

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

1. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to inform Interested & Affected Parties (I&AP's) and various Stakeholders about an Environmental Impact Assessment to be undertaken for the proposed Township Establishment of the 4 new extensions in Rehoboth.

2. INTRODUCTION

The proponent (Rehoboth Town Council) is of the intention to formalize the existing town by establishing 4 new extensions in the town of Rehoboth which will occupy a total size of approximately 100 Ha located to the northern end of the existing town of Rehoboth. The project site is divided into 2 communities called "Burgershoek and Volstruisvlakte" but, extension numbers will be allocated by the office of the surveyor General once the township is approved. The layout of the proposed extensions will make provision for business, residential, general residential, institutional, and public open space. The establishment of the new extensions will ease the shortage of housing in the town of Rehoboth and make more serviced land available.

WINPLAN Town and Regional Planning Consultants needs to submit an application to the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development (MURD) to affect the required town planning actions for the proposed township establishments. In order to finalise the planning actions and as part of the application, an Environmental Clearance Certificate should be obtained.

3. PROJECT INFORMATION

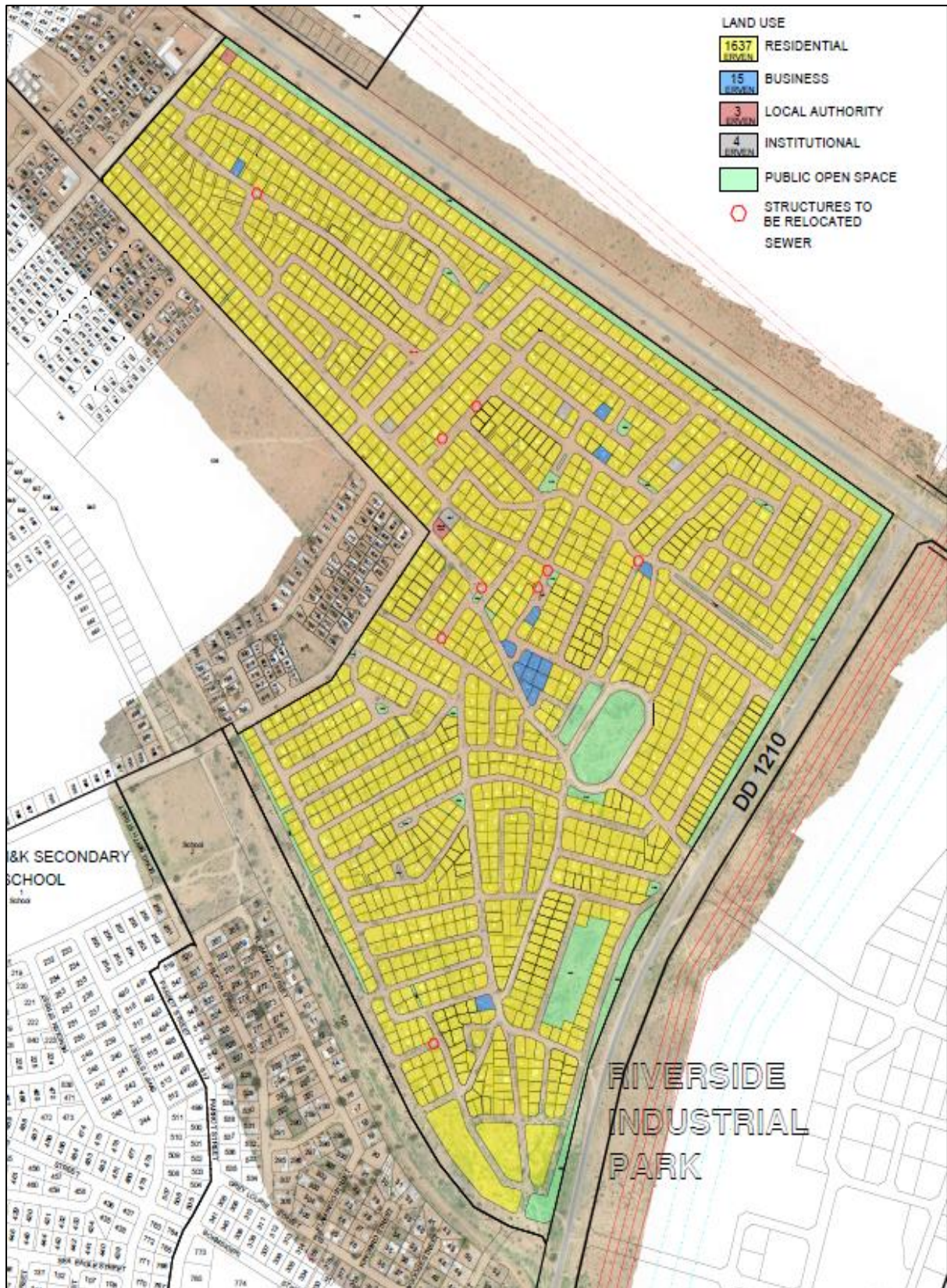
The proposed project sites are located within the Townlands area of Rehoboth. These sites are already developed by means of mainly residential housing and small businesses. Infrastructure and other services such as roads, water services, and bulk electricity supply will be provided. Since this land belong to the Rehoboth Town Council no compensation issues are present.

The proposed Township Establishment will include 4 new extensions within the Townlands of Rehoboth. The total area of the proposed sites is approximately 100 Hectares and is located on the northern side of Rehoboth. The houses are already in a layout formation but there will be amendments to some of the boundaries to comply with minimum erf sizes and street width. The exact locations in relation to the built-up area of Rehoboth can be seen in the maps below.



The table below indicates the proposed number of erven that is planned on the respective portions as well as the size of the portion on which the township will be established.

| LAND DESCRIPTION | APPROXIMATE SIZE (ha) | PRELIMINARY NUMBER OF ERVEN | PROPOSED EXTENSION NAME |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Portion A | 25Ha | 390 | Extension number to be allocated by the office of the Surveyor General |
| Portion B | 25Ha | 390 | Extension number to be allocated by the office of the Surveyor General |
| Portion C | 25Ha | 390 | Extension number to be allocated by the office of the Surveyor General |
| Portion D | 25Ha | 389 | Extension number to be allocated by the office of the Surveyor General |



4. EIA PROCESS

The Environmental Management Act (No 7 of 2007) stipulates that an Environmental Scoping Assessment is required if the following 'Listed Activities' are involved:

| Activity No. | Activity Description |
|--|--|
| Energy Generation, Transmission and Storage Activities | |
| Activity 1 (b) | <i>The construction of facilities for the transmission and supply of electricity</i> |
| Waste Management, Treatment, Handling and Disposal Activities | |
| Activity 2.3 | <i>Temporary storage of waste</i> |
| Forestry Activities | |
| Activity 4 | <i>Removal of vegetation</i> |
| Land Use and Development Activities | |
| Activity 5.2 | <i>Establishment of Land Resettlement Scheme</i> |
| Infrastructure | |
| Activity 10.1(a) | <i>The construction of water bulk supply pipelines</i> |
| Activity 10.1(b) | <i>The construction of public roads</i> |

The BID forms the first part of this assessment. Based on the comments received and the findings of the scoping study, a Scoping Report will be drafted. The Scoping Report will include an assessment and Environmental Management Plan (EMP). The EMP will detail the measures to be implemented to ensure that all issues and impacts are managed and mitigated. Following this, the report will be finalised and submitted to the MET for review. If the MET is satisfied that a comprehensive impact assessment and public consultation process has been undertaken, then they will issue an ECC. However, if they determine that further studies and assessment are necessary, then they will require for the EIA process to be extended to a full EIA.

5. SCOPE OF WORK OF THE EIA

The EIA will cover all aspects relating to the construction, and operation of the project. A few key issues that will need be investigated:

| IMPACT | CAUSE |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Erosion & Sedimentation | Vegetation clearance |
| | Trenches & excavated areas |
| Ground and Surface | Waste disposal |

| IMPACT | CAUSE |
|--|--|
| Water Pollution | Hazardous material & liquid disposal |
| Habitat Destruction and Loss of Biodiversity | Vegetation clearance & removal of trees |
| | Erosion & sedimentation |
| | Poaching |
| Visual Aesthetics and Sense of Place | Vegetation clearance |
| | Poorly planned construction sites |
| | Insensitive infrastructure design and scale |
| Socio-Economic | Income generation and skills transfer (Employment) |
| | Economic benefit to the construction industry |
| | Dust and emissions |
| | Traffic safety |
| | Health, safety and security |
| Natural Resources (water & energy) | Unacceptable high levels of consumption |
| | Wastage |

6. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The proposed township Establishment was advertised in the Namibian and the Republikein respectively on the 18th and 25th of September 2023.

Any I&AP on the proposed township establishment, has an opportunity to participate and provide input. To register as an interested and affected party (I&AP), please send requests/responses to:

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7. REGISTRATION AND COMMENTS



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| Title | | Organisation | |
| First Name | | Tel No. | |
| Surname | | E-mail | |
| Postal Address | | | |
| Please register me as an I&AP so that I may receive further information during the EIA process. | Yes | No | |
| COMMENTS: Please comment on your issues of concern or suggestions you may have for the EIA process. Any other comments or queries are welcomed. You may use a separate sheet. | | | |
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