

BRAKPAN AIRFIELD

1. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- The erstwhile Brakpan Town Council purchased the Brakpan Airfield from Messrs Benoni Brakpan Airfield Investments (Pty) Ltd.
- The Brakpan Town Council had to honour a standing agreement which Messrs Benoni Brakpan Airfield Investments (Pty) Ltd had with the Brakpan Aero Club.
- The standing agreement prescribed that the lease period of the Brakpan Aero Club was fixed for a nine-year period from 1994 to 2003, after which the Aero Club could renew the lease for a further period of 9 years (until 2012) which option was exercised. The facility is currently leased on a month to month basis from the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality by the Brakpan Aero Club on the same terms and conditions as contained in the attached agreements of lease.
- Council owns the facility, including hangars, flying school, fuel station and the club house, which has been recently refurbished.
- It has to be mentioned that the facility has approximately 80 constructed hangars.
- Council is responsible for the general maintenance of the facility including the provision of security. Council is further obliged to ensure that the facility complies with the South African Civil Aviation Authority rules and requirements. The Civil Aviation licence holder is Brakpan Aero Club.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 PROPERTY DETAILS:

Property description	A portion of the Remainder and a portion of Portion 99 of the Farm Rietfontein 115 – IR, Brakpan
Street address	Van Dyk Road, Brakpan
Extent of the whole property	145 ha
Restrictions	A large portion of the subject property is shallowly undermined and can, therefore, not be developed. There is also a large environmental sensitive area (wetlands) which cannot be used for any Development.
Purpose	Commercial Airfield and related services
Market Value	R6 000 000.00

The facility is occupied by Brakpan Aero Club and used as a Commercial Airfield with a well-established Flight School addressing the training needs for aspirant private/commercial pilots. The property is as well occupied by hangar lessees.

2.2 BENONI BRAKPAN AERO CLUB

The lease agreement with Benoni Brakpan Aero Club expired in June 2012 and resorted to a month-to-months basis.

The lease is currently under review.

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2.3. HANGARS

There are approximately 80 fully constructed hangars on the Brakpan Airfield.

The facility consists of buildings and aircraft hangars owned by Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, as well as, those constructed on Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality land, owned by individual private operators.

2.4 CURRENT PROJECTS

The following are current projects undertaken by the Facilities Management Division of the Municipality:

1. Installation of a clear view fence - 2015/2016 Financial Year to comply with Civil Aviation Authority requirements.
2. Completion of a brick wall fence - 2016/2017 Financial Year to comply with Civil Aviation Authority requirements.

2.5 Proposed Future Projects

There is a future K-road construction planned to traverse the Brakpan Airfield.

The Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Police Department intends establishing a Head Office, on a portion of the airfield. This matter is in a very early investigative stage and no formal decision has been taken relative to any specific land portion to be developed for an EMPD Head Office. As indicated above, large areas at the Airfield are shallowly undermined/environmental sensitive which will restrict the future development and use of such land.