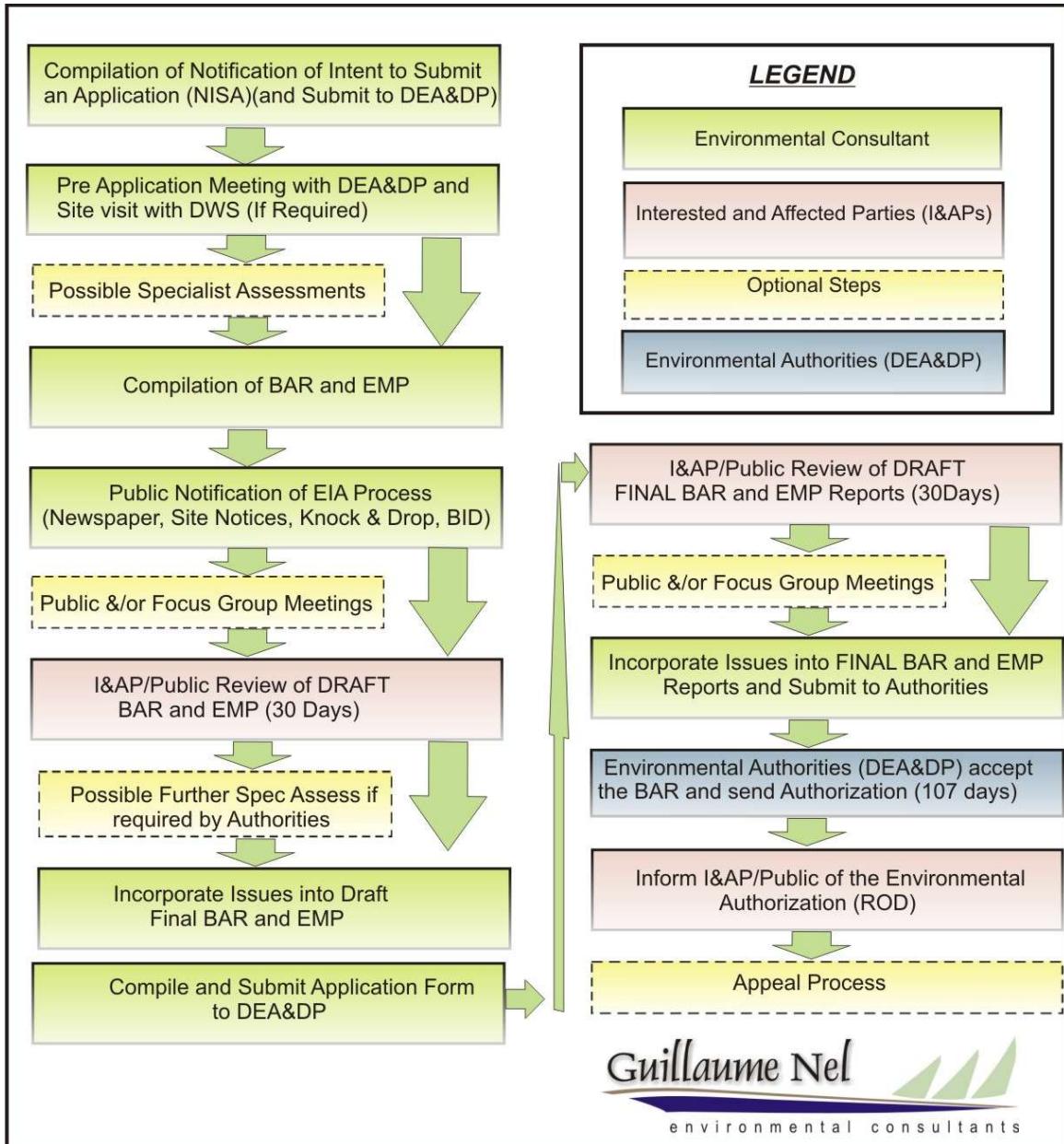


SECTION D – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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 30^h of May 2019 until the 26th of July 2019.**

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 PaarlPost Newspaper for the Paarl and Simondium area on **the 30^h of May 2019.** 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 public access on **Wednesday the 26^h of June 2019.**

Site notices were erected at the following points:

- Two notices (one English and one Afrikaans) were erected at the entrance to the site along the R101 toward the eastern portion of the site;
- Two notices (one English and one Afrikaans) were erected at the entrance to the site along the R101 toward the western portion 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 **Wednesday the 26^h of June 2019.**

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

1.1.4 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