GDEnv Application Ref.: 002/26-27/I0003 Monday, 2 November 2026

BACKGROUND INFORMATION LETTER

APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL LISTED ACTIVITIES UNDER AN EXISTING WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE, TONKMETER RESOURCE FACILITY, SPRINGS, GAUTENG

Notice issued in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008 (NEM:WA) (as amended); the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended) (EIA Regulations)

Dear Stakeholder,

1. Purpose of this notice

Tonkmeter (Pty) Ltd is seeking authorisation for additional listed activities and related changes at the existing Tonkmeter Resource Facility (TRF). This letter provides details of what is proposed, where to review the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR), Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) and Specialist Studies, and how to register and submit comments or objections.

2. Project background and proposed activities

The TRF is an operational, privately owned Class B general waste landfill and Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at the corner of Coaton Avenue and Tonk Meter Road, Springs, next to the municipal Rietfontein landfill. It is situated on the Remaining Extent of Portion 81 (subdivided into Portions 222, 223 and 224) of the Farm Rietfontein 128-IR, City of Ekurhuleni. The existing Waste Management Licence/Integrated Environmental Authorisation (WML/IEA) is Ref. Gaut: 006/24-25/W0001.

The application provides for the following:

- Increasing the permitted final landfill height in Area E from 1 m to 25 m above natural ground level, within its existing footprint (47.3 ha). The permitted heights for Areas D and F will not change.
- Accepting additional general waste streams suitable for disposal in a Class B landfill, subject to applicable classification and acceptance requirements; examples include certain business and garden wastes and household-generated general waste not collected by the municipality.
- Amending specified conditions of the existing WML/IEA and updating the EMPr to reflect the proposed development and applicable operational controls.
- Clearing vegetation within the existing facility boundary for the proposed future expansion of the MRF, on an area of approximately 1 ha outside Area E.

The proposed changes are intended to increase the useful life of existing landfill infrastructure and support the recovery of recyclable materials. No expansion of the authorised landfill footprint is proposed.

3. Required authorisations and environmental assessment

The proposed landfill height increase triggers Category A, Activity 13 of GN R921 under the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (NEM:WA). Vegetation clearance for the MRF triggers Activity 12(c)(ii) of NEMA Listing Notice 3 (GN R985). A Basic Assessment (BA) process is being undertaken in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

An application for Integrated Environmental Authorisation was submitted to the Gauteng Department of Environment (GDEnv), the competent authority, under Application Reference No. 002/26-27/I0003. EcoPartners (Pty) Ltd is the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP).

The Draft BAR assesses the proposed activities and the no-go alternative, including potential effects on air quality (dust, odour and landfill gas), visual character, groundwater and stormwater, dolomite stability, vegetation, and closure management. Proposed mitigation and monitoring measures are described in the Draft EMPr.

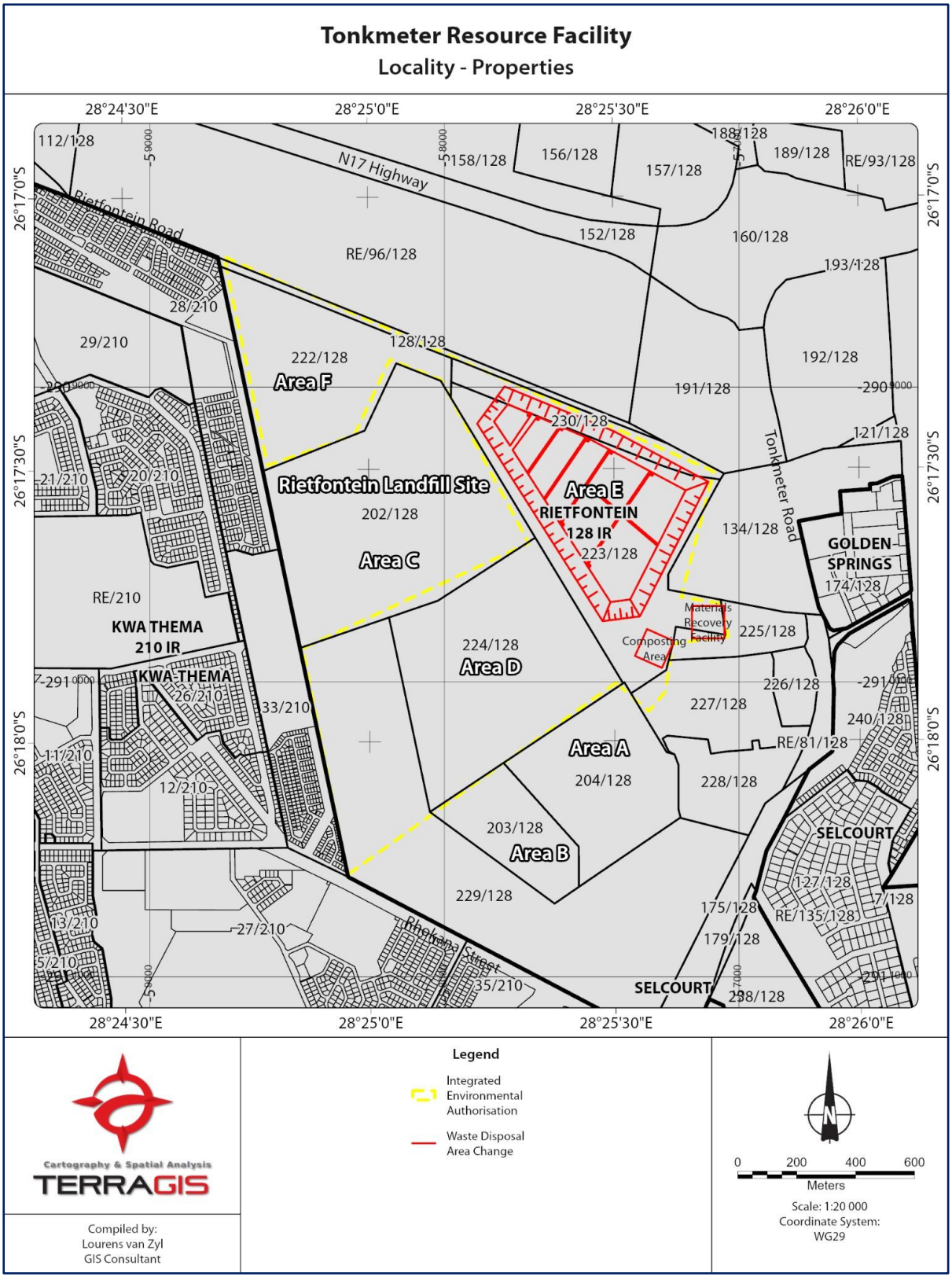


Figure 1: Tonkmeter Resource Facility locality and properties (Source: TerraGIS).

4. Availability of the draft reports for comment

The Draft BAR, EMPr and supporting documentation are available for review from **Monday, 2 November to Friday, 4 December 2026** at **www.ecopartners.co.za** and in printed format at:

- Kwa-Thema Public Library, 7019 Nkosi Street, Kwa-Thema, Springs.
- Springs Public Library, 55 5th Avenue, Springs.

5. Registration, comments and enquiries

Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register and submit written comments or objections **by Friday, 4 December 2026**. Please provide your name, contact details, preferred method of communication and any interest in the application. Comments will be recorded, considered and addressed in the final assessment documentation submitted to GDEnv.

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Please contact us if you require assistance accessing the documents, would like further information about the project, or wish to submit written comments or objections.

Kind regards,

Ursula Pape
Public Participation