

Development of Lodges, Roads and other Tourist Infrastructure in Kapama Private Game Reserve, Maruleng Local Municipality, Mopani District Municipality, Limpopo Province

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Letter of amendment/addition to Phase 1 HIA

1. Introduction

NuLeaf Planning and Environmental Pty (Ltd) was appointed by Kapama Private Game Reserve Pty (Ltd) to apply for environmental authorisation for existing infrastructure developed between 1989 and 2018, in early 2019. This was a 24G application as stipulated by the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act No. 107 of 1998) and NEMA Regulations. These and proposed additional developments were reported on in the following report:

Coetzee, F.P. 2019. Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment: Phase 1 Investigation for the Development of Lodges, Roads and other Tourist Infrastructure in Kapama Private Game Reserve, Maruleng Local Municipality, Mopani District Municipality, Limpopo Province.

However, Kapama Private Game Reserve Pty (Ltd) has since proposed additional infrastructure developments at two camps namely, River Lodge and Drakensig Staff Village.

2. Project description and location

The proposed additional infrastructure developments will consist of the following:

- a walkway, additional staff accommodation and a laundry at River Lodge; and
- additional staff accommodation and a solar plant at Drakensig Staff Village



Figure 1: Regional context of the proposed new developments in Drakensig Village (left) and River Lodge (right), with survey tracks of the sites

3. Site assessment and observations

Both areas have been extensively surveyed during the initial study (see Coetzee 2019). Most of the areas around the existing developments are homogenous and have already been disturbed during the construction phase of the facilities. It is therefore stated with a high degree of confidence that there are no heritage sites (Stone Age, Iron Age or historical) situated within these proposed areas of new development.

4. Recommendation

As a result it is recommended that the proposed additional infrastructure developments may proceed and no additional mitigation measures are proposed.



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