


# Public Participation Report

## Summary and Results of Consultation

For the proposed “Mkuze” Lodge Development located within the Manyoni Private Game Reserve (formerly the Zululand Rhino Reserve) in Northern KwaZulu-Natal.



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## ABBREVIATIONS:

BA	Basic Assessment
CBA	Critical Biodiversity Area
DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs
EA	Environmental Authorization
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
EDTEA	Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EKZNW	Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
ESA	Ecological Support Area
IDM	Integrated Development Management Consultants/Environmental
KZN	KwaZulu-Natal
NBA	National Biodiversity Assessment
NFEPA	National Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Area
SCC	Species of Conservation Concern

WUL	Water Use License
WULA	Water Use License Application
ZRR	Zululand Rhino Reserve

## 1 INTRODUCTION

An application has been submitted to the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) by Shazagystix (Pty) Ltd, for the proposed “Mkuze” Lodge Development located within the Manyoni Private Game Reserve (formerly the Zululand Rhino Reserve) in Northern KwaZulu-Natal. As part of the environmental process IDM Environmental (IDME) has been appointed by the Applicant to facilitate and manage the Public Participation Process (PPP) in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2014) as amended. The following document is a summary of the PPP followed to date for the proposed Mkuze Eco-Lodge Development. It also details out the process to be followed for round two of public participation. During round one of PPP Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) were notified of the proposed Development (through the provision of BID Documents) and notified to changes in the proposed location of the Mkuze Lodge. During round two, after the DEA Reference number has been received, the Basic Assessment Draft 1 and all annexures and appendices will be made available to the public for review and comment.

## 2 REQUIREMENTS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS OF 2014 (AS AMENDED)

In terms of Regulation 41 (b) of the EIA Regulations (2014) as amended, IDM Environmental on behalf of Shazagystix (Pty) Ltd is required to consult and notify in writing all landowners (including adjacent) or lawful occupiers, government departments/ state enterprises and any other potential I&APs of the proposed Mkuze Lodge Development BA process followed. It is further required that with the BAR, information of the public participation and consultations be provided. The EIA Regulations (2014) as amended, as well as the DEA Public Participation Guideline were used to guide the process. The process followed includes:

- Planning Phase: The identification of landowners (including adjacent) or lawful occupiers, government departments/ state enterprises, the Councillor and any other potential I&APs.
- The Informing of the Stakeholders and I&APs of the proposed Mkuze Lodge Development BA through:
  - Advertising in one local newspaper (**Annexure B**) (Round one of PP);
  - Placement of site notices on the site boundary, access gate and outside municipal offices (During both round one and two of PP);
  - The email (**Annexure C**) of Notification and BID Documents (During both round one and two of PP).
- The Placement of the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) in the Hluhluwe local library for public review and comment (During round two of PP);
- A copy of the Basic Assessment Draft 1 and all appendices will be available on the Consultants website (During round two of PP);
- Provision of hard copies of the Basic Assessment Draft 1 and all appendices to the National Department of Environmental Affairs, KZN Department of Economic Development Tourism and Environmental Affairs and Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (During round two of PP); and
- Providing of any further information and capturing all comments from I&APs onto a Comment and Response Table (Please see **Table 3**).

- Formulation of a Public Participation Report.

**NB: Round two of PP is yet to begin and will commence after the DEA Reference number has been received.**

**Table 1** below outlines the requirements for the public participation process set out in Section 41 of EIA Regulations (2014) as amended, as well as the actions taken/to be taken by the EAP:

Table 1: Public Participation Process followed

EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended)	Action undertaken by the EAP
<p><b>a. Fixing a notice board at a place conspicuous to the public at the boundary or on the fence or along the corridor of</b></p> <p><b>i. the site where the activity to which the application relates is or is to be undertaken; and</b></p> <p><b>ii. any alternative site.</b></p> <p><b>A notice board must-</b></p> <p><b>(a) be of a size at least 60 cm by 42 cm; and</b></p> <p><b>(b) display the required information in lettering and in a format as may be determined by the competent authority.</b></p>	<p>Notices were placed at various locations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the site itself on 20/07/2017</li> <li>• Jozini Local Municipality, Jozini</li> <li>• Umkhanyakude District Municipality, Mkuze</li> <li>• Preferred Site, Manyoni Private Game Reserve</li> <li>• Alternative Site, Manyoni Private Game Reserve</li> <li>• Entrance to Reserve, Mkuze</li> <li>• Super Spar, Mkuze</li> <li>• Spar, Jozini</li> <li>• Baobab Service Station, Mkuze</li> </ul> <p>Site Notices complied with the minimum size requirements and were further placed in locations where the public were able to see the Notices. Notices will be placed at the above locations again during round two of the PP.</p>
<p><b>b. Giving written notice, in any of the manners provided for in Section 47D of the Act, to –</b></p> <p><b>i. the occupiers of the site and, if the proponent or applicant is not the owner or person in control of the site on which the activity is to be undertaken, the owner or person in control of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any</b></p>	<p>A Background Information Document was compiled for the proposed development and distributed to the surrounding neighbours per email.</p> <p>Information in the BIDs included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Background Information;</li> <li>• Location of the Lodge;</li> <li>• EIA Environmental Triggers;</li> <li>• The BA process to be followed;</li> </ul>

<p>alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</p> <p>ii. owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</p> <p>iii. the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site or alternative site is situated and any organization of ratepayers that represents the community in the area;</p> <p>iv. the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area;</p> <p>v. any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and</p> <p>vi. any other party as required by the competent authority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motivation for the proposed Mkuze Lodge; and</li> <li>• How one can get involved in the public participation process.</li> </ul> <p>An invitation to become involved in the project and to register as a stakeholder was also included in the Background Information Document. .</p> <p>Emails with the BID were sent to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Management Authority of the Manyoni Private Game Reserve;</li> <li>• All Lodge owners and managers within the Manyoni Private Game Reserve;</li> <li>• All relevant Governmental Departments and entities;</li> <li>• The District and Local Municipality (including the Councillor); and</li> <li>• Any other interest in or be affected party that may have an interest in the proposed Mkuze Lodge development.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Emails notifying the public of round two of the PPP including the availability of the Basic Assessment Draft 1 will be sent to the public.</u></b></p>
<p>c. Placing an advertisement in –</p> <p>i. one local newspaper; or</p> <p>ii. any official Gazette that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations;</p>	<p>The EIA process was advertised in the Zululand Observer on 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2017.</p>

### 3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THE BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (BAR)

Copies of the PPP and meeting notice, draft BAR (hard copy provided when requested); BID and Specialist Report will be made available to the following Government Departments for comment during round two of PPP:

- Department of Environmental Affairs (including the Environmental Impact Assessment, the Protected Areas and Biodiversity and Conservation Units);
- Department of Water and Sanitation (Durban Branch);
- Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (including the Forestry Regulation & Support);
- Department of Rural Development and Land reform;
- KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Environmental Affairs (Umkhanyakude District Officer);
- KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (Macro Planning Unit, Umkhanyakude District, Jozini Office);
- KZN Department of Transport;
- KZN Department of Health;
- Umkhanyakude District Municipality;
- Jozini Local Municipality (including the Councillor);
- South African National Roads Agency (Eastern Region); and
- Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife.

#### 4 COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM I&APs

The comments received from the I&APs during round one of PPP are included in **Table 2** below. Comments and queries for the Basic Assessment during round two will be included in the Final Basic Assessment Report and Public Participation Report submitted to DEA.

<u>Interested and Affected Party</u>	<u>Represented individual/official</u>	<u>Date comment/s received</u>	<u>Comments received</u>	<u>Response and action provided by the EAP</u>
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Forestry Unit)	Ms. Nokuthula Zikhali	23/05/2017	DAFF (Forestry Unit) indicated via Official letter sent via both email and post that the BID did not contain sufficient information for the Department to provide comments on and thus commentary will only be provided once the Draft Basic Assessment Report is made available for review. DAFF further added that should natural forests or protected trees be found on site, the applicant must apply for a License application(s) prior to the commencement of activities. This application should include both the different species and number of affected protected trees impacted on and trees within the natural forest.	An electronic copy of the Basic Assessment Report and all appendices will be forwarded to DAFF during round two of the public participation process. Furthermore, a license application will be submitted to DAFF before construction commences if any of the protected tree species will be impacted on. There is no natural forest on site.
ACER (Africa) Environmental Consultants	Mr. Giles Churchill	29/06/2017	Mr. Giles requested co-ordinates of the lodge so that he could check if the development falls within the Buffer Zone of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park.	The BID was provided to Mr. Giles on the 30/06/2017.
		3/07/2017	Mr Giles of Acer indicated that he had received the BID and that comments would be provided by the 17 <sup>th</sup> of July 2017 if his company indeed wishes to comment.	No further comments were received. A copy of the Draft BAR would be made available to Acer.



**Annexure A: Site Notices**

Proof to be provided in the Final Basic Assessment Report.

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