

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A HOTEL AT THE CONFLUENCE OF THE TIMFENE AND CROCODILE RIVERS WITHIN THE KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (MALELANE) - MPUMALANGA PROVINCE INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE - DEA REF NO 12/12/20/610/1/69

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 56 of the Environmental Impact Regulations published in Government Notice R385 in Government Gazette No. 28753 of 21 April 2006, under Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, that **Cradle of Malelane (Pty) Ltd** proposes to establish a 240 bed Hotel with associated uses such as a Conference Venue & Spa at the confluence of the Timfene and Crocodile Rivers north east of the Malelane Gate within the Kruger National Park. The initial development proposal also entails the realignment of Rhenosterkoppies Road which currently traverses the proposed development area.

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 and as read with Government Notices R 543 (Regulations 26 – 35), R 544, R 545 and R 546 an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required for the following activities for which the Applicant is applying to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA):

GNR 386 Item (1)(a)	The generation of electricity where the electricity output is more than 10 megawatts but less than 20 megawatts
GNR 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)
GNR 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
GNR 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
GNR 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
GNR 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)
GNR 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
GNR 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
GNR 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
GNR 546 Item 19 (a)(ii)(aa)	The widening of a road by more than 4 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre, outside urban areas in a protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies

In terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No 59 of 2008) the Applicant is also applying to DEA for authorisation of an activity for which a waste management license is required in accordance with Section 20(b) of the National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2008 (Act No 59 of 2008). As per GNR 718 of 3 July 2009 Category B Item 7 'The treatment of effluent, wastewater or sewage with an annual throughput capacity of 15 000 cubic metres or more'.

Please be informed that the Draft Amended Scoping Report, compiled in terms of Sections 24 and 24(D) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, has been made available for review by registered I&AP's from 19 December 2010 – 31 January 2011.

An electronic copy of the report and the Appendices is available on our website (www.ilaweb.co.za) for viewing from 19 December 2010 – 31 January 2011 [Select Projects / Environmental Impact Assessment Downloads].

In order to participate in this process, or to provide comment on the Draft Amended Scoping Report, please contact INTERDESIGN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, Claudia Coetzee, P.O. Box 74648, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040, Pretoria. Tel: (012) 348-1922 Fax: (012) 348-7154 E-mail: claudia@ilaweb.co.za, on or before 31 January 2011.

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