

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

# SONLIA FRUIT PACKHOUSE PROPOSED EXPANSION DEVELOPMENT

on Unregistered Portion 5 of Farm 128, near Wellington, Drakenstein Municipality, Western Cape Province

Over the Moon Consulting CC (OTM) has been appointed to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) application process on behalf of Sonlia Fruit Packhouse for the expansion development of their existing operation, including all associated infrastructure, on currently Unregistered Portion 5 of Farm 128, near Wellington, Western Cape.

### **Project Location and Description:**

Sonlia Fruit Packhouse is located about 5,5km north of Wellington on Remainder of Farm 128, just off Old Hermon Road. The above project involves the addition of a new cold storage facility, new plant room, new access road (internal to the property) and possible widening of the current driveway/access road to the existing packhouse, as well as a box store.

A new creche is proposed to cater for the children of workers at the facility. A retention pond/dam or wetland area, formed by a landscaped, earthen visual screening berm, is also included in the proposed development.

This advertisement provides **notice of the pre-application public participation process for the above development on the properties currently utilised by Sonlia Fruit Packhouse** in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, No. 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and associated EIA Regulations (2014), as amended. Regulated activities which may be triggered by the proposed development include but are not limited to:

GN R. 327: EIA Regulations LN 1 of 2014, Activities 27 and 28(ii)

GN R. 324: EIA Regulations LN 3 of 2014, Activities 4, 12(i)(c) and 18

The total development footprint includes a subdivided part of Portion 3 of Farm 128 (La Boroux) which has been consolidated with the Remainder of Farm 128 to form what is currently referred to as Unregistered Portion 5 of the Farm 128. Access to the proposed expanded development will be via existing roads i.e. Old Hermon Road.

The estimated central point of the proposed development is 33°34'51.99"S, 19° 0'19.73"E (site coordinates).

### **Description of Alternatives:**

Since the project involves the expansion of existing structures and establishment of new structures on the Sonlia Fruit Packhouse premises, there are no proposed alternative development sites.

### **Public Participation:**

Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby invited to register (in writing) and/or provide initial comments, queries, concerns or opportunities relating to this proposed project, **on or before 13 December 2022**.

### **To register as an I&AP or for more information contact OTM at:**

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**Please note: Future correspondence will only be sent to registered I&APs.**



**Sonlia Fruit Packhouse premises (as outlined) where proposed expansion development site is located**