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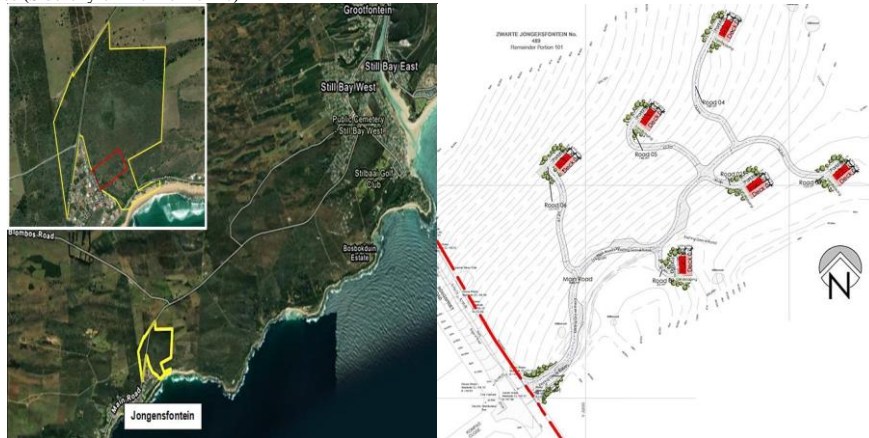
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COMMENTS PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SIX TOURIST ACCOMMODATION GLAMPING PODS ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 101 OF THE FARM ZWARTE JONGERSFONTEIN NO. 489, JONGENSFONTEIN:

- 1 Forestry is responsible for the implementation and the enforcement of the National Forest Act (NFA), Act 84 of 1998 as amended and the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, Act 101 of 1998 as amended (NVFFA). Thank you for giving Forestry this opportunity to comment on above application.
- 2 Forestry studied the supporting documents for the above mentioned application and the following points related to Forestry's mandate i.e. the implementation of the NFA are applicable
 - a. According to the report the: "property is approximately 61ha in size and located immediately adjacent to- and bordering the Eastern border of Jongensfontein coastal town located approximately 9km south-west of Still Bay via Main Road- The main access to the pods is proposed directly off Boegspriet Road at the intersection with Kompas Close. The Proposal entails: Six (6) x one-bedroom Tourist Accommodation Glamping Pods, $\pm 26m^2$ enclosed space for each unit. Each with its own: Deck ($\pm 34m^2$), Carport ($\pm 18m^2$), Water Tank, Underground Sewage Bioreactor, Limited Landscaped Area that must also serve as a fire break, Total Built and Parking Area: $\pm 468m^2$ per pod, Internal Access Roads, Main Gravel Road (Area: $\pm 848m^2$ Width: $\pm 6m$), Internal Gravel Roads Area: $\pm 699m^2$ (extending from the Main Entrance to each Glamping Pod) • Width: $\pm 3m$ o Amounting to $\pm 1\ 547m^2$. According to the report: the vegetation on the majority of the farm is consistent with Hartenbos Dune Thicket- The vegetation here follows the description of Hartenbos Dune Thicket, in that milkwood thicket clumps are dispersed within a fynbos matrix on an alluvial substrate- The southernmost section of the site just above the coastline is dominated by milkwood trees (*Sideroxylon inerme inerme*) "



- b. Forestry request that the proposed pods be placed in more disturbed areas as not to infringe on the Coastal forest patches as well as protected trees- and that the proposed layout incorporate the protected trees as well as the coastal forest patches. Protected trees as well as Coastal forest patches to be retained, be incorporated into the design layout by being GPS'D and indicated as no-go areas
- c. Indigenous forest as well as protected trees are protected under the National Forest Act (NFA) (Act No. 84 of 1998) as amended.
- d. This letter is not a NFA licence.

- 3 Forestry reserves the right to revise initial comment based on any additional information that may be received

Yours Faithfully

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COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED SIX GLAMPING PODS ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 101 OF THE FARM ZWARTE JONGERSFONTEIN NO. 489, JONGENSFONTEIN, HESSEQUA MUNICIPAL DISTRICT, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the reports.

It is noted that the overall sensitivity of the farm portion from a botanical/biodiversity perspective is deemed to be 'High' consisting of Hartenbos Dune Thicket dominated by Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) & Milkwood Dune Thicket. Please confirm whether the proposed development is a permissible land use as per the land use guideline contained in the WCBSP. If permissible, ensure to optimise the project layout plan to avoid all high biodiversity value.

The Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin@dfre.gov.za for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.

Yours faithfully

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