

# **SCOPING AND SCREENING MISSION REPORT**

## **Kruger Valley Campsite / Coffee-Shop and Internet Services**

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## 1. Location of Proposed Venture

The Kruger Valley Campsite land right is located 50 km south from Mariental, along the B1 national road, on the right-hand side of such road, 4 kilometres prior to the Gibeon turn off.

## 2. Proposed Business Venture

The proprietors /applicants were granted a customary land right by the Bondelswarts Traditional Authority for the purpose of a homestead and small garden or crop farming by the land right holders themselves.

In the year 2020 the land right holders decided to convert the customary land right into a right of leasehold. The aim is to equally convert the structures that are already erected (at present there are 3 structures for our family accommodation, and two more for overnight accommodation facilities). These two accommodation huts will be used occasionally, for whoever wants to sleep over, offering a coffee shop with internet facilities and a place of refreshment. This facility can also be used by B1 national road truckers as a refreshment hub due to its location alongside the B1 national road.

The Bondelswarts traditional authority was consulted and has consented to the grant of right of leasehold (attached) which application is now pending before the Hardap Regional Communal Land Board. The latter board now requires an environmental clearance certificate, as our envisage activities is said to fall under tourism activities.

## 2. Scale and Scope of Activity

The land right applied for is 8ha in size, however the project will have a physical footprint of only 1 hectare, consisting of about 5 accommodation units, camping site and a coffee shop.

It is important to appreciate that this land identified for our communal land right was an uninhabited land, where no farming or grazing took place, and where no other persons were settled in close proximity. Our own operation has also no livestock or farming activities taking place on the land right in discussion. As can be seen from the structures we already erected, the accommodation facility will be constructed to ensure it is environmentally friendly, promoting eco-tourism and sustainable development. We utilize sticks and reeds to erect our structures, hence the erected structure will not impact

negatively on the soil and structure of the environment. No permanent structures will be erected apart from the cement flooring of the coffee shop or within the accommodation units.

At present the premises serves as a private homestead and the water connection with a water meter is connected from Rural Water Supply pipeline to the location of the land right, hence we have a water account with Namwater, payable on a monthly basis. This water connection ensures a constant supply of fresh and potable clean water.

At the present the homestead has 2 toilets, but when we erect more structures, we will be compelled to add more ablution facilities, hence we intend to add at least 1 more toilet as a communal type usage. Once this communal toilet is added, we intend to collect the waste water in septic tanks, treated with chemicals to speed up the decomposition of such waste. This waste will be transported and disposed bi-weekly at the Gibeon sewerage treatment facility 6 kilometres east.

### 3. Possible Impacts and Mitigation Measures

#### 3.1. Odours

Sewer treatment with chemicals to mitigate odours that are undesirable. Thus, appropriate sewer technology will be used to minimize the emission of odours from septic tanks.

#### 3.2 Leakage of sewer

The blockage of sewer pipelines to the septic tanks will lead to leakage of sewer. The latter eventuality will be mitigated through:

- The design of sewer pipelines should allow for easy maintenance and repair.
- Access roads / tracks should allow for quick response and access to sewer lines.

#### 3.3. Positive impacts and Mitigation Measures

- Improved sanitation as the installation of sewer services will improve environmental hygiene over the project area.
- No earth moving works during construction as only durable traditional building methods will be employed.
- No loss of biodiversity
- No contribution to soil erosion
- No change to Landscape aesthetics, only improvement
- No loss of land for other farmers

- No change in water regime
- No noise and dust pollution
- Access to portable water
- Creation of new sustainable job opportunities, this initiative is intending to counter the increasing shebeenizing of the local businesses that could become future a source of social and moral collapse

#### 4. General Recommendation and Regard

The Environmental Consultant has satisfied himself after the screening and scoping mission that the Kruger Valley Tourism enterprise has a very negligible or minimal environmental footprint. The reason is because the project is a mere extension of the Kruger residential set-up offering occasional overnight accommodation to prospective customers at low- uptake rates. It is due to the above regard that I, (Fred Koujo) as the Environmental Consultant, herewith petition the Environmental Commissioners' Office to grant the Environmental Clearance Certificate to the applicant. The applicant in the future re-apply should the business grows and expands into a bigger full-scale enterprise.

Mr. Fred Koujo (CV Attached)

Offering my Highest Regards,

