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14 December 2015

Department of Environmental Affairs  
Environment House  
473 Steve Biko Road  
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Pretoria

### **SANPARKS Shangoni Gate – Environmental Process Required**

Dear Sir/Madam

SANPARKS is proposing a new entrance gate that the Kruger National Park (KNP) near Giyani, Limpopo Province, the following is intended:

- An entrance gate facility into the KNP with a reception office, staff accommodation facilities and an Environmental Education Centre
- A tourism hub including overnight chalets, a departure pick-up point for activities such as mountain biking, bird watching and cultural heritage tours
- A rustic picnic site
- A rustic tented camp and camping site
- Construction of a new tar road of approximately 3, 5 kms from the proposed tourism hub to the KNP fence (where possible the existing "2 spoor ranger road" will be used).
- Construction of a new tar road of approximately 50, 6 kms from the Shangoni gate to the H1-6 linking Shingwedzi and Mopani rest camps (where possible the existing "2 spoor ranger road" will be used).
- Construction of a low-level bridge over the Shingwedzi River
- Provision of bulk services including new sewer line and pump stations, new water supply lines, additional reservoirs.

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Approximately 20 camping sites are proposed, each tented site will be built on stilts thus having low impact, and clearing will only take place for the stilt positions and for footpaths.

Approximately 20 picnic sites are proposed, each picnic is intended to have a low impact, and clearing will only take place for the seating and braai positions and for footpaths.

The roads will be 4 metres wide and the reserves less than 15 metres.

Attached is a locality map showing the proposed approximate locations and alignments.  
A picture of the type of tented camp is attached.

The road width and reserves fall under the threshold for a Scoping EIA, further the footprint of the tented camp, picnic sites, entrance gate, environmental education centre, reception area with staff facilities will be less than 20 Hectares combined, therefore it is understood that a Basic Assessment process will be required.

Please confirm if this understanding is correct.

Feel free to contact me should you have further queries.

Yours sincerely



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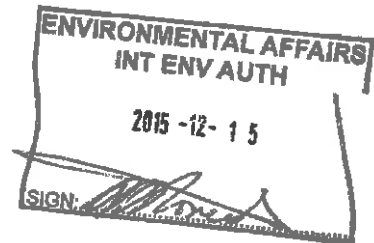
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**ATTENTION:** Mr Herman Alberts (EIA Admin)

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**Subject:** Follow up on Query Letter for SANPARKS Shangoni Gate - Environmental Process Requirement

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is a follow up on the letter delivered to the Department on 15 December 2015 regarding the Environmental Process Requirements that are to be followed with respect to the SANPARKS Shangoni Gate Development.

Can you kindly inform as to the progress relating to the Department's response to the letter and the person responsible for future correspondence in this regard.

Details of the letter's recipient are as follows -

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Regards,

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**Attachments:** ACK- SHANGONI GATE.pdf

Dear Mr Govender

Please receive the attached acknowledgement letter for your consideration.

Kind regards

Vincent

Your message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:

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### **PER EMAIL / MAIL**

Dear Mr Govender

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE SANPARKS SHANGONI GATE NEAR GIYANI IN LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

The Department confirms having received the abovementioned query dated 14 December 2015 on 06 January 2016.

Please note that the Department confirms that your understanding is correct, a basic assessment process must be followed.

You are reminded that should the other activities which do not fall within the exclusion reach a threshold of 20 hectares or more as stipulated by the EIA Regulations, 2014, a scoping/EIA process must be followed.

You are hereby reminded that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours faithfully

**Mr Sabelo Malaza**  
Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations  
Department of Environmental Affairs  
Letter Signed by: Mr Danie Smit  
Designation: Deputy Director: Protected Areas  
Date: 15 January 2016