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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Lysta Stander
South African Experiences Trading (Pty)Ltd
P.O.Box 1081, Somerset West, 7129

SANParks have awarded a concession to South African Experiences Trading (Pty)Ltd, operating as BidCo, to establish and operate two seasonal mobile tented camps in the Kruger National Park. Each camp will include 30 guest tents and 20 staff tents with support infrastructure, all designed to be completely mobile and operated for the five months of the dry season from May to September each year for a nine year concession. One camp is to be established just to the north of the Tshokwane Picnic Site and another to the north east of the Satara Rest Camp and these fall within the Mpumalanga Province.

Zunckel Ecological and Environmental Services have been appointed by South African Experiences (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed establishment and operation of two seasonal mobile tented camps in the vicinity of the Tshokwanew Picnic Site and the Satara Rest Camp in the Kruger National Park, Mpumalanga Province.

A draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will include 30 two-bed guest tents, communal lounge/dining Bedouin tent, a kitchen tent and storage area, staff tents, staff lounge tents, parking and access for vehicles. No new roads will be established for the preferred sites, however new roads will be required for the alternative sites. The size of the camps will be 2.21 ha and 2.83 ha each.

No assessment of heritage resources that complies with section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA and section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA has been submitted as part of the EA application.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that an assessment of the impact to heritage resources be conducted as part of the EA process that complies with section 38(3) of the

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NHRA as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA and section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA.

The assessment must include an assessment of the impact to archaeological and palaeontological resources. The field-based assessment of archaeological resources must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and the report comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports (see www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za for a list of qualified archaeologists).

The proposed development is located within an area of high and very high Palaeontological Sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a field-based Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. (See <https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html> for a list of qualified palaeontologists). The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

The applicant is advised to extend the EA process in terms of section 19(1)b of the NEMA EIA regulations in order to comply with this comment. A revised BAR with the results of the HIA must be submitted for review.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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