

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

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WATER-USE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR ABSTRACTION OF WATER FROM A BOREHOLE FOR COMMERCIAL USE

APPLICANT:

Southern Sun Hotel Interests (Pty) Ltd.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT:

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Purpose of this Notice:

To notify potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) of the intention of Southern Sun Hotel Interests (Pty) Ltd. 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 a borehole for commercial use within the property, namely Riverside Sun Hotel Resort, Vanderbijlpark:

- 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

Riverside Sun Hotel Resort is located on the corner of Wenning and Emfuleni Drive, Vanderbijlpark, within the Gauteng Province of South Africa. Site coordinates are: 26°44'55.87"S, 27°49'42.51"E. This area falls under the Emfuleni Local Municipality.

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

Basic Project Description

Southern Sun Hotel Interests, the applicant, proposes to apply for a water-use licence for Riverside Sun Hotel Resort to abstract water from a borehole for commercial use within the property. The proposed Water-use License Application is for Section 21 (a).

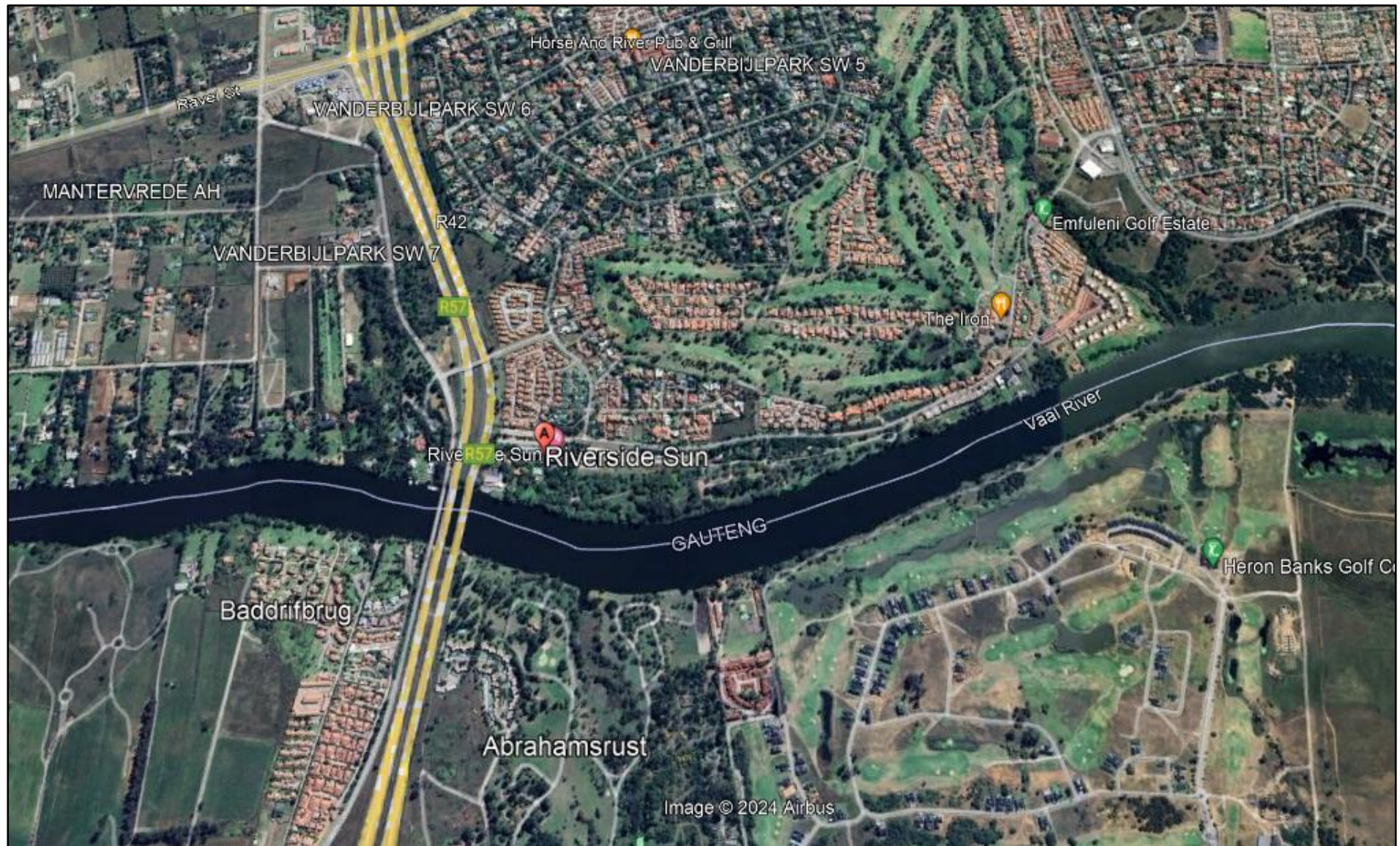


Figure 1: Locality Map

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 25 March 2024. The water use license technical report will be made available to all I&AP's for a period of sixty (60) 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 are required:

- Hydrogeological Investigation

Registration and Comment Sheet

Water-Use License application for the abstraction of groundwater from a borehole for commercial use at Riverside Sun Hotel Resort, Vanderbijlpark.

Please complete and return as soon as possible, but no later than 25 March 2024 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.
