

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

In Accordance with Requirements of Regulation 41 of GNR 326

1 November 2022

**NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 24G OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT NO 107 OF 1998) OF AN UNLAWFUL
COMMENCEMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PIPELINE AND PUMPSTATION
ON FARM OFFA 62 ELLIOT RD.**

APPLICANT:

Number Two Piggeries (Pty) Ltd.

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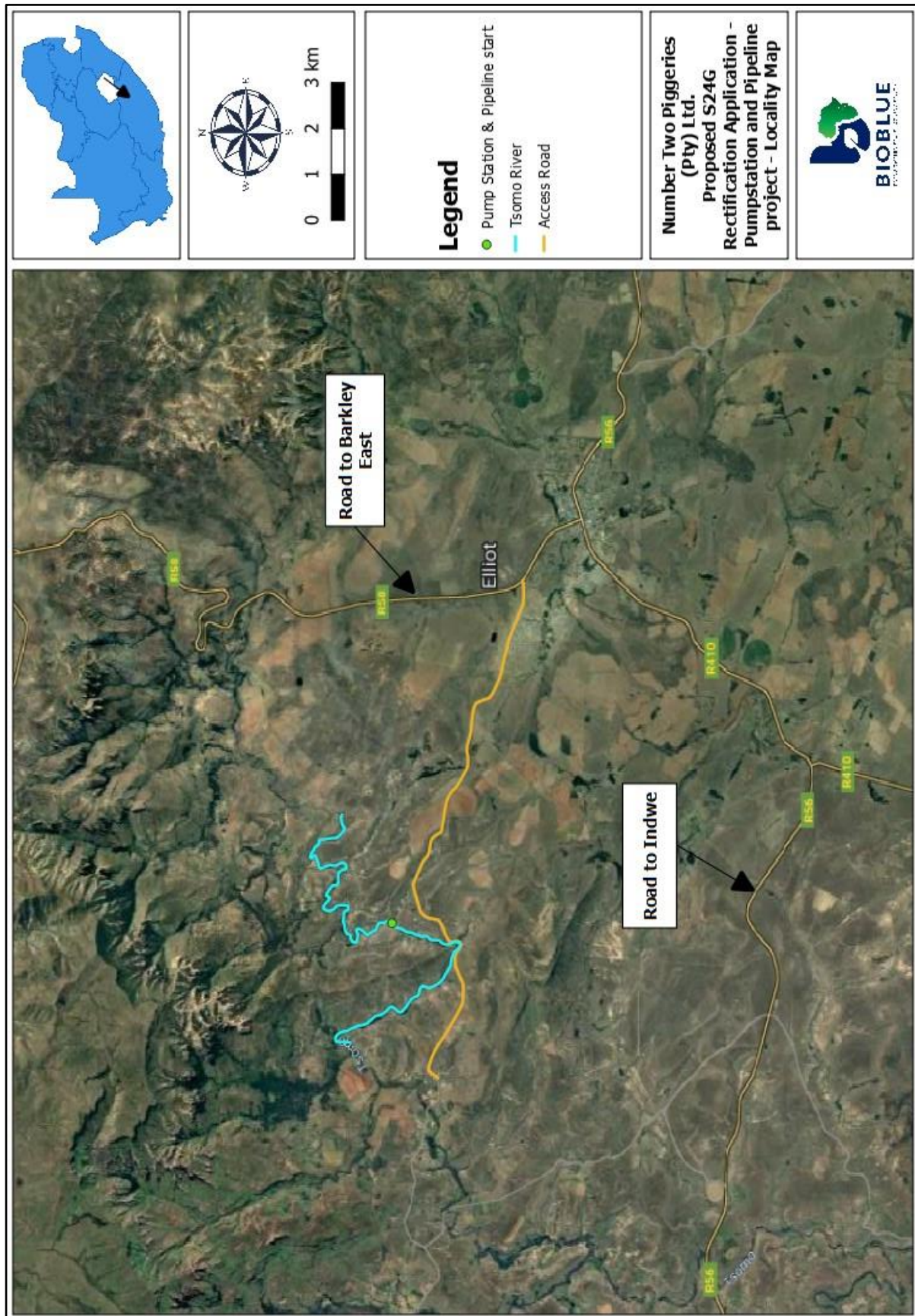
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Purpose of this Notice:

To notify potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) of the intention of Number Two Piggeries (Pty) Ltd. to apply for a Rectification Application in terms of Section 24G (1) of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 ("NEMA") as Amended:

- Unauthorised commencement of the development of a pipeline and pumpstation within 32m of a watercourse near Elliot, Chris Hani District Municipality.
- To notify the identified Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations Government Notice R. 327 of 4 December 2014 (as amended in 2017) published in terms of chapter 6 of the National Environmental Management Act as amended (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended.
- Present stakeholders and I&APs with an overview of the perceived biophysical and social impacts that have been identified related to the impacted area of this application.
- To obtain issues and concerns from I&AP's regarding the possible environmental impacts that have occurred as a result of the activities conducted by the applicant which will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Report for proposed continuation of the activities and operational phase.
- To give all potential interested and affected parties the opportunity to register and be placed on the register of I&APs in order for them to voice their opinions and concerns.



Potential interested and affected parties include:

- Occupants of the site, and where the occupants are not the owners, also to the owners of the site, or the owner of any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken.
- Owners, persons in control of land or occupants of adjacent properties
- Municipal councillor and municipality
- Any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of the activity
- Any other party as required by the competent authority

Introduction

Application in terms of Section 24G (1) of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 ("NEMA") as Amended: Unauthorised commencement of the development of a pipeline and pumpstation, Elliot, Chris Hani District Municipality.

GN R. 327: Listing Notice 1: Activity 9, 12 and 19.

Locality

The site is located near Elliot in the Eastern Cape Province. Access to the site can be gained by turning left on the first dirt road while driving on the R58 from Elliot to Barkley East.

Coordinates: 31°17'23.99"S, 27° 45'18.02"E

Please refer to the Figure above.

Basic Project Description

Number Two Piggeries (Pty) Ltd. have commenced with the development of a pipeline and pumpstation on Farm Offa 62 Elliot RD. The company has existing water rights in terms of section 21 (a) for the abstraction of water from the Tsomo River.

Environmental Study Process

The Environmental Impact Assessment process consists of two main components, namely (i) the technical/biophysical process and (ii) the public participation process.

The technical process includes, but is not limited to, the following aspects:

- Terrain investigations;
- The identification and assessment of biophysical elements within the study area;
- Compilation of an Environmental Impact Report and EMPr;
- Input from Specialist reports.

The public participation process includes:

- Compilation of a database of stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties;
- Legal notices of the environmental process (press advertisement and on-site);
- Dissemination of information to stakeholders and I&APs;
- If needed, conduct an open day(s) or meetings where Interested and Affected Parties can view the lay-out plan and be informed of the functioning of the treatment process in basic terms;
- Identification of environmental, as well as social issues and concerns, as raised by I&APs or other relevant stakeholders, and
- Addressing all concerns raised by I&APs.

The public participation process is conducted in parallel with the Section 24G process (technical/biophysical process). The public participation process does not aim to promote agreement amongst I&APs or quell possible opposition against a project. The process is made open and transparent to all those involved. Additionally, it is considered important to involve I&APs as early in the Environmental Impact

Assessment process as possible, to ensure informed decision-making and effective participation throughout the study.

Comments or Objections

Kindly submit the attached Registration and Comment Sheet, to register as an Interested and Affected Party, with possible issues and concerns relating to the development, as well as any additional I&APs that you would like to be involved in the process, to the contact details listed below.

The Registration and Comment Sheet should reach us no later than 30 days of the date of this document. BioBlue Environmental will engage with various stakeholders and communities such as Municipalities, Farmers and environmental departments.

Hard Copies of the Reports will be available at Elliot Agricultural Department across from SAPS offices.

Soft Copies will be available on the BioBlue Environmental website (www.bioblueenviro.com) and a direct link will be emailed to all I&APs.

Specialist Studies to be Conducted

- Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment
- Heritage Impact Assessment
- Wetland Assessment

Registration and Comment Sheet

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Title_____Initials_____Surname_____

Organisation/Firm/Position/Nature of Involvement in the project e.g. property
owner:

Street / Physical Address:

Postal address:

Postal Code: _____

Telephone Work: _____ Telephone Home: _____

Cell phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

COMMENTS:

1. What are the primary concerns faced by you/ your community/ your organization with regards to the proposed Section 24G Rectification Application.

2. Are you in favor of or against the proposed project? Please provide a reason for your answer.

3. Do you have or know of any information that might be relevant to the S24G process (e.g. environmental information and community, social or economic information)?

4. Do you know of any other individual or organization that you feel would want to register as a stakeholder and receive information. Please provide names and contact information below.
