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Dear Sir / Madam

AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 50 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (NEMA ACT NO. 57 OF 2003) FOR THE PROPOSED SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT DIE STROOM PICNIC SITE IN BONTEBOK NATIONAL PARK WITHIN THE SWELLENDAM LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

1. South African National Parks (SANParks) confirms that it is the management authority of the Bontebok National Park. The proposed swimming pool complex and associated infrastructure will be funded by the DFFE SANParks Infrastructure Investment Allocation. Visitors currently use the Breede River for bathing, however it is a health & safety risk. The proposed development forms part of the agreement with the Swellendam Local Municipality to provide local visitors to the park, a safe bathing area.
2. Die Stroom Picnic Site is a popular day visitors site amongst local communities and is already established and therefore, has been identified as the most preferred site for the swimming pool complex.

addo elephant

agulhas

augrabies falls

bontebok

camdeboo

golden gate highlands

karoo

kglalagadi transfrontier

knysna

kruger

mapungubwe

marakele

meerkat

mokala

mountain zebra

namaqua

table mountain

tankwa karoo

tsitsikamma

richtersveld

west coast

wilderness

3. In terms of the Park Management Plan zonation, which was approved by the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, the identified location has been zoned as a high intensity leisure. In terms of Clause 50 (5) of NEMA, *“No development, construction or farming may be permitted in a nature reserve or world heritage site without the written approval of the management authority.”* SANParks hereby grants permission to proceed with the proposed developments in Bontebok National Park.

4. In accordance with regulation 12(1), an independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) must be appointed. SANParks has appointed Enviro-EAP as the EAP to conduct the basic assessment for this proposed development.

Yours sincerely



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