

27 February 2019

**NOTIFICATION OF FIRST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD:
22 February 2019 – 29 March 2019**

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Dear Interested and Affected Party

INFORMING OF START OF THE FIRST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD FOR PROPOSED MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT ON ERVEN 13480 AND 21128, PAARL.

Erven 13480 and 21128 is situated within the urban area of Paarl. Located south of the R101 (Langenhoven Avenue), north of the N1, east of the Boland Agricultural Show Grounds and west of Sonstraat Road in the Amstelhof area. The site has been historically used for agriculture purposes; however is currently vacant. Furthermore, due to the previous agricultural practices and human intervention, the site has been severely degraded. The area in which the property is located is known for medium to high density residential area as well as agricultural activities.

GNEC has been appointed by Drakenstein Municipality to apply for the development of a mixed use development on erven 13480 and 21128, Paarl. The development will consist out of approximately 165 single residential units, 371 housing/duplexes, 5 mixed use buildings (commercial and residential) and 3 community facilities, with the entire property being approximately 13 Hectares in size. Access to the mixed use development will be gained via Langenhoven Avenue. The proposed development creates opportunity for economic growth and will be advantageous to the local community in terms of possible work creation, housing opportunities and exposure.

Bulk services for the proposed development will be provided by the Drakenstein Municipality. Bulk water and sewage services within close proximity will be extended to service the proposed development site.

A Notice of Intent to Develop (NID) was submitted to Heritage Western Cape and a Positive Record of Decision was issued on the 15 February 2018 indicating that no additional Heritage related impact assessments are required.

The aim of this EIA process is to ensure that:

- Public participation will be conducted, i.e. to afford stakeholders and/or the community sufficient opportunity to provide comment on the proposed development; and
- Sufficient information is submitted herewith to decision-makers to support an informed decision-making process.

The first Public Participation Process will run from the **22nd of February 2019 until the 29th of March 2019**. Please ensure that all written comments reach our office before COB on the 29th of March 2019.

The first draft Basic Assessment Report and Specialist studies are available at the Paarl Public Library. Alternatively, please refer to GNEC's website (www.gnec.co.za under "Documents on Review") to access all the information pertaining to the Basic Assessment application.

Meanwhile, should you have any queries, please feel free to contact myself, at:

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Yours sincerely,

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