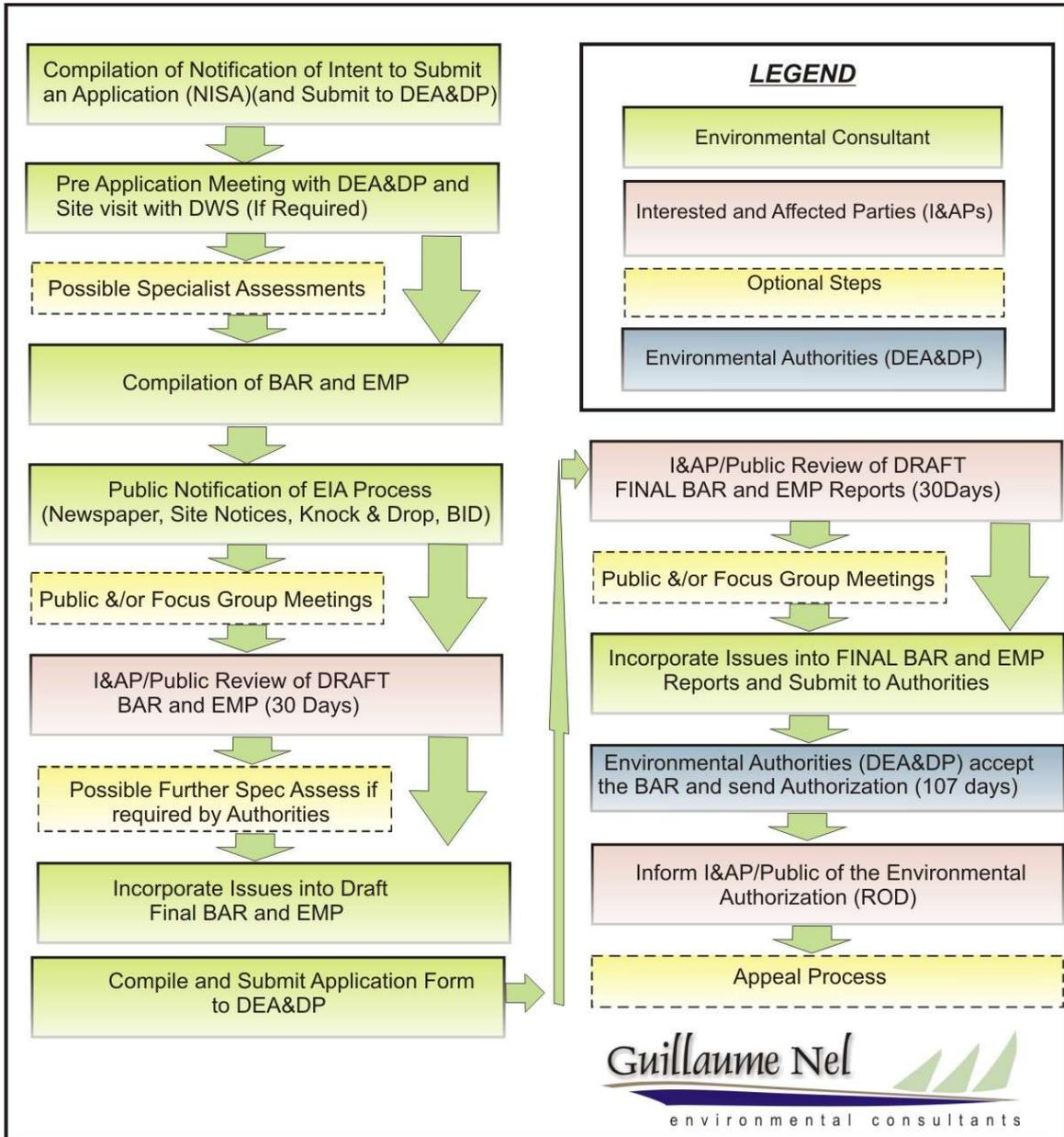


SECTION D – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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 24^h of April until the 1st of June 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 WeskusNuus Newspaper for the Atlantis area on **24^h of April 2018**. 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, six site notices were erected on site at visible and accessible locations close to the public on **Monday the 30th of April 2018**.

Site notices were erected at the following points:

- Two notices (one English and one Afrikaans) were erected along the R304 toward the east of the site;
- Two notices were erected at the intersection of John Dreyer street (also known as Blombosch Road) and the R304;
- Two notices (one English and one Afrikaans) were erected along John Dreyer street toward the north of the site where the entrance to the site is proposed;
- Two notices (one English and one Afrikaans) were erected along John Dreyer street at the western most corner 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 **Monday the 30th of April 2018**.

- Provincial Authorities
- Local Authorities
- 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 Welgemoed Shopping Centre and Industrial Development on **Monday the 30th of April 2018**, to notify and inform them of the proposed project.

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.

1.1.6 I&AP Review of 2nd Draft Basic Assessment Report

Subsequent to the Pre-App Draft Basic Assessment Report review period the comments were captured and responded to. All I&APs which registered by forwarding comments by email, fax, post and telephonically was informed of the availability of the Post-App Draft BAR from the **2nd of July 2019 until the 2nd of August 2019**.

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