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Thursday 1 February, 2024



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Siyabonga Mbatha of Oriented Birds with possession of the ball during their game.
Photos: Zama Gagu

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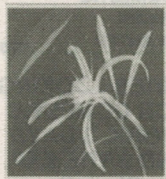
at 40 Main Street or via e-mail to

Council's By-law on Events, which
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Cape Environmental Assessment Practitioners

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

FOR 'DIEPWALLE FOREST TENTED CAMP' ON REMAINDER FARM 218 DEEP WALL,
GARDEN ROUTE NATIONAL PARK, KNYNSNA

**Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process in terms of the National
Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No 107 of 1998 as amended).**

An application for Environmental Authorisation via a Basic Assessment (BA) process is being undertaken to investigate the proposal to develop a temporary, seasonal tented camp within the Diepwalle Forest section of the Garden Route National Park, Knysna. The national Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment (DFFE) is the competent authority mandated to make a decision in this case.

Proposal: Summer (Nov.- Apr.) luxury retreat, consisting of 15 guest tents on raised platforms within Forest fringe surrounding an existing clearing. Communal/dining & yoga deck in clearing. Wooden raised boardwalk linking decks & tent platforms. Canvas kitchen/storage & staff tents. Diepwalle Forest Station & associated Community Tea-Garden to be used as base for guest parking, logistics & preparation of food. All movable infrastructure to be removed during winter months. Operation of camp as per concession agreement with South African National Parks (SANParks).

DFFE Ref: 2023-01-0024 (Pre-Application)

Location & Access: Remainder Farm 218 Diepwalle, near SANParks Diepwalle Forest Station, within Garden Route National Park. Site approx. 1.5ha in size within existing clearing & immediate forest, accessed via the existing 'Ysterhoutrug' private road, off the R339 provincial gravel road.

Applicant / Concessionaire: South African Experiences Trading (Pty) Ltd.

Environmental Practitioner: Cape EAPrac

Information Available: Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) & Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) are available for a 30-day commenting period; extending from **Tuesday, 06 February to Wednesday 06 March 2024**. The reports can be accessed digitally via www.cape-eaprac.co.za / Active Projects or SANParks website: www.sanparks.org/notifications?t=eia&p= Hard-copies will be available at the SANParks Diepwalle Forest Station and at Thesen's Island Offices in Knysna. Alternative platforms / access to reports can be arranged on request.

Deviations/Exemptions: None applied for.

NEMA Listed activities: Listing Notice 1 (Activities 12 & 19), Listing Notice 3 (Activities 6, 12 & 14).

In order to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for the BA process, individuals are requested to respond to this advert by submitting their **complete contact details and comments** to Cape EAPrac in writing (to address below) on or before **06 March 2024**. [Correspondence throughout the remainder of the environmental process will only be distributed to registered I&APs].

Cape EAPrac – Attention: Louise-Mari van Zyl

Contact: louise@cape-eaprac.co.za, P.O. Box 2070 George 6530, Telephone: 044 874 0365

Take Note: In terms of the POPIA legislation when registering as an I&AP a person consents to the lawful processing of personal information for the intended purposes, as described by the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act no. 4 of 2013). By registering/submitted comment a person agrees that his/her/their contact details will, where required by a public body, be reflected in regulated reports that must be compiled and submitted to the general public, registered stakeholders, organs of state as well as the competent authority for consideration and decision-making.



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Notice Date: 01 Feb. 2024



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TERREIN KENNISGEWING

BASIESE ASSESSERINGSPROSES

PUBLIEKE DEELNAMEPROSES VIR 'DIEPWALLE BOS-TENTKAMP' OP RESTANT VAN
PLAAS 218 DIEPWALLE, TUINROETE NASIONALE PARK, KNYSNA

Kennis word hiermee gegee van 'n Publieke Deelnameproses ingevolge die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (NEMA, Wet nr. 107 of 1998 soos gewysig)

'n Aansoek vir Omgewingsmagtiging via 'n **Basiese Asseseringsproses** (BA) word onderneem om die voorstel van 'n tydelike, seisoenale tentkamp binne die Diepwalle Bosbou-gedeelte in die Tuinroete Nasionale Park, Knysna, te ondersoek. Die nasionale Departement van Bosbou, Visserye en die Omgewing (DFFE) is die bevoegde owerheid wat 'n besluit in hierdie saak moet neem.

Voorstel: Luukse somer (Nov - April) toevlugsoord, bestaande uit 15 gaste tente op verhoogde platforms, binne 'n Bosrand, rondom 'n bestaande oopte, tesame met 'n gemeenskaplike eetkamer en joga-dek binne die oopte. Die verhoogde tent platforms en dekke word verbind met 'n verhoogde hout looppad. Kombuis/stoor & personeel seil tente vorm deel van die voorstel. Die Diepwalle Bosboustasie en gepaardgaande gemeenskaplike teetuin gaan gebruik word vir gasteparking, logistiek en voorbereiding van kos. Alle verskuifbare infrastruktuur moet gedurende wintermaande verwyder word. Bedryf van kamp volgens konsessieooreenkoms met Suid-Afrikaanse Nasionale Parke (SANParke).

DFFE Verwysing: 2023-01-0024 (Vooraf Aansoek)

Ligging & Toegang: Restant van Plaas 218 Diepwalle, naby SANParke Diepwalle Bosboustasie in die Tuinroete Nasionale Park. Die terrein is ongeveer 1.5ha groot binne 'n bestaande oopte en aangrensende woud, toeganklik via die bestaande Ysterhoutrug privaat pad, vanaf die R339 provinsiale grondpad.

Aansoeker / Konsessiehouer: South African Experiences Trading (Pty) Ltd.

Omgewingskonsultant: Cape EAPrac

Beskikbare Inligting: 'n Konsep Basiese Asseseringsverslag en Omgewingsbestuursprogram is beskikbaar vir 'n 30-dae kommentaarperiode, wat strek vanaf **Dinsdag, 06 Februarie tot Woensdag 06 Maart 2024**. Die verslae kan digitaal verkry word via www.cape-eaprac.co.za / "Active Projects" of die SANParke webwerf: www.sanparks.org/notifications?t=eia&p=* Hardekopie sal by die SANParke Diepwalle Bosboustasie en Thesens Eiland Kantore in Knysna beskikbaar wees. Alternatiewe platforms / toegang tot verslae kan op versoek gereël word.

Afwyking/Vrystellings: Geen aansoek gedoen nie.

NEMA Gelyste aktiwiteite: Gelysde Handeling 1 (Aktiwiteite 12 & 19); Handeling 3 (Aktiwiteite 6, 12 & 14).

Om as 'n Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP) vir die BA-proses te registreer, word individue versoek om op hierdie kennisgewing te reageer deur volledige kontakbesonderhede en kommentaar skriftelik aan Cape EAPrac te stuur (by ondergemelde adres) voor of op **06 Maart 2024**. [Korrespondensie sal deur die res van die omgewingsproses slegs aan geregistreerde B&GPe versprei word].

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Neem kennis: Met betrekking tot die POPIA-wetgewing stem 'n persoon in tot die wettige verwerking van persoonlike inligting vir die beoogde doeleindes wanneer hy/sy as 'n B&GP registreer, soos beskryf deur die Wet op die Beskerming van Persoonlike Inligting, 2013 (Wet nr. 4 van 2013). Deur registrasie/kommentaar in te dien stem 'n persoon in dat sy/haar/hul kontakbesonderhede, waar dit deur 'n openbare liggaam vereis word, weerspieël sal word in geregleerde verslae wat saamgestel en voorgelê moet word aan die algemene publiek, geregistreerde belanghebbendes, staatsorgane asook die bevoegde owerheid vir oorweging en besluitneming.

Kennisgewing Datum: 01 Feb. 2024

DIEPWALLE FOREST TENTED CAMP – Public Participation Process

Photo Evidence of Site Notices & Delivery of Notification Letter – 2024.02.03



Site Notices (Eng. & Afr.) placed at entrance to access road to site off R339.



Site Notices (Eng. & Afr.) placed at Diepwalle Tea Garden at Diepwalle Forest Station.



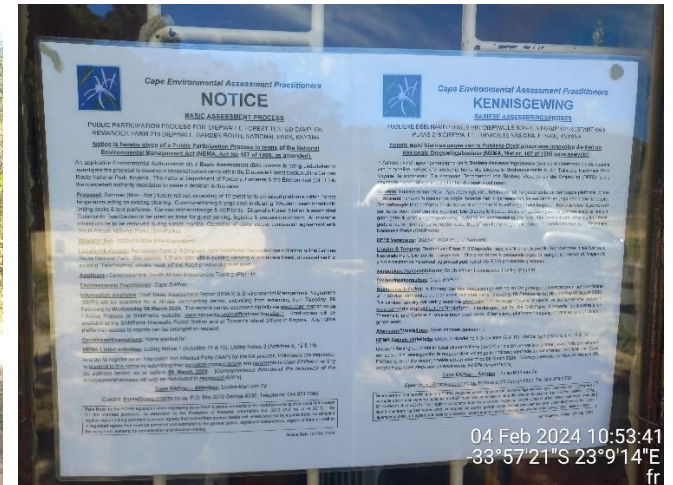
Site Notices installed at Community Tea Garden.



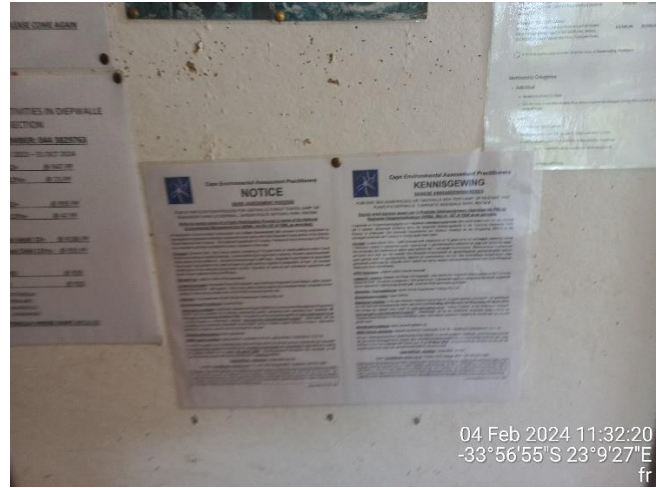
Notices (Eng. & Afr.) placed at guard house at King Edward VII / Diepwalle Big Tree, as nearest tourist attraction near site & Diepwalle Forest Station.



Notices placed in window of guard house at Big Tree.



Notices placed at Big Tree.



Notices placed at SANParks Reception / Offices at Diepwalle Forest Station.



SANParks reception staff accepting receipt of DBAR Notification letter delivered for residents of Diepwalle Forest Station.