

PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (PEIA) **GUIDELINES**

In accordance with Section 6 (1a) of the EIA Act, an application to obtain an authorisation for a proposed activity shall contain or will be accompanied by a Preliminary Environmental Impact Assessment (PEIA).

A PEIA is a **short report** informing the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) that a prescribed activity or development is being considered. The main purpose of a PEIA is to provide sufficient information to allow DEA to determine whether a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required before the implementation of the proposed development activity. The PEIA should be submitted at the concept or pre-feasibility study stage of the project cycle.

Unless a project is likely to have evidently significant environmental impacts, proponents should be able to prepare a PIA reports with little or no assistance from environmental specialists. Since projects and their stages in the project cycle vary widely, detailed guidelines for the content of a PEIA are not possible. However, a PEIA should at least provide basic information on the issues detailed below. The PEIA guidelines should be completed by the applicant in cooperation with the Licensing Authority or other relevant Authorities.

Please note that any person who gives information which is false or misleading for the purposes of ensuring compliance with the EIA Act commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding P10 000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both.

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Project Title:	
Project Applicant:	
Contact Person:	
Postal Address:	
Telephone No:	
Fax No:	
E-mail Address:	
Project Location:	

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

a. A basic description of the project should provide information on:

What is the purpose of the project?

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b. What are the anticipated phases of development within the foreseeable or predicted future (duration in months and years) in terms of:

- Construction of the proposed development?
- Operation of the proposed development?
- Decommissioning of the proposed development?

c. In order to understand/appreciate the level of detail and available planning or design options by the reviewers of the report, at what stage is the proposed development in the project cycle:

- Pre-feasibility
- Feasibility
- Detailed engineering
- Design
- Other (specify)

d. What is the physical scale or the size of the development?

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e. In order to understand/appreciate the impact forecasts and management measures, what is the project implementation strategy?

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f. Where is the project location?

- District.....
- Village.....
- Town.....
- UTM/longitude and latitude coordinates if known.....
- Other (specify).....

g. Are there any alternatives sites which are under consideration?

If so state where

Thematic information (e.g. roads, existing buildings, river, streams, vegetation types, etc) should be mapped and attached as an annex

h. Is a preliminary project design available?.....

If so attach as an annex to the report.

i. What are the project processes in terms of:

- Inputs (raw materials)?.....
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- Outputs (including by-products)?
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- Major types of equipment/technology (if applicable)?

Attach maps, flow diagrams and photographs (where necessary)

j. Is there any other useful information that you wish to provide?.....

If so, state below.

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3. PLANNING ISSUES:

Information should be provided on the following planning issues:

a. Has funding for the project been secured?.....

If no, what plans have been put in place to ensure the availability of finance?.....
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b. Has any stakeholder identification, local consultations and involvement been done?.....

If yes, who have been consulted and what are their views (attach relevant documentation).....
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c. What is the current land use of the area/site for the proposed development?.....

d. Will the proposed development require a change in land use?.....

e. Provide further information on the land tenure of the area where the development will be undertaken.

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f. Are the following services available in the area where the development is located?

- Roads (specify)
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- Water (specify)
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- Power (specify)
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 - Telecommunications (specify)
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 - Sewerage system (specify)
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 - Waste management systems (specify)
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 - Other (specify).....
- g. Can the capacity of services absorb the current and future outputs resulting from the implementation of the project?
- h. Will the development result in displacement of people or property?.....

If yes, how many people or number of households will be affected?.....
- i. Are raw materials available from sustainable sources?.....
- j. Will the development result in change of way of life of local people?.....
- k. Will the development require land/space for future expansion?
- l. How far (approximately) is the development from a formal or informal built up area?.....
- m. How far (approximately) is the development from a sensitive environment such as (if applicable, give details)
- A river, stream, dam or wetland
 - A unique habitat
 - A conservation or open space area.....
 - An area that is of cultural importance, e.g. historical site, graveyard, place of worship, etc
- n. How many people will be employed through the implementation of the project:
- During Construction (estimate)?.....
 - During Operation (estimate)?..

p. Of the given land area, what proportion of the area will be cleared?.....

4. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

a. The applicant should complete the questionnaire in the check list below.

Issue	Yes	No	Unknown
Is the type of ecosystem one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest? • Savanna? • Grassland? • Desert? • Wetlands? • Other? (describe) 			
Are these ecosystems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pristine? • Moderately degraded? • Severely degraded? 			
Are there present trends towards alteration of the ecosystem through cutting, burning etc to produce agricultural, industrial or urban land?			
Does the local population use the ecosystem to obtain or access: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food plants? • Medicinal plants? • Wood products? • Fibre? • Grazing land for livestock? • Traditional pathways, religious sites? • Other (specify)? 			
Will the project decrease use of products from the ecosystem by producing or providing substitute materials?			
Will the project cause increased population growth in the area, bringing about increased stress on the ecosystem/services/etc?			
Are any of the following located on the site earmarked for the development? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A river, stream, dam or wetland • A unique habitat • A conservation or open space area • An area that is of cultural importance, e.g. historical site, graveyard, place of worship, etc 			

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5. LEGAL ISSUES

Will the following Acts impact on or have a bearing on the proposed development:

Issue	Yes	No
Land Use Related Laws:		
• Land Control Act		
• Town and Country Planning Act		
• Monuments and Relics Act		
• State Land Act		
• Tribal Land Act		
• Agricultural Resources (Conservation) Act		
• Other (specify)		
Resource Specific Laws:		
• Forest Act		
• Water Act		
• Agricultural Resources (Conservation) Act		
• Waterworks Act		
• Fish Protection Act		
• Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act		
• Herbage Preservation (Prevention of Fires) Act		
• Disease of Animals Act		
• Aquatic Weeds Act		
• Tourism Act		
• Other (specify)		
Pollution Control Laws:		
• Public Health Act		
• Sleeping Sickness Act		
• Factory Act		
• Industrial Development Act		
• Mines, Quarries, Works and Machinery Act		
• Atmospheric (Prevention) Pollution Act		
• EIA Act		
• Waste Management Act		
• Public Health Act		
• Other (specify)		

6. Provide any other additional information that may assist in the evaluation of the report.

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7. I.....certify that the information provided is to the best of my knowledge true and correct

Signed:_____Date:_____

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