

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

In Accordance with Requirements of Regulation 41 of GNR 326

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WATER-USE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR ABSTRACTION OF WATER FROM BOREHOLES FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES

APPLICANT:

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Purpose of this Notice:

To notify potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) of the intention of J Oosthuizen Boerdery to apply **for a Water-Use License** application in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) for the abstraction of water from boreholes to irrigate their existing crops on portion 5 of the Farm Witstinkhoutboom 9 IP:

- 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 Water-use License 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

J Oosthuizen Boerdery is located on portion 5 of the Farm Witstinkhoutboom 9 IP, approximately 17km north east of Lichtenburg in the North West Province of South Africa. Site coordinates are: 26.011527° 26.317866°. This area falls under the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality.

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

Basic Project Description

J Oosthuizen Boerdery proposes to apply for a water-use licence in terms of section 21 (a) to be able to abstract water from boreholes on their farm for irrigation purposes.

The farm is being utilised for agricultural operations. The farming operation mainly comprise of commercial production of maize, wheat and soy bean crops.



Figure 1: Locality Map

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 application, 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 7 November 2023. The water use license technical report will be made available to all I&AP's for a period of sixty days.

Legal Requirements

This application will include the following:

- The National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) in terms of Section 21 which includes:
 - S21(a) – Taking of Water from a Water Resource

Specialist Studies that has been Conducted

- Hydrogeological Investigation

Registration and Comment Sheet

Water-Use License application for the abstraction of groundwater from boreholes for the irrigation of maize, wheat and soy bean crops on portion 5 of the Farm Witstinkhoutboom.

Please complete and return as soon as possible, but no later than 7 November 2023 to:

Mr. Zander Liebenberg

Tel: 082 562 1404 e-mail: info@bioblueviro.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 water-use?

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

3. Do you have or know of any information that might be relevant to the Water-use License 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.
