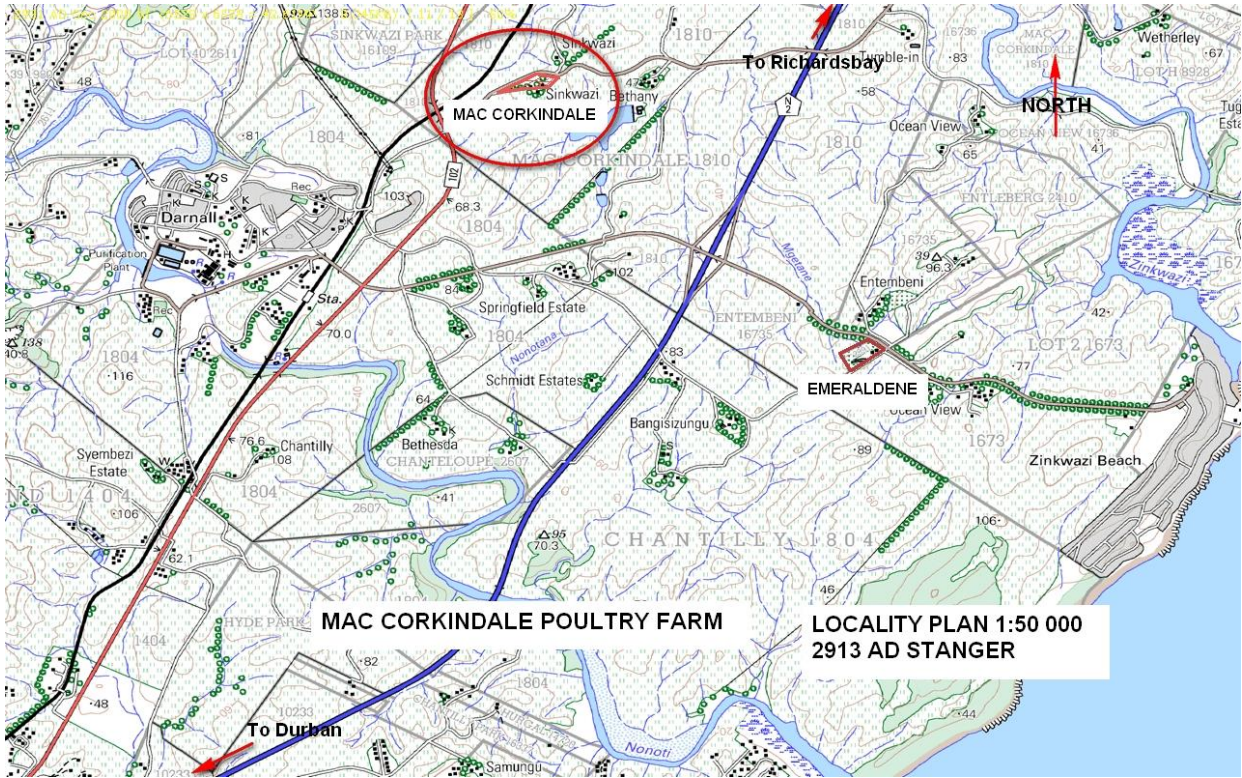


Figure 1: The 1:50000 map showing the location of MacCorkindale and Emeraldene.

### 3. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY

The owner of the existing Emeraldene Poultry Farm, Kurt Rencken, is proposing to develop two new additional rearing houses on Portion 11 of the Farm MacCorkindale's Grant No 1810 (hereinafter referred to as MacCorkindale). He also plans to expand the egg packaging shed (240m<sup>2</sup>) and to construct a new chicken litter pelletizing plant (of under 2000m<sup>2</sup>) on The Farm Rencken No 17364 (Emeraldene) as well as all associated infrastructural services.

Emeraldene currently encompasses three laying houses (with capacity for 1250 000 chickens), an egg packaging operation, and ancillary activities while MacCorkindale has four rearing houses (supplying 13000 chickens on a 6 week rotation to Emeraldene) and ancillary activities.

Water is supplied to the poultry farm by means of boreholes (in the process of being registered with the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry in terms of the National Water Act). The farms are serviced by, reticulated electricity (Eskom), an engineered stormwater control system, septic tanks for the disposal of domestic sewage and gravel access roads.

### 4. ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION REQUIREMENTS

Environmental authorisation is required for the following listed activities:

RELEVANT NOTICE:	ACTIVITY NO:	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION
GNR 984 December 2014	40	The expansion and related operation of facilities for the concentration of poultry, excluding chicks younger than 20 days, where the capacity of the facility will be increased by- (i) more than 1 000 poultry where the facility is situated within an urban area; or (ii) more than 5 000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area.

## 5. AIM OF THE PROCESS

The aim of the Environmental Impact Assessment process is to provide the competent authority, The Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA), with enough information to make an informed decision regarding any proposed development. This is achieved by informing and involving all potentially interested and affected parties (I&AP's), identifying potential impacts (both positive and negative) that the proposed development may have, and if necessary conducting specialist studies, and making recommendations based on the identified impacts and conclusions of the specialists.

## 6. PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

The environmental process involves a series of activities which will be followed as listed below:

- Submission of a letter of intent to submit a Basic Assessment application for authorisation.
- Conduct necessary baseline studies.
- Preparation of a Background Information Document (BID)
- Communication with KwaDukuza Municipality regarding the proposed development
- Communication with other relevant departments and commenting authorities such as Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (EKZNW), the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and the Department of Agriculture etc.
- Notification of and consultation with stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties (I & APs)
- Compilation of a comments report
- Compilation of a Basic Assessment Report for circulation and approval
- Preparation of Environmental Management Plan
- Record of Decision by EDTEA

## 7. INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Should you or your organisation have any comments or queries regarding this project, or if you would like to participate in the process and provide comment on the relevant documentation, please ensure that you register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), in writing, with Johan Bodenstein within 30 days of receipt of this notification.

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Please note that I&APs must provide their name, contact details (postal address, telephone, fax numbers and email address) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest you may have in the approval or refusal of this application. Kindly complete this questionnaire and fax it to the number provided above.

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**QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name of I & AP: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Details: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your preferred language for communication purposes in block provided:

English	Afrikaans	Other

Please indicate whether you wish to remain on the project mailing list in block provided:

YES	NO

We wish to raise the following issue/s of concern:

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We wish to the following suggestions to enhance benefits of the project:

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We wish to comment on the proposed public participation process for the project:

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Thank you for your participation in the above questionnaire.

Please return the questionnaire to the above postal (return envelope enclosed), fax or email address.