



NOTIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS:

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MAPUNGUBWE VISITOR INTERPRETATION CENTRES AND OVERNIGHT FACILITIES, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Proposal:

Mapungubwe Hill, an iconic southern African cultural heritage site, attracts visitors from all walks of life. Although the site is only accessible accompanied by trained cultural heritage guides, these visitors may only have a superficial understanding of the history surrounding this remarkable snapshot of human endeavour and therefore are not able to understand the significance of the site without appropriate interpretation aids. On site interpretation facilities are however, lacking and very different from that of other iconic world heritage sites such as the Cradle of Humankind.

SANParks wish to upgrade their facilities at MPNP in order to enhance visitor experience and provide adequate accommodation for educational tour groups. The proposed upgrades will include the following activities:

1. Mapungubwe Overnight Facilities:

The overnight facilities will include the construction of four (4) hostels inclusive of ablution facilities;

2. Orientation Centre at Mapungubwe Hill:

The orientation centers will include the construction of a covered viewing deck and resting areas;

3. Schroda Interpretation Centre:

The Schroda Interpretation Centre will include the interactive exhibit of the sharpening of the blade, games and pottery and a covered viewing deck;

4. Dig Site:

The Dig site will be formalised where a formal building will be constructed above the dig site to ensure adequate protection thereof. The development will include display boards of Mapungubwe, exhibition and viewing areas, and the Archaeological Dig Site viewing area.

5. Boma:

1. The boma will consist of a roof structure, seating and will primarily be used as a venue from where tour guides can tell the story of Mapungubwe Hill.

This development requires an 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 2021 are triggered by the proposed developments:

EIA Application:

**Activity 12 & 27 of GN R327 of 07 April 2017 as amended by GN R. 517 of 11 June 2021 (Listing Notice 1); and,
Activity 5, 6, 12 & 14 of GN R324 of 07 April 2017 as amended by GN R. 517 of 11 June 2021 (Listing Notice 3).**

Opportunity to Participate: Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby invited to register and/or comment on the proposed application and project. A 30-calendar day registration period, from **04 May 2022** until **03 June 2022** is now open to I&APs. Please submit your comments or registration in writing to Enviroworks at the details provided below. Also provide your name and contact details (postal address as well as preferred method of communication, e.g. email, fax, registered post, normal post, etc.), as well as an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest you may have in the application.

The Basic Assessment Report will be available for public comment, from **04 May 2022** until **03 June 2022** on the website:

<https://enviroworks.co.za/p15/projects/public-participation.html>

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