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BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

NOTICE OF A BASIC ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS IS HEREBY GIVEN IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, ACT 107 OF 1998 (NEMA) AND ASSOCIATED 2014 EIA REGULATIONS, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS AND OVERHAUL (MRO) HANGAR, A CARGO TERMINAL WAREHOUSE, AIRSIDE PLATFORM, AND STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE, ON A PORTION OF ERF 183 LANSERIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EXTENSION 1, LANSERIA, GAUTENG

1. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this document is to:

- Provide stakeholders with information about the proposed project.
- Introduce and explain the Basic Assessment Process and Public Participation process to be followed for the proposed development, in terms of applicable environmental legislation (National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended;
- Invite all stakeholders to comment on any aspect related to the proposed development; and
- Notify all stakeholders that the Interested and Affected Party registration period is from **1 December 2025 till the 21 January 2026**, including the availability of the Draft Basic assessment Report (BAR) and contact details of the Water Use License (WULA) consultant.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Lanseria Airport 1993 PTY LTD, as the applicant, proposes developing a new Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul hangar, a new International Cargo Terminal, a cargo aircraft stand, access roads, fencing and access control, and stormwater and service infrastructure. The stormwater designs for the airport will replace the function of artificial wetlands on site, in the new proposed and properly engineered stormwater attenuation ponds. The proposed development is located within the approved township of Lanseria Extension 1, which holds existing land use rights and established municipal service connections. The new development will connect to these existing services. The project will be registered with the Gauteng Department of Environment (GDEnv) following the review of the Draft Basic Assessment Report.

According to the GDE Environmental Management Framework, portions of the study areas fall within EMF Zones 2 and 5. From a provincial biodiversity management perspective, according to GDARD's C-Plan 4, portions of the study area is characterised by a critical biodiversity area and wetlands. To address the environmental aspects of the site, an application for environmental authorization will be submitted to the approving authority; Gauteng Department of Environment (GDEnv), for the authorization of the NEMA listed activities, prior to construction activities commencing on site.

3. BASIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), the EIA Regulations of December 2014, a Basic Environmental Assessment Application is required to be undertaken for the proposed project. The following EIA listed activities are triggered by the proposed development. These activities are:

Indicate the number of the relevant Government Notice	Activity No. (s) (relevant notice):	Describe each listed activity as per the wording in the listing notices:	Activity description
GNR 983: Listing Notice 1:	12	The development of (i) dams or weirs, where the dam or weir, including infrastructure and water surface area, exceeds 100 square metres; or (ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100 square metres or more; where such development occurs (a) within a watercourse;	The stormwater design for the Lanseria precinct will replace the artificial wetlands function, in the new proposed and properly designed attenuation ponds.
	19	The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 10 cubic metres from (i) a watercourse.	
	27	The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation	The activities proposed as part of the LICT, will permanently transform approximately 10ha of degraded grassland, <i>Eucalyptus</i> woodland and artificial wetlands on site.
	61	The expansion of airports where the development footprint will be increased.	The township <i>boundary</i> of the LIA will not be increased, however the <i>development footprint</i> will. All works remain within the LIA X 1 township. Vacant pieces of land within the LIA are being developed in line with the LIA's plans to increase passenger and cargo traffic and promote regional economic development initiatives.

Indicate the number of the relevant Government Notice	Activity No. (s) (relevant notice):	Describe each listed activity as per the wording in the listing notices:	Activity description
GNR 985: Listing Notice 3:	Activity 12 c (ii):	The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation in Gauteng Within Critical Biodiversity Areas or Ecological Support Areas identified in the Gauteng Conservation Plan or bioregional plans.	According to the GDARD C-plan, portions of the study area are regarded as a CBA1, belonging to the Critically Endangered Egoli Granite Grassland.
	14 (ii)(c)(c)(iv)	The development of (ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10 square metres or more; where such development occurs (c) if no development setback has been adopted, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse; iv. In sites identified as Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) or Ecological Support Areas (ESAs) in the Gauteng Conservation Plan or in bioregional plans.	The footprint of the new facilities within the LIA will occur within the present <i>artificial</i> wetlands.

These activities may not commence on site until Environmental Authorisation has been received from the approving authority - Gauteng Department of Environment (GDEnv).

4. DELIVERABLES

The environmental assessment conducted for the Lanseria International Cargo Terminal including MRO hangar 3, LICT 4 and associated activities, has culminated in the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). The Basic Assessment Report will be submitted to the Gauteng Department of Environment (GDEnv), the regulatory authority responsible for the review of the project. The GDEnv must reach a decision as to whether, and under which authorisation conditions, the project may proceed, based on environmental considerations. An Environmental Authorization (EA) may be issued based on the information provided in the Basic Assessment Report. Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) who have registered will be notified of the Environmental Authorisation (EA).

5. SPECIALIST STUDIES CONDUCTED TO ADDRESS KEY ISSUES

- Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment
- Wetland assessment
- Heritage Assessment presently being conducted
- Engineering report - Roads and Stormwater
- Engineering Report - Water and Sewer
- Traffic Impact Assessment
- Stormwater management Plan
- Geotechnical assessment

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In terms of the NEMA, Public Participation forms an integral part of the environmental assessment process. The Public Participation Process provides people who may be affected by the proposed development with an opportunity to provide comment and to raise issues of concern about the project or to make suggestions that may result in enhanced benefits for the project. Comments and issues raised during the Public Participation Process will be captured, evaluated, and included in a Comment and Response Report (CRR). These issues will be addressed and included in the Final Basic Assessment Report, which will be submitted to the GDEnv, to decide on whether to approve the project or not.

To ensure effective public participation, the process includes the following steps:

1. Newspaper Advertisement, Site Notices and the Identification of I&APs
2. Compilation of the draft BA Report, including all specialist and technical studies
3. Background Information Document (this document) dissemination: Inform I&AP's of the availability of the draft Basic Assessment Report
4. Compile a Comments Report following receipt of comments received
5. Submit the Final BAR to GDEnv for Environmental Authorization (EA)
6. If the EA is issued, SEC will notify the I&APs of the MEC's decision

7. INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Seedcracker Environmental consulting (SEC) was appointed as an independent Environmental Practitioner by Lanseria Airport 1993 PTY LTD to facilitate the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Public Participation Processes for the development proposal. SEC would like to invite and encourage all affected stakeholders to complete and return the enclosed registration sheet and submit it together with any comments to SEC.

The Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR), the various specialist studies undertaken as part of the Environmental Assessment process to assess the potential impacts associated with the proposed project, are available for comments on the SEC website: www.seedcrackers.co.za/publications, from 1 December 2025 till 21 January 2026. Parties who do not have access to the internet, must please contact SEC directly to make alternative arrangements. Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&AP) wishing to formally comment on the draft BAR are requested to register and forward their comments (with reasons) to:

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Comments to be received no later than 30 days after the publication of this notice in The Citizen, 1 December 2025. By registering as an IAP you consent to SEC recording your details and using them to contact you regarding this project, [POPI Act].

8. WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION (WULA):

The activities associated with Lanseria International Cargo Terminal, need a Water use License (WULA) in terms of Section 21 water uses of the NWA. Notice is hereby given that Lanseria Airport 1993 PTY LTD intends to lodge an application for a Water Use License (WUL) in terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), to be submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) for the Lanseria International Cargo Terminal, within the Gauteng Province. The following water uses, as contemplated in Section 21 of the NWA, are associated with the proposed development: Section 21(c) of the NWA: Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a water course, Section 21(i) of the NWA: Altering the

beds, banks, course or characteristics of a water course, and Section 21(g) of the NWA: Disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource. As part of the WULA public participation process, the public is provided a 60-day period from the placement of this notice (1 December 2025 – 20 February 2026) to register as an Interested and Affected Party and review the WULA before final submission to the DWS.

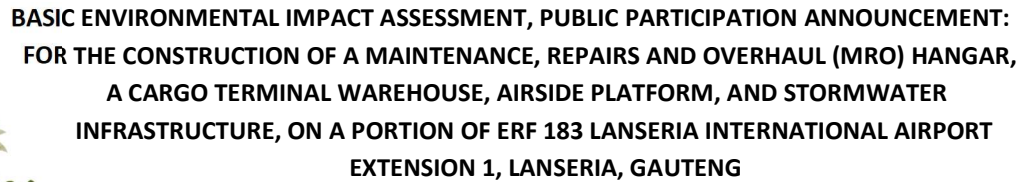
Please contact *Marchelle Terblanche, Index Social Consulting Services*, Cell: 082 804 2945, E-mail: marchelle@indexsa.net, for any queries relating to the WULA.

LOCALITY MAP



PREFERRED SITE PLAN OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT





*Please complete & return this form to Seedcracker Environmental Consulting CC on or before **21 January 2026**.*

COMMENTS ON THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (Pls use additional pages if required)

DATE: