



LEBOMBO LODGE
Kruger Park - South Africa



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Background Information Document

THE CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TOURISM FACILITIES IN A PROTECTED AREA.
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Background Information:

The holder of the N'wanetsi Concession in the Kruger National park wishes to add an additional approximately 7km of roads to the existing 143 km roads network on the concession. This is in order to reach the total of 150km of roads initially permitted to the concession, although not applied for and therefore not contained in the original Record of Decision. With the 7km of roads requested it is proposed to establish new sections of roads which will connect existing roads, in order to achieve an improved usage of the concession as well as improved emergency response routes.

It is proposed that a total of 9 new roads be considered for developed. Their proposed alignment is based on operational requirements. All of these roads will provide additional linkages and circuits between existing roads and tracks. One road is proposed to replace the existing Mamba road. The latter runs through a monotonous Combretum woodland whereas the new alignment crosses game trails and provides good views. The principle of rehabilitating existing roads in exchange for new roads has been well established in the past.

Alternatives:

A total of 9 new road sections are proposed and assessed as some of these are considered as alternatives. The total length of new roads will not exceed 7km.

A brief description of each road and its length and purpose is given in Table on page 2.

The Basic assessment process:

The Basic Assessment process is a planning and decision-making tool which examines the likely environmental impacts of a proposed activity (positive or negative). Through this process, environmental consequences and appropriate mitigation measures can be proposed.

Authorisation for the proposed project is being sought through the undertaking of a Basic Assessment Study in accordance with Regulation 56 in terms of the EIA Regulations published in Government Notice (GN) R385 of 21st April 2006, in terms of Chapter 5 of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998).

In terms of Sections 24 and 24(D) of NEMA, as read with GN R 385 (Regulations 22 – 26) and GN R386, a Basic Assessment is required to be undertaken for the following as GNR 386 1(d):

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Public participation:

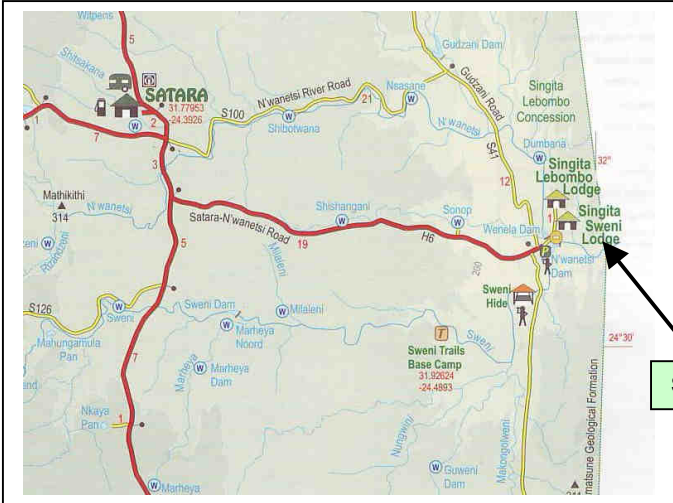
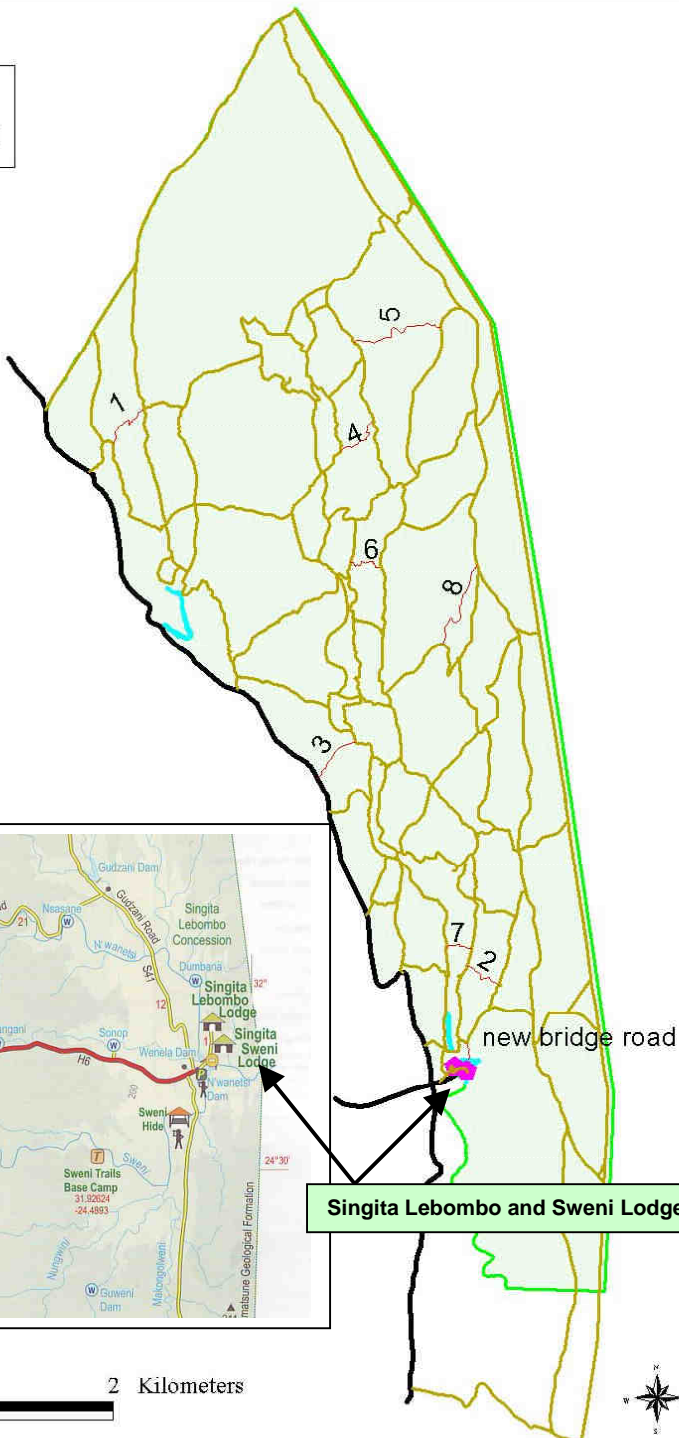
You, as an interested and affected party (I & AP), have a right to participate in this process by requesting further information or by informing the consultant of your concerns regarding the environment and the proposed construction of the proposed roads. To exercise this right, you must register with EMROSS Consulting. You can register as an individual or be represented by someone who speaks for you or your community (e.g. Ward Councillor). You also have a responsibility to inform others whom you think may be interested and/or affected by the proposed development and encourage them to register. You can register at any stage of the study, but it is important to register as early as possible.

EMROSS's responsibility:

We can be contacted by telephone, fax, post and email (details at top of page). Your contact information as well as your interest in the project should be included in your registration. Upon receiving your information you will be entered onto the I & AP database for this project and receive information regarding the project as it becomes available. Any comments or questions you submit will be responded to and included in our assessment report.

Road number	length (km)	Purpose
1	1.3	Provide easier access to fly camp and emergency access.
2	0.9	Opens up routes especially with Sweni Bridge. Relieves bottlenecks
3	1.2	Game viewing and access
4	1.2	Cuts through an good game viewing area.
5	2.2	Cuts through a big block, providing improved access
6	0.85	Provides improved access and views
7	0.65	Relieves bottlenecks and so improve visitor experience
X8	-2.37	To be rehabilitated. Most of the road is featureless
8	2.2	Improved route with game trails crossing road & views
New Bridge Road	0.4	Connecting Sweni Lodge more directly to the road network.
Total Length	8.53	

**Singita-Lebombo
Proposed roads 7 km**



Singita Lebombo and Sweni Lodges

