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PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES WITHN THE LOSKOP DAM NATURE RESERVE -

Dear Ms/Mr Khumalo

Due to the need for accommodation of staff, tourists and learners at the Loskop Dam Nature Reserve, Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) in association with Imogene Consulting Projects is proposing the upgrade of accommodation facilities in the Loskop Dam Nature Reserve located within the Thembisile Hani Local Municipality and Nkangala District Municipality in Mpumalanga Province. The proposed development will include, *inter-alia*:

- Demolish existing pickets at Doornek and Hondekraal Gate Entrance Pickets.
- Construction of new 65m² Spider Pickets with borehole less than 10000l abstraction and a less than 2000 cubic meters septic tank for four people.
- Construction of 53m² Hondekraal Gate Entrance on Farm Doornfontein 98 JS, with rehabilitation of an existing borehole.
- Construction of 65m² Doornek Picket with borehole less than 10000litre abstraction and a less than 2000 cubic meters septic tank for four people.
- Renovation and altering the existing incomplete 65m² structures at Hondekraal Valley Pickets on the same foot print.
- Rehabilitation of an existing borehole at Hondekraal gate entrance pickets, Hondekraal Valley pickets and at Parys.
- Renovations/Refurbishment of existing structures: Parys, House No.3, House No.4, House No.5 and house 7
- House no.3, House No.4 and House no.5 have asbestos roofs that will be removed and disposed of. A specialised contractor will be appointed for the removal of asbestos and will dispose of it at an approved dumping site complying with Department of Labour requirements.

- Solar power reticulation at the picket for energy and Doornek Picket which will be renovated and modified to accommodate 4 rangers.

The development sites are situated within the Loskop Nature Reserve, which is located approximately 43 km from the town of Groblersdal in Limpopo Province and approximately 65 km from the town of Middleburg in Mpumalanga Province.

A Google Earth image showing the general location of the site and a draft layout plan is attached with more details.

Savannah Environmental has been appointed by Imogene Consulting and Projects to undertake the environmental screening process. According to our determination an environmental authorisation in terms of NEMA and EIA Regulations of December 2014 is not required for the proposed project as the project infrastructure and activities do not trigger the thresholds of the EIA listed activities.

As part of the process, the need for specialist input is required. Please advise in writing if SAHRA requires any assessment / studies (and the scope of such studies) for this development in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act No. 25 of 1999. There are existing unfinished old structure that are to be either demolished or refurbished. The exact age of this structure is not known yet still under investigating. The development does not exceed 5000m² and it is not anticipated that the development would alter the character of the area.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information regarding the proposed project.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

- **Locality map**
- **Site Pictures**

APPENDIX A
SITE LOCALITY MAP



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Rietfontein (Spider picket) borehole
Spider picket (Proposed new site) Spider picket (existing)

Parys picket borehole

Staff house 5 Staff house 6

Loskop Dam Loskop Dam

Doornek borehole
Doornek Picket

Doringfontein picket

Hondekraal entrance borehole Hondekraal entrance gate

Hondekraal valley pickets Hondekraal valley borehole

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Imagery Date: 10/1/2014 25°26'07.57" S 29°14'50.77" E elev 1145 m eye alt 37.08 km

APPENDIX B
SITE PHOTOS



Hondekraal valley existing structures to be finished



Doornek picket to be demolished



Hondekraal gate picket to be demolished



Hondekraal entrance gate