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BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF STUDENT ACCOMODATION IN PORTION 1 OF ERF 4926 IN MAKWARELA EXTENSION 3 IN THE THULAMELA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Makwarela Student Village (Pty) Ltd intends establishing a Student Accommodation Development on approximately 2.1 hectares of Portion 1 of Erf 4926 in Makwarela Extension 3 near the town of Thohoyandou in Limpopo Province. The proposed student housing development will provide accommodation to students of the University of Venda, which is situated approximately 7km to the west of the proposed development. The proposed Student Accommodation development will comprise of nine (9) blocks of four storey buildings that will have 180 single and 441 double rooms, yielding a total of 1062 bed accommodation. Other amenities that will be part of the proposed development include a Multipurpose Centre that will have Study/Computer Centre, Cafeteria, Gym, Swimming Pool, Laundry Facilities, Doctor's Room and Offices for Facility Management. Landscaped open gardens and parking bays will be provided for in the proposed development. An established Gatehouse will provide controlled access into the proposed development.

The proposed development will trigger the following listed activity, that require environmental authorization before it is undertaken:

Listing 1 – Activity No. 27 – "The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation…"

The land proposed for development is privately owned and currently vacant with sparse vegetation mainly made up of some well development Marula and Fig trees. The land had been illegally used for cultivation in the recent past. The proposed project site is located within an already developed area, with some businesses located adjacent to it (see map below for location of the proposed site).

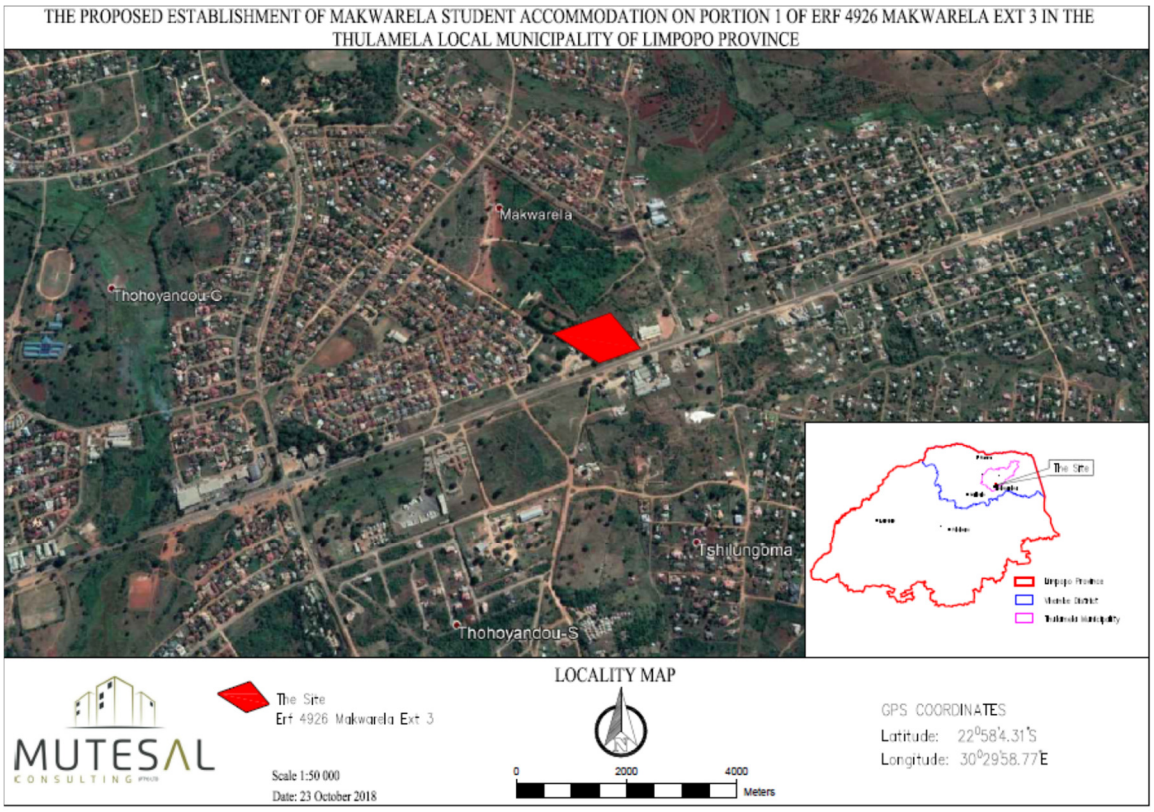


Figure 1: Locality Map Showing the Proposed Project Site

Application for Environmental Authorisation for the proposed development will follow the Basic Assessment Process, as outlined in the EIA Regulation 982 of 2014, as amended.

In terms of the Regulations, Lambeu Consulting & Training Services (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as an Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to facilitate the public participation process and the entire Environmental Authorisation process for the proposed development.

Accordingly, you have been identified as a key Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), who will be afforded access to all project documents and opportunities to comment on them, and your name has been included in the stakeholder database for the project.

Should you have comments regarding the above project, please send then in writing to the undersigned on the contact details in this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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