

12 February 2025

Our ref: 1680/JJ/am

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir or Madam:

NOTIFICATION REGARDING OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED AQUA FARMING EXPANSION OF AGRICULTURE INTO NATURAL AREAS ON THE FARM DROOGFONTEIN, IN THE SOL PLAATJE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA.

Aqua Farming (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as the applicant) has appointed Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist with undertaking the required authorisation processes (including the statutory public participation), and to compile and submit the required documentation in support of application for:

- Environmental Authorisation (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, NEMA (Act 107 of 1998- as amended), GNR984,2014 (Listing Notice 2) and GNR985, 2014 (Listing Notice 3).
- Water Use Licence (WUL) for various relevant water uses in accordance with the National Water Act – NWA (Act 36 of 1998).

Additional activities to be applied for may be raised and will be confirmed during the process.

The applicant wishes to develop pivot irrigation systems for the cultivation of seed potatoes, potatoes, onions, and various grass-feed crops. The development of these pivots will occur in phases/seasons over the course of 7 years. With each phase/season, approximately 175 Ha will be cleared for the pivots. Therefore, after approximately 7 years a total of 1050 Ha will have been cleared. The total area that will need to be assessed in support of the Environmental Authorisation application for the project is 1800 ha. The proposed project is located approximately 20 km North from Kimberley, on the Remainder of the Farm Bulpan 51, the Remainder of the Farm Witpan 52, Portion 2 of the Farm Eerste Aan Leg 50 and a section of Portion 16 of the Farm Droogfontein 62, in the Sol Plaatje Local Municipality, Frances Baard District Municipality, Northern Cape Province. Additionally, Aqua Farming wishes to build a buffer dam as a reservoir for irrigation water with a capacity of approximately 50 000 m³ of water. This water will be sourced from the Vaal River. The current existing water use licence will need to be amended accordingly.

EIMS will be following the procedures defined in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GRN982 of 2014, as amended) for undertaking a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Water Use Licence Application (WULA) process. In accordance with Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, a public participation process will be undertaken. You are hereby invited to register and comment on the proposed project and application/s. In order to ensure that you are identified and registered as an I&AP and that your comments are captured, please submit your name, contact details, the reason for your interest in writing or telephonically, to EIMS. Please note that only registered I&APs will be informed of future project information and opportunities for participation.

By registering as an interested and affected party you consent to the collection and processing of your personal information as per the EIMS Privacy Notice available at www.eims.co.za/public-participation. In order to avoid missing out on opportunities for public participation please submit I&AP registrations, or any queries, comments, or concerns with regard to this application, as soon as possible to EIMS at:

Contact Person: Alex Msipa

EIMS Reference Number: 1680

Postal Address: P.O. Box 2083; Pinegowrie; 2123

Telephone: (011) 789 7170/ Fax: (086) 571 9047

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Please include the project reference number 1680 in all correspondence.

Further information will be available at www.eims.co.za/public-participation/. Please note that in the event that you are unable to access the website due to data constraints please contact EIMS for alternative arrangements.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind Regards,

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TEAM

12 Februarie 2025

Ons verwysing: 1680/JJ/am

Vir wie dit mag aangaan

Geagte Meneer of Mevrouw

KENNISGEWING MET BETREKKING TOT GELEENTHEID OM DEEL TE NEEM AAN OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING AANSOEKPROSES VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE AQUA BOERDERY UITBREIDING VAN LANDBOU NA NATUURLIKE GEBIED OP DIE PLAAS DROOGFONTEIN, IN DIE SOL PLAATJE PLAASLIKE PROVENT, SOL PLAATJE, SOL PLAATJE, BUITELAND. AFRIKA.

Aqua Farming (Edms) Bpk (hierna na verwys as die aansoeker) het Environmental Impact Management Services (Edms) Bpk (EIMS) as die Omgewingsbeoordelingspraktisyn (EAP) aangestel om te help met die onderneem van die vereiste magtigingsprosesse (insluitend die statutêre openbare deelname), en om die vereiste dokumentasie saam te stel en in te dien ter ondersteuning van aansoek vir:

- Omgewingsmagtiging (EA) in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuurswet, NEMA (Wet 107 van 1998- soos gewysig), GNR984,2014 (Noteringskennisgewing 2) en GNR985, 2014 (Noteringskennisgewing 3).
- Watergebruiklisensie (WUL) vir verskeie relevante watergebruike in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Waterwet – NWA (Wet 36 van 1998).

Bykomende aktiwiteite waarvoor aansoek gedoen moet word, kan geïdentifiseer word en sal tydens die proses bevestig word.

Die aansoeker wil spilpuntbesproeiingstelsels ontwikkel vir die verbouing van moere, aartappels, uie en verskeie grasvoergewasse. Die ontwikkeling van hierdie spilpunte sal in fases/seisoene oor die loop van 7 jaar plaasvind. Met elke fase/seisoen sal ongeveer 175 Ha vir die spilpunte ontwikkel word. Die totale oppervlakte wat dus verwyder sal word oor die loop van 7 jaar sal 1050 Ha wees. Die totale oppervlakte wat geassesseer sal word ter ondersteuning van die Omgewingsmagtigings aansoek vir die projek is 1800 ha. Die voorgestelde projek is geleë ongeveer 20 km Noord vanaf Kimberley, op Plase Bulpan 51 res van gedeelte, Witpan 52 res van gedeelte, Eerste Aan Leg 50 gedeelte 2, en Droogfontein 62, 'n afdeling van gedeelte 16, in die Sol Plaatje Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Frances Baard Distriksmunisipaliteit, Noord-Kaapprovinsie. Daarbenewens wil Aqua Farming 'n bufferdam bou as 'n reservoir vir besproeiingswater met 'n kapasiteit van ongeveer 50 000 m³ water. Hierdie water sal uit die Vaalrivier verkry word. Die huidige bestaande watergebruiklisensie sal dienoreenkomstig gewysig moet word.

EIMS sal die prosedures volg soos omskryf in die Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIE) Regulasies (GRN982 van 2014, soos gewysig) vir die onderneem van 'n Omvang- en Omgewingsimpakstudie (OIE) en Watergebruiklisensie Aansoek (WULA) proses. In ooreenstemming met Hoofstuk 6 van die OIB-regulasies, sal 'n openbare deelnameproses onderneem word. U word hiermee uitgenooi om te registreer en kommentaar te lewer op die voorgestelde projek en aansoek/s. Om te verseker dat jy geïdentifiseer en geregistreer is as 'n B&GP en dat jou kommentaar vasgelê word, dien asseblief jou naam, kontakbesonderhede, die rede vir jou belangstelling, skriftelik of telefonies, by EIMS in. Neem asseblief kennis dat slegs geregistreerde B&GPe ingelig sal word oor toekomstige projekinligting en geleenthede vir deelname.

Deur te registreer as 'n belanghebbende en geaffekteerde party stem jy in tot die versameling en verwerking van jou persoonlike inligting soos per die EIMS Privaatheidskennisgewing beskikbaar by www.eims.co.za/public-participation. Om te verhoed dat geleenthede vir publieke deelname misgeloop word, dien asseblief B&GP-registrasies, of enige navrae, kommentaar of bekommernisse met betrekking tot hierdie aansoek, so gou moontlik in by EIMS by:

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Sluit asseblief die projekverwysingsnommer **1680** by alle korrespondensie in.

Verdere inligting sal beskikbaar wees by www.eims.co.za/public-participation/. Neem asseblief kennis dat in die geval dat jy weens databeperkings nie toegang tot die webwerf kan kry nie, kontak asseblief EIMS vir alternatiewe reëlins.

Voel asseblief vry om die ondergetekende te kontak indien u enige navrae of bekommernisse het.

Vriendelike groete,

PUBLIEKE DEELNAMESPAN

12 Tlhakole 2025

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Go ba e ka amang

Rre kgotsa Mme yo o rategang

KITSISO E E MALEBANA LE TSHONO YA GO NNA LE SEABE MO THULAGANYONG YA GO DIRA KOPO YA TETLA YA TIKOLOGO YA POLASE YA TEMOTHUO YA METSI E E RULAGANTSWENG YA GO ATOLOSA TEMOTHUO MO MAFELONG A TLHAGO MO POLASENG YA DROOGFONTEIN, MO MMASEPALENG WA SOL PLAATJE, POROFENSE YA NORTHERN CAPE, MO AFORIKA BORWA.

Aqua Farming (Pty) Ltd (e e tla bidiwang mokopi) e tlhomile Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS jaaka Modiri wa Tshekatsheko ya Tikologo (EAP) go thusa ka go dira dithulaganyo tse di tlhokegang tsa tetelelo (go akaretse le go tsaya karolo ga setšhaba ka fa molaong), le go kokoanya le go romela ditokomane tse di tlhokegang go tshegetsa kopo ya:

- Tumelelo ya Tikologo (EA) go ya ka Molao wa Bosetšhaba wa Taolo ya Tikologo, NEMA (Molao 107 wa 1998-jaaka o baakantswe), GNR984, 2014 (Kitsiso ya Lenaane 2) le GNR985, 2014 (Kitsiso ya Lenaane 3).
- Laesense ya Tiriso ya Metsi (WUL) ya tiriso e e farologaneng ya metsi e e maleba go ya ka Molao wa Bosetšhaba wa Metsi – NWA (Molao 36 wa 1998).

Ditiro tse dingwe tse di tshwanetseng go kopiwa di ka tlhagisiwa mme di tla netefadiwa ka nako ya thulaganyo.

Moikopedi o eletsa go dira dithulaganyo tsa go nosetsa tsa pivot tsa go jala ditapole tsa peo, ditapole, dieiye, le dijalo tse di farologaneng tse di fepiwang ka bojang. Tlhabololo ya dipivot tse e tla diragala ka dikgato/dipaka mo tsamaong ya dingwaga di le (supa) 7yrs. Ka legato/paka nngwe le nngwe, go tlaa tlholwa di-pivot di ka nna 175 Ha. Palogotlhe ya kgaolo e e tlaa phimolwang mo tsamaong ya dingwaga di le 7 e tlaa nna 1050 Ha. Palogotlhe ya kgaolo e e tla tlhokang go sekasekwa go tshegetsa kopo ya Thebolo ya Tikologo ya porojeke ke diheketara di le 1800. Porojeke e e tshitshintsweng e fitlhelwa mo e ka nnang dikhilomitara di le 20 kwa Bokone go tswa kwa Kimberley, mo Dipolaseng Bulpan 51 masalela a karolo, Witpan 52 masalela a karolo, Eerste Aan Leg 50 karolo 2, le Droogfontein 62 dikarolo 16, mo Mmassepaleng wa Selegae wa Sol Plaatje Fora, Porofense ya Kapa Bokone. Mo godimo ga moo, Aqua Farming e batla go aga letamo le le tla bolokang metsi a a dirisediwa go nosetsa ka selekanyo sa metsi a le 50 000 m3. Metsi ano a tla tswa mo Nokeng ya Vaal. Dilaesense tse di leng teng tsa go dirisa metsi di tla tlhoka go fetolwa go ya ka seemo.

EIMS e tla latela ditsamaiso tse di tlhalositsweng mo Melawaneng ya Tlhatlhobo ya Ditlamorago mo Tikologong (EIA) (GRN982 ya 2014, jaaka e tlhabolotswe) go dira Tlhatlhobo ya Ditlamorago mo Tikologong (EIA) le Tsamaiso ya Kopo ya Laesense ya Tiriso ya Metsi (WULA). Go ya ka Kgaolo 6 ya Melawana ya EIA, go tla dirwa thulaganyo ya go nna le seabe ga setšhaba. O lalediwa go ikwadisa le go akgela ka porojeke e e tshisintsweng le dikopo. Go netefatsa gore o a itsiwe le go kwadisiwa jaaka I&AP le gore dikakgelo tsa gago di a tsewa tsia, tsweetswee romela leina la gago, dintlha tsa go ikgolaganya le wena, lebaka la go bo o kgatlhega, kgotsa tse dingwe, ka go kwala kgotsa ka mogala kwa EIMS. Tsweetswee ela tlhoko gore ke I&APs fela e e kwadisitsweng e e tla itsiseng ka tshedimosetso ya porojeke ya isagwe le ditshono tsa go nna le seabe.

Ka go ikwadisa jaaka motho yo o nang le kgatlhego le yo o amegang o dumela go kokoanngwa le go dirisiwa ga tshedimosetso ya gago ya poraefete go ya ka Kitsiso ya Sephiri ya EIMS e e leng teng mo go www.eims.co.za/public-participation. Go tla go latlhegelwa ke ditshono tsa go tsaya karolo ga setšhaba tsweetswee romela ikwadiso ya I&AP, kgotsa dipotso dipe, ditshwaelo, kgotsa matshwenyego mabapi le kopo eno, ka bonako jo bo kgonegang kwa EIMS mo go:

Motho yo o ka ikgolaganyang le ene: Alex Msipa

Nomoro ya Tshupetso ya EIMS: 1680

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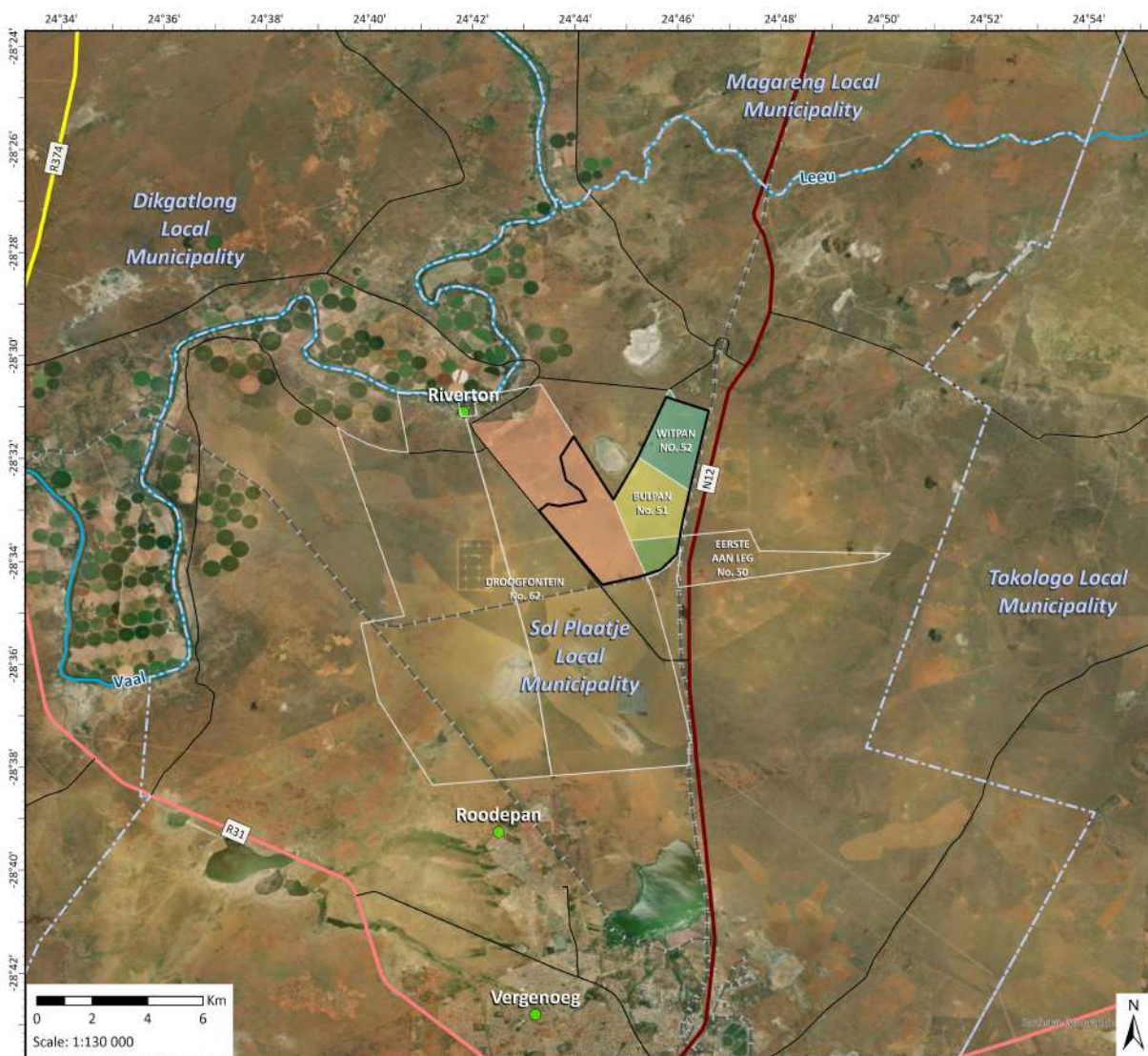
Tsweetswee akaretsa nomoro ya tshupetso ya porojeke ya **1680** mo makwalong otlhe.

Tshedimosetso e nngwe e tla nna teng mo go www.eims.co.za/public-participation/. Tsweetswee ela tlhoko gore mo tiragalong ya fa o sa kgone go tsena mo webosaeteng ka ntlha ya mathata a tshedimosetso tsweetswee ikgolaganye le EIMS go bona dithulaganyo tse dingwe.

Tsweetswee gololesega go ikgolaganya le yo o saenileng fa tlase fa o na le dipotso kgotsa matshwenyego.

Ka tumedisgo,

SETLHOPHA SA GO TSAYA KAROLO GA SETŠHABA



Locality Map

1680 Aqua Farming Droogfontein Pivot Agriculture

Legend

- Project Area
- Places
- NFEPA Rivers
- Local Municipalities
- Railway

Roads

- National Road
- Arterial Road
- Main Road
- Secondary Road
- Parent Farms

Affected Farm Portions

- BULPAN No. 51 (0)
- DROOGFONTEIN No. 62 (16)
- EERSTE AAN LEG No. 50 (2)
- WITPAN No. 52 (6)

Data Sources:
 CSG; ESRI; MDB; SANBI; CD:NGI
 Coord System: GCS WGS 1984
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Inset Map: Shows the project area in the context of the Northern Cape, Free State, and Eastern Cape provinces. Key locations include Upington, Kimberley, and Mafikeng.



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Sent: Wednesday, 12 February 2025 15:52
To: 1680 Aqua Farming Droogfontein BA
Subject: 1680 EIA - Notification: Aqua Farming Expansion of Agriculture into Natural Areas - Droogfontein
Attachments: 1680_Initial_Notification_Letter_COMBINED.pdf

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

Kindly refer to the attached notification regarding the public participation opportunity for the proposed Aqua Farming Expansion of Agriculture into Natural Areas on the farm Droogfontein.
Please contact EIMS should you need more information.

Kind regards,

EIMS Public Participation Team

Afrikaans

Geagte Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Party,

Verwys asseblief na die aangehegte kennisgewing aangaande die openbare deelname geleentheid vir die voorgestelde Aqua Farming Uitbreiding van Landbou na Natuurlike Gebiede op die plaas Droogfontein.
Kontak asseblief EIMS indien jy meer inligting benodig.

Vriendelike groete,

EIMS Openbare Deelname-span

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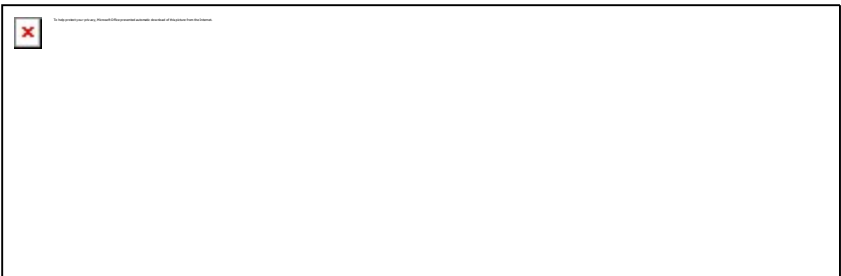
Motho yo o rategang yo o nang le Kgatlhego le yo o Amegang,

Tsweetswee leba kitsiso e e mametleletsweng mabapi le tšhono ya go tsaya karolo ga setšhaba mo Katolosong e e tshitshintsweng ya Aqua Farming ya Temothuo go nna Dibaka tsa Tlhago mo polaseng ya Droogfontein.
Tsweetswee ikgolaganye le EIMS fa o tlhoka tshedimosetso e nngwe.

Ka ditumediso,

Setlhopha sa Botsayakarolo jwa Setšhaba sa EIMS

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