



MALELANE SAFARI RESORT
INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD

7 June 2017

Honourable Minister Bomo Edith Edna Molewa,
Private Bag X447,
Pretoria,
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South Africa

Dear Mrs. Edna Molewa,

LSA 138306: TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF MALELANE SAFARI LODGE BY MALELANE SAFARI RESORT INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD

Malelane Safari Resort Investments (Pty) Ltd (MSRI) has been in recent communication with the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) Appeals and Legal Review department during November and December 2016, as well as during May and June 2017 in respect of the requirement for a Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) for the proposed Malelane Safari Lodge development. This requirement was added in the Appeal Decision.

The requirement for the TIA be undertaken was due to the primary traffic concern related to the entrance route to the lodge from the Malelane Gate, along the S114 road in front of Leopard Creek Estate, and the congestion at the Malelane Gate.

In order to undertake an effective and appropriate TIA, will require that the scope of work be accurately determined. To identify the scope of works, the issue of the approach route from the gate to the lodge needs to be resolved with South African National Parks (SANParks). The most recent discussions with SANParks identified the preferred solution of an alternate new private access road leading off the H-3, a few kilometres further north of the S114 junction, which will then link to the proposed rerouted path of the S114, planned to circumvent the lodge above the Timfenheni junction. This solution is in preference to the originally proposed upgrade and use of the current public S114 road, a portion of which passes within direct view of Leopard Creek, and a route that can be a popular public use road during the peak seasons.

The proposition outlined above, will go a long way to alleviating traffic congestion concerns, and will mitigate most of the impacts previously foreseen.

An assessment first needs to be undertaken and solution agreed to between MSRI and SANParks. Until this matter is resolved with SANParks, we are unable to undertake a meaningful TIA, as the scope of works is still undetermined. We are endeavouring to resolve this outstanding matter with SANParks as soon as possible, and will notify you as soon as a solution is determined. The next steps will then be communicated to the DEA.

In the interim, no construction activities have been or are being undertaken on site.

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Based on these new circumstances, we therefore request that the authorization be amended to remove the due date required for this condition to be fulfilled.

We commit to undertake and submit the TIA to the DEA prior to any construction processes being commissioned on-site.

We trust that this request will be met with your understanding and approval.

Please feel free to contact us for should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Wright', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Michael Wright
Chairman
Malelane Safari Resort Investments (Pty) Ltd