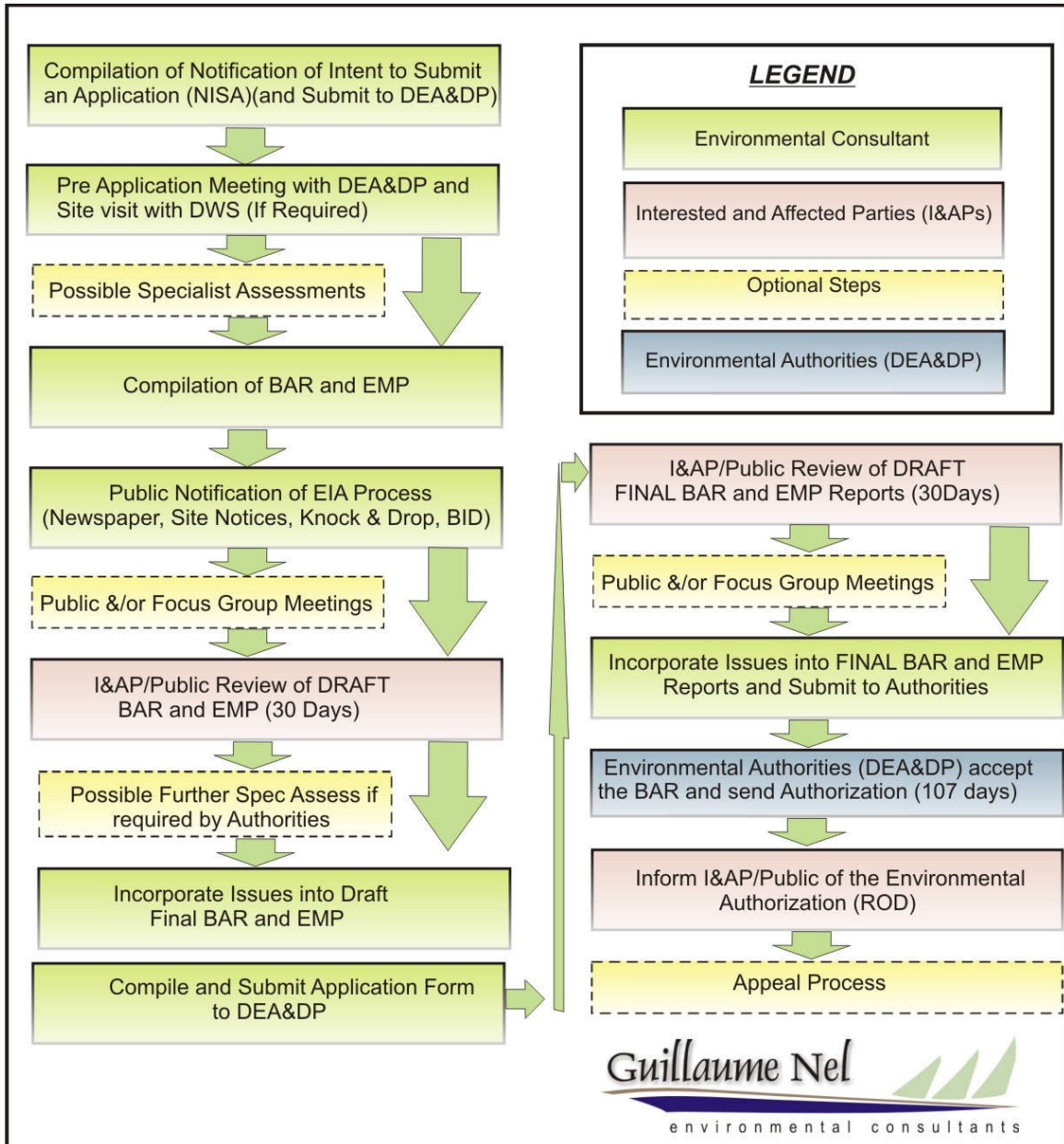


SECTION D – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

D-1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Public participation is the involvement of all parties who potentially have an interest in a development or project, or may be affected by it. The principal objective of public participation in an Environmental Impact Assessment process, in particular this Basic Assessment, is to inform and enrich decision-making.



D-2 PROCESS FOLLOWED TO DATE

The following process was undertaken to facilitate the public participation for the proposed project, which commenced on **the 14th of December 2017** until **the 5th of February 2018**.

1.1.1 Newspaper advertisement

An advertisement, notifying the public of the Basic Assessment process and requesting Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to register with and submit their comments to Guillaume Nel Environmental Consultants (GNEC), was placed in the Mossel Bay Advertiser for the greater Mossel Bay area on **Friday the 15th of December 2017**. A copy of the advertisement is attached as Annexure D-b.

1.1.2 Site notice

To inform surrounding communities and immediately adjacent landowners of the proposed development, four site notices were erected on site at visible and accessible locations close to the public on **Thursday the 14th of December 2017**.

Two site notices were erected at the following points:

- One notice (English) was erected along the gravel road (OB5005) at the southern end of the site.
- One notice (Afrikaans) were erected along the gravel road (OB5005) at the northern end of the site.

1.1.3 Direct notification of identified I&APs

Identified I&APs, including key stakeholders representing the following sectors, were directly informed of the proposed development by post on **Thursday the 14th of December 2017**.

- Provincial Authorities
- Local Authorities
- Service providers
- Ward Councillors
- Non-governmental organizations, and
- Directly adjacent landowners.

1.1.4 Hand-delivered notifications

Background Information Documents were hand-delivered to adjacent landowners of the Grain Storage site on **Thursday the 14th of December 2017**, to notify and inform them of the proposed project. Most of the adjacent landowners were identified prior to the site visit and informed via registered mail.

1.1.5 Concerns raised by I&APs

I&APs registered by completing registration forms and forwarding comments by email, fax, post and telephonically.

Comments received from I&APs will be captured on a stakeholder database, acknowledged by personal letters and forwarded to the relevant environmental specialists for consideration.

D-3 COMMENT AND RESPONSE REPORT

Comments and issues of concern contributed by I&APs will be listed, along with the I&APs name and means of communication in the Comment and Response Report.

D-4 CONCLUSION

The most significant concerns raised by I&APs will be summarised here as a conclusion to the Public Participation section:

I&APs to respond and who are most likely to be affected by the proposed development are:

- NGO's
- Directly adjacent neighbours
- Provincial Authorities