

Response to NID (Notification of Intent to Develop)

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

Attention: Malelane Safari Resort Investment (Pty) Ltd
Suite Number 192, Private Bag X 75, Bryanston

Malelane Safari Resort Investment (Pty) Ltd is proposing the development of a four star 240 bed Safari Lodge with associated infrastructure, as well as a 'park and ride' facility in the Malelane Region of the Kruger National Park.

Thank you for notifying SAHRA about the proposed development of the Safari Lodge near Malelane Gate in the Kruger National Park (KNP), on the border of Nkomazi Local Municipality and the KNP in Mpumalanga Province. The lodge will consist of a 4 Star, 240 bed lodge and associated infrastructure and about 3km re-alignment of the S114 road.

Under sections 34, 35 and 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA 25 of 1999) heritage resources are protected from damage from mining and development activities. These resources are for instance burial grounds, unmarked and marked graves that are older than 60 years and outside formal cemeteries. Any built structures that are older than 60 years old, archaeology (stone tools, stone walled sites, prehistoric and historic pottery sherds, ash grounds etc.) and palaeontology (fossils of plant and animal material).

The KNP is known for its sensitivity to heritage resources, a number of archaeological sites have been discovered in the park, and watercourses are particularly sensitive to stone tool artefacts. SAHRA requires that a full Heritage Impact Assessment, that follows the SAHRA minimum standards of heritage reports. The field visit and report must be conducted by a suitably qualified, professional archaeologist (<http://www.asapa.org.za/uploads/files/crm-list-october.pdf>).

The development of the Safari Lodge is located on a negligible palaeontologically sensitive zone, thus SAHRA exempts the applicant from conducting a Palaeontological Impact Assessment.

Further comment on this development will be made once the requested studies are submitted to the case.

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

Yours faithfully

Proposed Safari Lodge near Malelane Gate, Kruger National Park

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