

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR SHELL DOWNSTREAM SOUTH AFRICA (PTY) LTD: SECTION 24G APPLICATION FOR THE VARIOUS SERVICE STATION, eTHEKWINI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE**

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**PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT**

The purpose of this background information document (BID) is to provide Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with more information about Shell's intention to undertake a Section 24G regularisation process for their various service stations, see Figure 1. In addition, we would like to encourage stakeholders to register as I&APs and invite them to contribute comments, ask questions and raise issues of concern or suggestions for enhanced benefits.

Stakeholders are invited to register as I&APs and to participate in the process by commenting on the proposed applications as follows:

- Completing the enclosed Registration and Comment Sheet either in writing, via email or the online link provided here.
- Providing comments on the application by contacting the Public Participation Office.

<https://www.golder.com/global-locations/africa/south-africa-public-documents/>.

**INVITATION TO REGISTER AS AN I&AP TO COMMENT**

Stakeholders are invited to register as I&APs and to lodge written comments regarding the project in any of the following ways:

- By completing the Registration and Comment Sheet enclosed with this BID
- By writing a letter or providing additional written submissions
- By email, fax or telephone to the Public Participation Office

**BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION**

Shell Downstream South Africa (Pty) Ltd. (SDSA), hereinafter referred to as Shell, own and operate various service stations located within the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality. These are retail service station sites, and therefore the facilities store fuel in underground tanks for dispensing, in the form of petrol or diesel, to the public. Further details on the sites are provided in Table 1.

Seeing that the various service stations store excess of 80 m<sup>3</sup> of fuel in underground tanks, environmental authorisations (EAs) in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, published under the NEMA, are required. Since there is no evidence of EAs in place in Shell's archives for these service stations and the activity has already commenced, Section 24G applications for the regularisation of a listed activity which commenced without an EA are to be submitted to the KZN Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (EDTEA).

Golder Associates (now a member of WSP) has been appointed as the independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) to undertake the Section 24G regularisation process.

**SECTION 24 G APPLICATION**

Shell must submit an application for the regularisation of a listed activity which commenced without an EA in terms of Section 24G of the NEMA. The application is being made in respect of the following listed activity:

- GN R 1182 (1998), promulgated in terms of terms of the Environmental Conservation Act (Act No. 73 of 1989) (ECA), Activity 1(c): The construction or upgrading of transportation routes and structures, and manufacturing, storage, handling or processing facilities for any substance which is dangerous or hazardous and is controlled by national legislation.

The Section 24G application will be submitted to EDTEA. Registered I&AP's will be notified of the availability of the environmental impact assessment (EIA) report, once it has been completed.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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**Table 1: Project locations and descriptions for the service stations in eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality**

SITE LOCATIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS						
No.	Service Station	Address	Property Details	Start Year	EIA Listed Activity – Government Notice Regulation (GN R.)	Site Description
1.	Royal	20 Herman Drive, Chatsworth	Portion 8286 of ERF 107	1999	GN R.1182 (1997), Activity 1(c)	Four (4) underground tanks with a total capacity of 92 m <sup>3</sup> . Other facilities on site include a car wash.
2.	Maydon Wharf	155 Maydon Road, Durban	Portion 203 of ERF 10004	1999	GN R.1182 (1997), Activity 1(c)	Five (5) underground tanks with a total capacity of 115 m <sup>3</sup> .
3.	Field Street	146 Field Street, Durban	Portion 0 of ERF 12052	1984	GN R.387 (2006), Activity 3	Five (5) underground tanks with a total capacity of 115 m <sup>3</sup> .
4.	The Tollgate	563 Berea Road, Durban	Portion 12 of ERF 5001	1974	GN R.387 (2006), Activity 3	Five (5) underground tanks with a total capacity of 97 m <sup>3</sup> .
5.	Innes Junction	116 Inner Road, Durban	Portion 0 of ERF 302	2002	GN R.1182 (1997), Activity 1(c)	Four (4) underground tanks with a total capacity of 92 m <sup>3</sup> . Other facilities on site include an auto repair shop
6.	Riverside Motors	590 Riverside Road, Durban	Portion 80 of ERF 226	1989	GN R.1182 (1997), Activity 1(c)	Five (5) underground tanks with a total capacity of 115 m <sup>3</sup> .
7.	Blair Atholl	123 Blair Atholl Road, Westville	Portion 0 of ERF 54	2001	GN R.1182 (1997), Activity 1(c)	Five (5) underground tanks with a total capacity of 115 m <sup>3</sup> .
8.	Clare Hills	900 Clare Road, Reservoir Hills	Portion 0 of ERF 3914	2002	GN R.1182 (1997), Activity 1(c)	Five (5) underground tanks with a total capacity of 161 m <sup>3</sup> . Other facilities on site include a car wash.
9.	Kwa Mashu	Malendela Road, KwaMashu	Portion 0 of ERF 1135	1999	GN R.1182 (1997), Activity 1(c)	Six (6) underground tanks with a total capacity of 138 m <sup>3</sup> . Other facilities on site include a car wash.
10.	Goolams	Corner Highway and Parthenon Street, Phoenix	Portion 38 of ERF 15382	1993	GN R.1182 (1997), Activity 1(c)	Six (6) underground tanks with a total capacity of 138 m <sup>3</sup> .

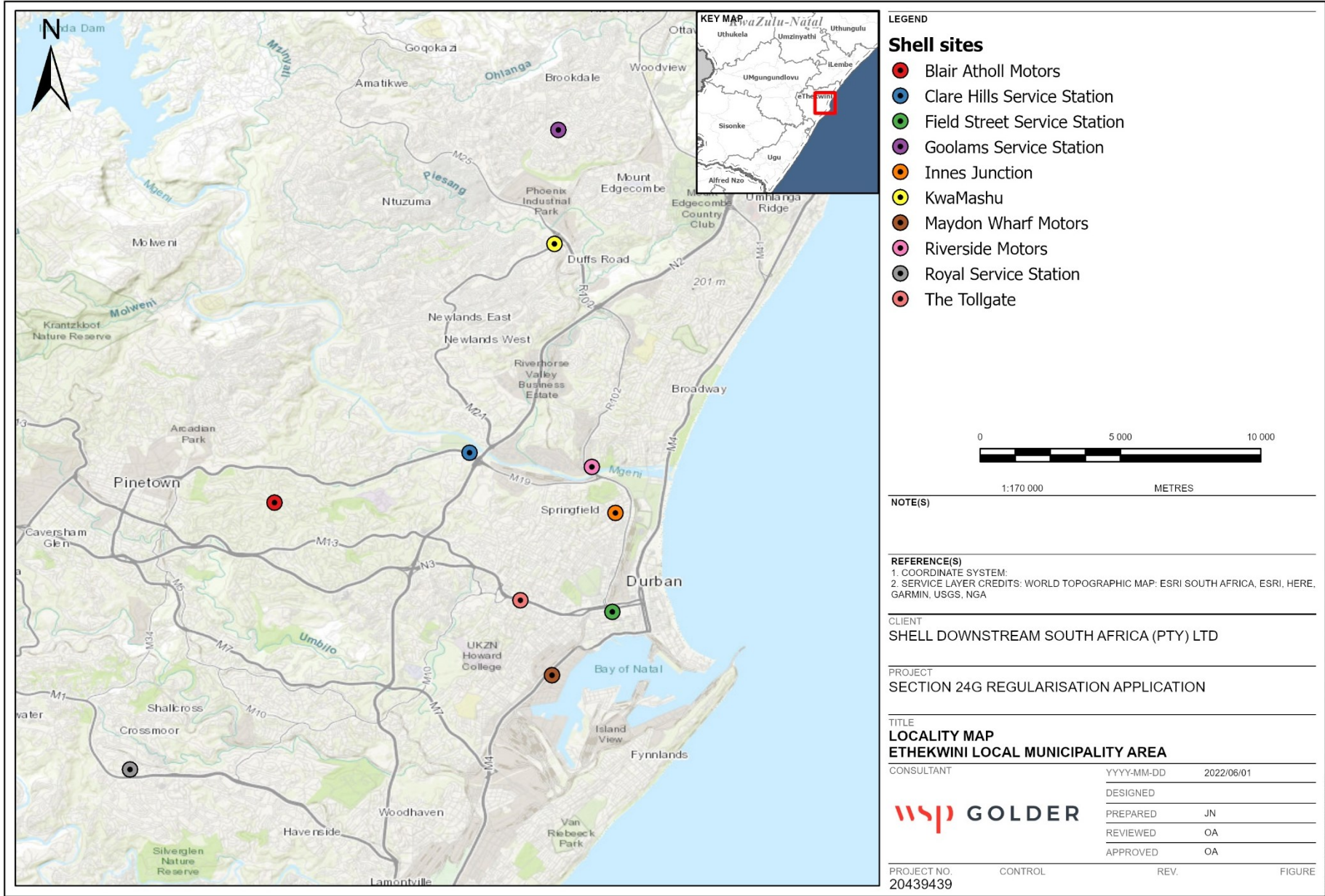


Figure 1: Site Localities