

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A REST CAMP AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE IN WEST COAST NATIONAL PARK

INVITATION TO REGISTER AS AN I&AP AND TO COMMENT

National Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism's Reference Number: 12 / 12 / 20 / 610 / 11 / 2

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 56 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations published in Government Notice R385 in Government Gazette No. 28753 of 21 April 2006, under Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, that **South African National Parks (SANParks)** proposes to establish a new rest camp in West Coast National Park.

It is SANParks' intention to construct ten tourism accommodation units (40 beds) on stilts in the lagoon, small reception facility and parking areas for day and overnight visitors at Kraalbaai, Langebaan Lagoon in West Coast National Park. Other associated infrastructure in this project will be the provision of services inclusive of water, sewer, power and telecommunications.

In terms of Sections 24 and 24 (D) of the NEMA, as read with Government Notice R385 (Regulations 22-23), in order to establish the abovementioned rest camp associated infrastructure, a Basic Assessment is required for the following activities as listed in Government Notice R386:

- **1 (d)** The construction of facilities, infrastructure, including associated structures or infrastructure, for – resorts, lodges, hotels or other tourism and hospitality facilities in a protected area contemplated in the National Environmental Management Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003).
- **1(k)** The bulk transportation of sewerage and water, including storm water, in pipelines with an (i) internal diameter of 0,36 metres or more; or (ii) a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more.
- **1(s)** The treatment of effluent, wastewater or sewage with an annual throughput capacity of more than 2,000 metres but less than 15,000 cubic metres.
- **2** Construction or earthmoving activities in the sea or within 100 metres inland of the high water mark of the sea, in respect (b) fixed or floating jetties and slipways, (f) buildings; or (g) infrastructure.
- **4** The dredging, excavation, infilling, removal or moving of soil, sand or rock exceeding 5 cubic metres from a river, tidal lagoon, tidal river, lake, in-stream dam, floodplain or wetland.
- **5** The removal or damaging of indigenous vegetation or more than 10 square metres within 100 metres inland of the high-water mark of the sea.
- **6** The excavation, moving, removal, depositing or compacting of soil, sand, rock or rubble covering an area exceeding 10 square metres in the sea or within a distance of 100 metres inland of the high-water mark of the sea.
- **7** The above ground storage of dangerous good, including petrol, diesel, liquid petroleum gas or paraffin, in containers with a combined capacity of more than 30 cubic metres but less than 1,000 cubic metres at any location or site.
- **13** The abstraction of groundwater at a volume where any general authorisation issued in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) will be exceeded.
- **20** The transformation of an area zoned for use as public open space or for a conservation purpose to another use.
- **25** The expansion of or changes to existing facilities for any process or activity, which requires an amendment of an existing permit or license or a new permit or license in terms of legislation governing the release of emissions, pollution, effluent.

Registration as an I&AP: EnviroAfrica Environmental Planning and Impact Assessment Consultants, as the appointed independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners, will undertake the required EIA process in accordance with the relevant NEMA Regulations. Should you have any queries or comments, or would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), please contact Mr Jerry Avis in writing, using the following details, making sure to indicate the National Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism's project reference number at all times.

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Parties wishing to register must provide the following: name; contact details including postal address, physical address, telephone number; facsimile number; email address; preferred means of communication and their interest in the application by no later than **15 March 2008**.

Amendments to A van Wyk's Draft Advert

- 1 Reference No DEAT is 12/12/20/610/11/2 and not 12/12/20/610/8/2 (Preekstoel is 12/12/20/610/11/1);
- 2 Inserted in Para 2 "on stilts in lagoon" after (40 beds);
- 3 Para 3 "activities" replaces activity;
- 4 1st para p2, 2nd line: Omitted 'further' before 'enquiries'
- 5 3rd line inserted "in writing" after Avis
- 6 Cell phone no omitted; new office tel no inserted; email (PP admin) inserted.
- 7 Last para: 'their' omitted; "preferred means of communication" inserted
- 8 Last line omitted 'Publication Date-to be completed'
- 9 EnviroAfrica inserted in Text Box Top Right