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Dear Stakeholder

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE: NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A HOTEL AT THE CONFLUENCE OF THE TIMFENE AND CROCODILE RIVERS WITHIN THE KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (MALELANE) – MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Please be advised that Interdesign Landscape Architects (ILA) has been commissioned by **Cradle of Malelane (Pty) Ltd** to undertake the appropriate environmental process for the proposed establishment of a 240 bed Hotel with associated uses such as a Conference Venue and Spa at the confluence of the Timfene and Crocodile Rivers north east of the Malelane Gate within the Kruger National Park, in terms of Regulations 27-35 published in Government Notice R385 under Section 24(5) read with Section 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended. The development proposal also entails the proposed realignment of Rhenosterkoppies Road which currently traverses the proposed development area (See attached Background Information Document and locality map).

In terms of Sections 24 and 24(D) of the Act, as read with Government Notices R 385 (Regulations 27 – 36), R 386 and R 387 an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required for the following activities:

- **Government Notice R 386 Item (1)(a):** *The generation of electricity where the electricity output is more than 10 megawatts but less than 20 megawatts*
- **Government Notice R 386 Item (1)(d):** *The construction of facilities or infrastructure, including associated structures or infrastructure, for resorts, lodges, hotels or other tourism and hospitality facilities in a protected area contemplated in the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003)*
- **Government Notice R 386 Item (1)(k):** *The bulk transportation of sewerage and water including stormwater in pipelines with (i) an internal diameter of 0,36 metres or more*
- **Government Notice R 386 Item (1)(m):** *Any purpose in the one in ten year floodline of a river or stream or within 32 metres from the bank of a river or stream where the floodline is unknown,*



excluding purposes associated with existing residential use, but including (i) canals; (ii) channels; (iii) bridges; (iv) dams; and (v) weirs

- **Government Notice R 386 Item (1)(n):** *The off-stream storage of water, including dams and reservoirs, with a capacity of 50 000 cubic metres or more, unless such storage falls within the ambit of the activity listed in item 6 of Government Notice No R387 of 2006*
- **Government Notice R 386 Item (12):** *The transformation or removal of indigenous vegetation of 3 hectares or more or of any size where the transformation or removal would occur within a critically endangered ecosystem listed in terms of Section 52 of the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No 10 of 2004)*
- **Government Notice R 386 Item (13):** *The abstraction of groundwater at a volume where any general authorization issued in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998) will be exceeded*
- **Government Notice R 386 Item (15):** *The construction of a road that is wider than 4 metres and that has a road reserve wider than 6 metres, excluding roads that fall within the ambit of another listed activity or which are access roads of less than 30 metres long*
- **Government Notice R 387 Item (2):** *Any development activity, including associated structures and infrastructure, where the total area of the developed area is, or is intended to be 20 hectares or more*

The aim of the Environmental Impact Assessment is to ensure that:

- Potential environmental impacts associated with the development are taken into consideration by the relevant authorities and/or decision-makers; and
- Stakeholders are afforded sufficient opportunity to provide input and comment on the proposed development.

Should you wish to participate in this process, please register as an Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) by completing the enclosed registration sheet and returning it, on or before **Friday, 13 August, 2010**, to:

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Yours sincerely

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