



Background Information Document (September 2008)

Dovehouse Road

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF TOWNHOUSE UNITS
ON
PORTION 404 (OF 44) OF THE FARM EVERTON NO 864
27 DOVEHOUSE ROAD

BASIC ASSESSMENT IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT

1. Context

Indiflora cc – Environmental Services on behalf of High Adventure Investment (the applicant) is conducting a Basic Assessment Process in respect of an application to the Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs (DAEA) for authorization to undertake certain scheduled activities (listed below) resulting from the proposed development of 11 townhouse units and associated infrastructure at 27 Dovehouse road portion 404 (of 44) of the farm Everton no. 864.

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 residential development in terms of Government Notices R385, R386, dated 21 April 2006 and effective 3 July 2006, of the National Environmental management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA).

Other legislation is pertinent to such a development as well as the need to inform planning from an ecological and socio-economic perspective.

This document highlights relevant information for all interested and affected parties (I & AP's) associated with the BAR and provide further information on technical issues related to the project.

2. Locality Plan of Proposed Activity



Fig 1. Locality plan where red dot indicates site

3. Description of the Proposed Activity

The applicant, High Adventure 147 cc, is proposing the development of 11 residential townhouse units and associated infrastructure at 27 Dovehouse road on portion 404 (of 44) of the farm Everton no 864

Environmental Legislation Requirements

In terms of GN R386, regulations promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998, (NEMA) the proposed development requires approval from the Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs for the undertaking of the following activities:

Schedule 386 – Activities for which Basic Assessment is required

1 The construction of facilities or infrastructure, including associated structures or infrastructure, for – (k) the bulk transportation of sewage and water, including storm water, in pipelines with – (i) An internal diameter of 0.36 metres or more; or (ii) A peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more	Definitely
15. The construction of a road that is wider than 4 metres or that has a reserve wider than 6 metres, excluding roads that fall within the ambit of another listed activity or which are access roads of less than 30 metres long	Definitely
16. The transformation of developed vacant or derelict land to – a.) establish infill development covering an area of 5 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares; or b.) residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional use where such development does not constitute infill and where the total area to be transformed is bigger than 1 hectare	Definitely

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4. Aim of the Process

The aim of the Environmental Impact Assessment process is to provide the competent authority, The Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs (DAEA), 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.

5. 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 eThekweni Municipality regarding the proposed development
- Communication with other relevant departments and commenting authorities such as Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (EKZNE), the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF) 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 DAEA

6. Invitation to Participate

In order to ensure that you are identified and registered as an interested and/or affected party, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter to:

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