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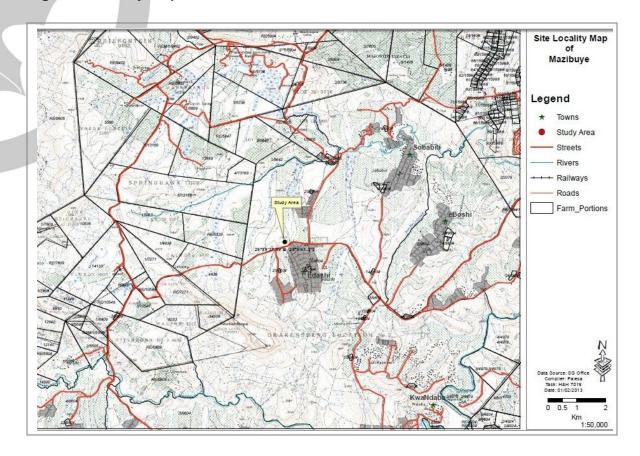
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<u>Application for Basic Assessment (BA) for the proposed Construction of</u> **Mazibuye Emasisweni Project**

The Trintacure Sustainability on behalf Department of Environmental Affairs is proposing to Construct Mazibuye Emasisweni Cultural Lodge. The proposed activity is a Cultural Village which comprises of the construction of 5x Chalets and the Conference Centre. The proposed development will be located on Farm No: 209976 Zwartkop at KwaSobabili Township, KZN Province.

The site is situated within the Imbabazane Local Municipality.

Figure 1: Locality Map



Coordinates: 29 42 06.36S 29 36 20.82E

The proposed Activities are listed in Listing Notice 1(GNR 544) activity No.23(ii) in terms of the New EIA Regulations published in terms of Section 24(2) read with Section 24D of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998) and therefore would require that a Basic Assessment be undertaken.

H&H Environmental Consulting cc, an Independent Environmental Consulting firm, has been appointed to conduct the Environmental Assessment and the Public Participation Processes of the BA study. Application to carry out the study was submitted to the KZN Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs on the 26 June 2012. The application was allocated the following reference number; (REF No: DC23/0017/2012: KZN/EIA/ 0000790/2012).

The site inspections and the GIS findings were used to compile a concise description of the environment. It is based on this assessment that we want to bring to your attention that the following were identified as significant environmental issues for the project;

 According to Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, the site lies within a 10 km radius to the Ukhahlamba World Heritage Site, which effectively triggers Activity 6 under Listing Notice 3 of NEMA 2010 EIA Regulations.

Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs have developed a generic sequence of events that needs to be followed for the authorization process prior to commencement of the activity. The purpose of the process is to ensure that environmental factors are taken into account at each stage of the activity and to ensure that all relevant parties are adequately consulted. All Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) are invited to participate by contributing any issues of concern and suggestions to finalise the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed construction of Mazibuye Emasisweni Cultural Lodge in KwaSobabili. Attached in Annexure 1 is the I&AP registration form, we kindly request that you to fill it in with your comments and fax back to the fax number or email below. Your contribution to this process will be highly appreciated; please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information on the project.

Kind regards

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ANNEXURE: 1

THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF MAZIBUYE EMASISWENI PROJECT AT KWASOBABILI TOWNSHIP, KZN PROVINCE RESPONSE FORM FOR INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTIES Name: Please Identify Your Interest In The Project: Please Write Your Comments and Questions Here: Please return completed forms to: Ms. Ephonia Manthata Tel: (011) 867 3566 Fax: (011) 867 1048 E-mail: ephonia@handhenviro.co.za Postal Address: H&H Environmental Consulting 65 Philip Englebrecht Meyersdal Office Park Building No.5, Ground floor

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