

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

In Accordance with Requirements of Regulation 41 of GNR 326

1 February 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF WASTEWATER DAMS AND EXPANSION OF TREATMENT FACILITIES NEAR LICHTENBURG, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

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Purpose of this Notice:

- To notify potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) of the intention of Henwil Chickens (Pty) Ltd. to apply for an **Environmental Authorization** in terms of Regulation 41 of the Regulations published in Listing Notice 1, and 3 of 4 December 2014 (as amended) and Chapter 6 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no. 107 of 1998) as well as NEMWA GN.R 921 of 29 November 2013, for activities related to their abattoir facilities on portion 28 of the Farm Graslaagte 37 IP, near Lichtenburg in the North West Province;
- Present stakeholders and I&APs with an overview of the perceived biophysical and social impacts that have been identified up to date;
- To obtain issues and concerns from I&AP's regarding the Environmental Authorization application process and proposed activity, which will be addressed for the planning, establishment and operational phase of the proposed operations;
- 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

Locality

The project site is situated on Portion 28 of the Farm Graslaagte 37 IP, near Lichtenburg in the North-West Province, Ditsobotla Local Municipality. Access can be gained by turning left on the R52 road at East Fort Truck Stop when driving to Koster from Lichtenburg.

Coordinates: 26°09'38.51"S 26°13'44.46"E

Refer to Figure 1 for the regional locality of the site.

Basic Project Description

Henwil Chickens (Pty) Ltd. requires an Environmental Authorization and Waste License for activities related to their abattoir facilities situated on Portion 28 of the Farm Graslaagte 37 IP, near Lichtenburg in the North-West Province.

The company has existing facilities where they process the chickens farmed at various farming operations and the facilities has the capacity to process, pack and store the meat as well as process the waste generated at the facilities into various products. The treated wastewater is currently discharged into the adjacent wetland systems.

The company has appointed specialists to establish a rehabilitation plan for the current canal system that has been in use since the 1990's and this application for the proposed three wastewater dams will replace the current unlined canal system. The new proposed infrastructure will ultimately ensure that Henwil Chickens can operate more sustainable operations in the long-term, reduce their water-use and reduce the probability of pollution of the water systems. The dams will store the treated water which will then be irrigated or discharged.

The application infrastructure will include the following:

1. Three wastewater dams (Wastewater will be treated through various processes and the water will ultimately be of quality to discharge and irrigate)
2. DAF Plant –Additional treatment measure before water will enter the dams.



Figure 1: Locality Map

Comments or Objections

Kindly submit the attached Registration and Comment Sheet, to register as an Interested and Affected Party and to receive the Draft Basic Assessment Report to raise possible issues and concerns relating to the proposed 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 2 March 2023.

Legal Requirements

Other legal requirements need to be adhered to when the EIA Process is being conducted. A Water-use License application has been submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation.

Registration and Comment Sheet

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Please complete and return as soon as possible, but no later than 2 March 2023 to:

Mr. Zander Liebenberg

Tel: 082 562 1404 e-mail: info@bioblueenviro.com

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 environmental authorization 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 environmental authorization application 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.
