Proposed Construction of the Phalaborwa Wildlife Activity Hub, Kruger National Park, Limpopo Province

Proposal: The proposed project is one of three SANParks enhancing projects earmarked by the Department of Tourism for the 2016/2017 financial year to ensure tourism attraction and provide job creation for Local Communities. The specific site was chosen due to its close proximity to Phalaborwa, thus eliminating the need for additional guest and staff housing.

Various animal sanctuaries will help educate the public and will be aimed at public awareness (Rhino Poaching). Nine different hubs (discussed below) will be looked at with interlinking shuttle system connecting the various activity hubs with a hop-on hop-off experience. Thus public parking will be catered for and no private vehicles will be given access to the development.

The proposed project entails the development of the following infrastructure:

- Activity Hub;
- Backpacker Facilities;
- Two Bird Viewing Areas;
- Two Cool Down Areas;
- Rhino Orphanage;
- Entrance Gates;
- Tent Camps;
- Specific Activities Areas;
- Public Areas (Braai Areas, Picnic Sites & Ablution Facilities)

This development requires Environmental Authorisation and is therefore subjected to a Basic Assessment Report in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA). The following Listed Activities in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2014 are triggered by the proposed developments:

EIA Application:

Government Notice No. R985 of 4 December 2014 (Listing Notice 1 – relates to Basic Assessment):
Activities: 12, 19 & 27.

Government Notice No. R985 of 4 December 2014 (Listing Notice 3 – relates to Basic Assessment):
Activities: 5; 6; 12; 14; 17 & 23.

Opportunity to Participate: Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby invited to the Public Meeting on the proposed application and project. Two Public Meetings will be held; one on the 29th of June 2017 @ 17:30 in the town of Phalaborwa (Venue to be confirmed) and on the 30th of June 2017 @ 09:00 within the Local Community (Venue to be confirmed).

The Basic Assessment Report will be available on Enviroworks website from 08 June 2017 (http://enviroworks.co.za/documents/).

Should you wish to attend the meeting please provide your name and contact details (postal address as well as preferred method of communication, e.g. email, fax, registered post, normal post, etc.), to Christoff du Plessis at the email address provided below.

Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Enviroworks, Suite 338, Private Bag X15, Somerset West, 7129, or contact Christoff du Plessis at Tel: 021 853 0682, Fax: 086 601 7507 or email: christoff@enviroworks.co.za

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE ALREADY REGISTERED AS AN I&AP, NOTIFICATION OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED WILL BE SENT ON 8 JUNE 2017 TO THE CONTACT DETAILS ALREADY PROVIDED.