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## MINUTES:

**MINUTES OF DIEPSLOOT X 8 (NORTHERN FARMS) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 17 JULY 2012 AT VERWEYS GOLF RANGE AT 18H00.**

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No	Discussion
<b>A</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
	Dr Gwen Theron (GT) welcomes I&AP's and requests I&AP's to complete the attendance register.
<b>B</b>	<b>Presentation by Dr Gwen Theron</b>
1	<p>GT explains that the property on which the development is proposed to take place is the Remaining Extent of Portion 5 of the Farm Diepsloot X8. She explained that the town planning component will take place separately and that the meeting is only for the Environmental Impact Assessment component.</p> <p>GT indicated on the portion of land where the development is proposed to taken place as well as the extent of the development, on the presentation. (See presentation attached hereto).</p> <p>I&amp;AP asked if the substation is included on the portion of land which is to be developed.</p> <p>GT responded that the substation is on the portion of land but will be excluded as a servitude.</p> <p>GT showed the land which was included in the previous application.</p>

I&AP asked if that is Northern Farms

GT responded that it is and that it will be included in the town planning process, but our process is only for the Remaining Extent of Portion 5 of the Farm Diepsloot X8.

GT indicate where the right of way will come in. See presentation attached hereto.

GT explained that the purpose of the meeting is to explain the Environmental Impact Assessment.

I&AP asked whether the application is made by the Council or if this is a private developer.

GT responded that it is private developers. She further indicated the professionals who will form part of the process namely the Architects, Civil engineer, the Town Planner, Wetland Specialist, etc.

GT showed the I&AP's what they area applying for namely, Residential 1, Residential 3, which is walk ups. She stated that she will send images of the work that has previously been done by the applicants, including business, institution, education and private streets.

GT stated that she has to explain the NEMA listed activities, which have been applied for as part of the EIA and indicated which activities, have been applied for. See presentation attached hereto.

GT further explained that the Gauteng Province has several guide plans and that the City of Johannesburg also has some guide plans. She explained that that they use the aforementioned as guides when starting the study.

GT showed the public the portions of land which according to the guidelines from the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) (see presentation attached) is important in terms of ecological value and explained that the Department looks at the land without human impact. She further explained the human impact in the area is large. She stated that the GDARD guides indicated a portion of the land as an ecological important area, but this does not indicate that there is definitely red data species.

I & AP asked if the proposed development includes the Bryanston and Ferndale Kennels.

GT replied that it does not.

GT showed the Agricultural Potential plan (GAPA) and indicated that this is a guide which shows important areas with good soil.

GT indicated the wetlands information from the City of Johannesburg. She indicated that the Specialist will go to the property and delineate the wetlands and do rehabilitation plans.

GT showed an area on the map which they are questioning due to the fact that sand was taken from

	<p>the area for previous construction activities.</p> <p>GT indicated that a few developers in the area are contributing to the upgrading of William Nicol Drive and that the City of Johannesburg will also allocate funding and stated that there will be an access road that runs through to Steyn City. She stated that Valumax will initiate access to the proposed development.</p> <p>GT indicated which studies have been completed to date namely the Visual Impact Assessment, Ecological Assessment and the Bullfrog study. She stated that the odour study which was drafted for the previous application will be upgraded due to the fact that the landfill site will not be happening anymore. She further indicated that a Traffic Assessment, services report and geological study has been completed.</p> <p>GT stated that the issues which have been identified are traffic and access, the fact that the landfill in the previous application was controversial and whether there is enough capacity for sewerage. She state that in terms of water there is a large reservoir being build in the area.</p> <p>GT explained to the I&amp;AP's where the process currently is and that the minutes of the meeting will be distributed, the Draft Scoping Report and the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment will be made available for review and that all comments received from the public will be included in the Final Environmental Impact Assessment.</p> <p>GT requested the I&amp;AP's to register and to look out for the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment, gave the I&amp;AP's LEAP's contact details, thanked the public for attending and closed the meeting.</p>

Prepared by Jitske Botes for Dr Gwen Theron  
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