



## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

**Applicant:**

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To Whom It May Concern

5 March 2019

### **NOTIFICATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE RECTIFICATION OF THE UNLAWFUL COMMENCEMENT AND CONTINUATION OF A LISTED ACTIVITY IN TERMS OF SECTION 24G OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998), AS AMENDED: GOLDEN VALLEY POULTRY FARM**

Golden valley poultry farm is in process of applying for the rectification in terms of Section 24G of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, for the unlawful establishment and continuation of the poultry facility on a Portion of the Golden Valley Poultry Farm, Doornkuil 78, Welkom RD , Free State Province. Greenmined Environmental (Pty) Ltd was appointed, as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), responsible for the facilitation of the rectification application.

#### **SITE DESCRIPTION**

Golden Valley Poultry Farm is located on a portion of the farm Doornkuil 78, situated in the Magisterial District of Lejweleputswa in the Free State Province. The GPS co-ordinates are as follow: 28°0'28.14"S 26° 37'22"E. the site is situated 12km outside of the town of Welkom heading in a westerly direction on the R710.

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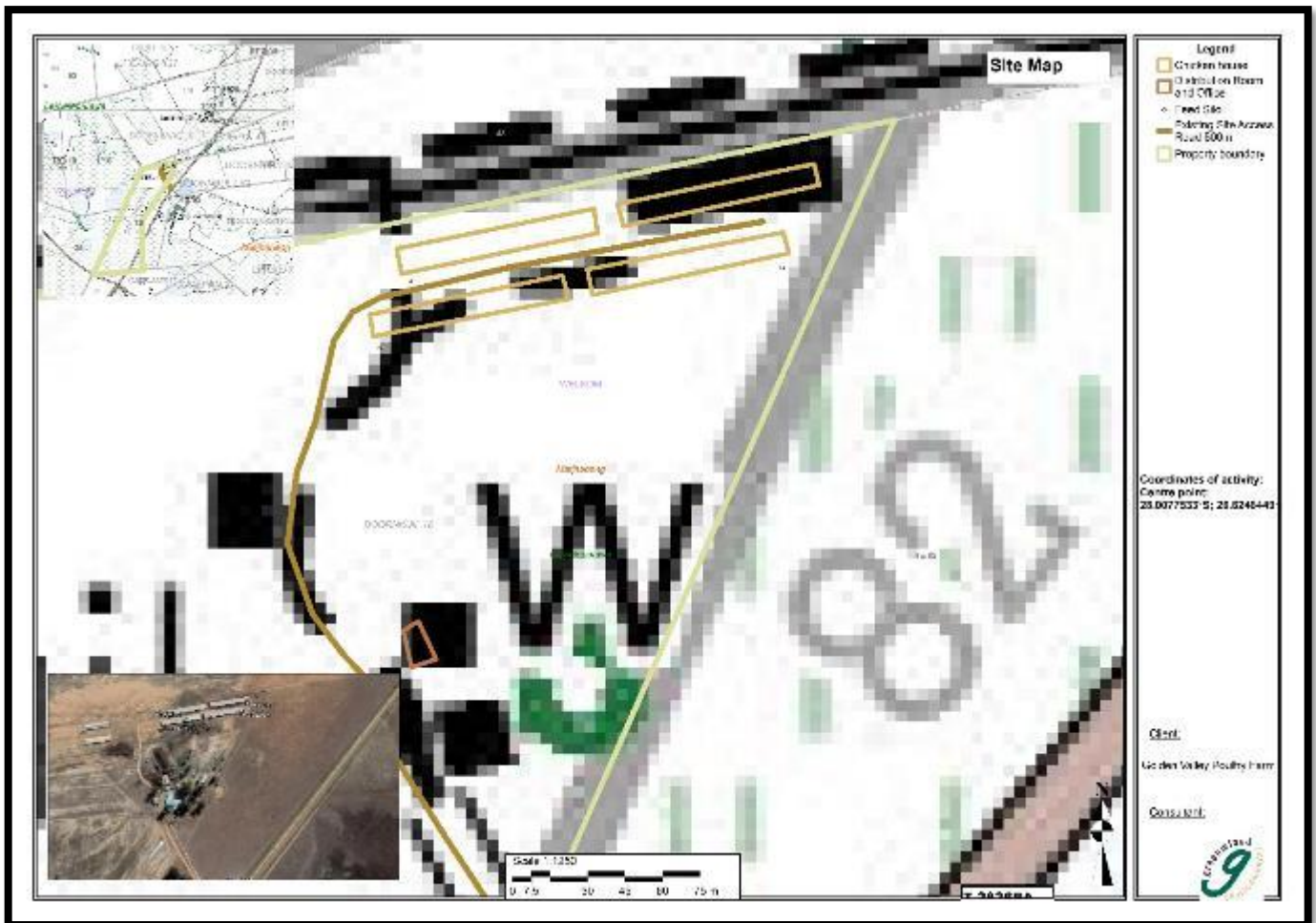


Figure 1: Locality Map of the site.

### LEGAL COMPLAINT

Notice is hereby given to the Interested and Affected Parties of the Section 24(G) read together with Section 24(F) and 12(3) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, and Section 20 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No 59 of 2008) that the Department of Economic, Small Business, Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs of the Free State is considering:

- Granting Golden Valley Poultry Farm rectification in terms of Section 24(G) 24(F) and 12(3) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998, as amended).
- Granting authorisation to Golden Valley Poultry Farm form complying with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, as amended:
  - R 386, Listing Notice 1 of 21 April 2006 – Activity 1(h)
  - R544, Listing Notice 1 of 2 August 2010 – Activity 5
  - GNR 983 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014 Activity 5:

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*The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure for the concentration of –*

- I. More than 1000 poultry per facility situated within an urban area, excluding chicks younger than 20days;*
- II. More than 5000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area, excluding chicks younger than 20 days*
- III. More than 5000 chicks younger than 20 days per facility situated within an urban area; or*
- IV. More than 25 000 chicks younger than 20 days per facility situated outside an urban area.*

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The activity that was illegally commenced with entails the development and operation of chicken layer houses for the purposes of commercial production. The waste streams comprise of poultry litter generated by Golden Valley Poultry Farm, as well as a low percentage of organic matter from the layers houses and its facilities.

The illegal activities commenced with in 2014. The activities that have already been completed includes:

- 6 Chicken houses 80m long x9m wide x 2.5-3m high,
- Housing of 9000 chickens per house (density are in accordance to by-laws);
- Total of between 35 000 and 36 000 chickens on the property;

Equipment installed in the chicken houses includes:

- Chicken cages;
- Drinking system;
- Feeding system;
- Manure handling system; and
- Climate control system.

Activities still to be completed:

- A sixth chicken layer house.

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT AND CURRENT SPATIAL PLANNING.**

The table below contains a general description of the receiving environment and the related strategic planning details of the area where the site is situated.

*Table 1: Description of the receiving environment.*

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<b>Vegetation Type</b>	Western Free State Clay Grassland
<b>Rainfall</b>	Welkom normally receives about 401mm of rain per year, with most rainfall occurring mainly during mid-summer. It receives the lowest rainfall (0mm) in July and the highest (70mm) in January.
<b>Temperatures</b>	The monthly distribution of average daily maximum temperatures shows that the average midday temperatures for Welkom range from 17°C in June to 29°C in January. The region is the coldest during July when the mercury drops to 0°C on average during the night.
<b>Water Management Area</b>	Middle Vaal - Sand/Vet Water Management Area

### **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

This document is to inform you about the proposed activity and to determine whether there are any concerns or objections from Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) that need to be considered. Complaints has been received in the past regarding the chicken manure and flies on site.

As an Interested and Affected Party, you are kindly requested to complete the comments form and give any comment, concern or input with regard to the current land use of the area, the environment as well as socio-economic conditions that you feel might be affected by the proposed activity. When submitting response please provide suggestions to mitigate the anticipated impact of each identified activity.

Please contact Yolandie Coetzee at the contact details as presented in the letterhead or at [yolandie.c@greenmined.co.za](mailto:yolandie.c@greenmined.co.za) through any means should you need more information, have concerns or comments that need to be considered or if you want to be registered as an interested and / or affected party on or before **1 April 2019**. If we do not receive any comments from you within 30 days of receipt of this notice, it will be accepted that you do not have any objections / comments with regard to the project.

A register of interested and affected parties (I&AP's) will be opened and maintained containing the names, contact details and address of all persons who have submitted written comments, attended meetings or have in writing requested to be registered and all organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the activity.

Please note that only registered I&AP's and stakeholders will be entitled to comment on reports and plans to be submitted to the Department provided that the party provide its name, contact details and address and discloses any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which he / she may have in the approval or refusal of the applications.

DESTEA Reference Number: TBC  
Golden Valley Poultry Farm

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**OFFICIAL – 24(G) APPLICATION IN TERMS OF NEMA, 1998 AND NEM:WA, 2008**

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**COMMENTS/ OPMERKINGS:**

<b>No Objection:</b>	
<b>Request additional information:</b>	
<b>Concerns:</b>	

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are there any other organisations or individuals that you feel should be invited to comment? If so, please provide their contact details:**

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Your feedback is valued and will be addressed appropriately.

Kind Regards



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