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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)

CONSULTATION ON THE INTENTION TO DECLARE A CERTAIN PRIVATELY OWNED AREA AS STONEHENGE PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT; ASSIGN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PROPOSED PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT TO THE TANKWA TENTED CAMP (PTY) LTD; AND RESTRICT OR REGULATE DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE STONEHENGE PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)

I, David Maynier, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby, in terms of sections 28(1)(a)(i) and (b), read with sections 31 and 33 of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003) (the Act), give notice of my intention to—

(a) declare a certain privately owned area situated in the Northern Cape Province as the Stonehenge Protected Environment, as set out in the Schedule hereto;
(b) assign the management of the Stonehenge Protected Environment to the Tankwa Tented Camp (Pty) Ltd in terms of section 38(1)(b) of the Act; and
(c) restrict or regulate, in the Stonehenge Protected Environment, development that may be inappropriate for the area, given the purpose for which the area was declared and the carrying out of other activities that may impede such purpose under section 51 of the Act.

Members of the public are hereby invited to submit, **within sixty (60) days** from the date of publication of this Notice in the Government *Gazette*, or in the newspaper, whichever date is the last date, written representations or objections to the following addresses:

By post to: The Director-General
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Attention: Mr. Sydney Nkosi
Private Bag X447
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By hand to: Environment House , 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083

By mail to: smampe@dffe.gov.za

Any enquiries in connection with the notice can be directed to Ms Sibongile Mampe on 012 399 9557, or by email: smampe@dffe.gov.za.

Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.



DAVID MAYNIER
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SCHEDULE

1. THE FOLLOWING PRIVATELY OWNED AREA SITUATED IN THE CALVINIA REGISTRATION DIVISION, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE CONSTITUTE THE STONEHENGE PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT

1.1

Title Deed No.	Description of Property: farm, portion	Ownership	District	Extent (ha)
T19202/2005	Farm Stonehenge No. 1104	Tankwa Tented Camp (PTY) Ltd	Calvinia	3161.5238

2. ASSIGNMENT OF A MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

2.1 The management of the Stonehenge Protected Environment is assigned in terms of section 38(1)(b) of the Act to the Tankwa Tented Camp (Pty) Ltd.

2.2 The management authority of the Stonehenge Protected Environment is required to manage the protected environment in terms of section 40(1) of the Act.

3. PURPOSE OF DECLARATION OF STONEHENGE PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT

3.1 The purpose for which the Stonehenge Protected Environment is declared, is to—

(a) serve as a buffer zone for the conservation and protection of the Tankwa-Karoo National Park;
(b) enable the owner of the land to take action to conserve biodiversity and to provide legal recognition for the Protected Environment; and
(c) protect the Tankwa-Karoo National Park by restricting development and activities within the Stonehenge Protected Environment.

4. RESTRICTION OF DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE STONEHENGE PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT

4.1. APPLICATION

4.1.1 Development and other activities in the Stonehenge Protected Environment that may be inappropriate for the area and may impede the purpose for which this protected environment was declared, are restricted according to–

(a) The Zonation Map set out in **Appendix '1'** and depicted in the management plan which can be accessed at (https://wildernessfoundation.co.za/spaces/);
(b) The Zonation Table set out in **Appendix '2'** and depicted in the management plan which can be accessed at (https://wildernessfoundation.co.za/spaces/); and
(c) The '*Tankwa Karoo to Cederberg Wilderness Corridor Ecological Management Guidelines 2021*' (Wilderness Foundation Africa, 2021) document, which can be accessed at (https://wildernessfoundation.co.za/spaces/).

4.2. RESTRICTION OF DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE CONSERVATION ZONE

4.2.1 Insofar as development and other activities in the Conservation Zone are restricted, activities or developments conducted therein must be undertaken in line with the management plan and may not result in a transition away from conservation, agricultural and/or ecotourism land uses.

4.2.2. Development or activities within the Conservation Zone are, in accordance with **Appendix '1' and '2'**, limited to:

(a) Low intensity grazing by indigenous game species in line with the *'Tankwa Karoo to Cederberg Wilderness Corridor Ecological Management Guidelines 2021'* (Wilderness Foundation Africa, 2021) document;
(b) Rehabilitation of previously degraded areas (landscape degradation & invasive alien plant clearing);
(c) Development and maintenance of small scale, non-invasive infrastructures including water points for game and hiking trails; and
(d) Controlled non-motorized access by visitors on designated paths (e.g. hiking and mountain biking).

4.3. RESTRICTION OF DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE LOW IMPACT ZONE

4.3.1 Insofar as development and other activities in the Low Impact Zone are restricted, activities or developments conducted therein must be undertaken in line with the management plan and may not result in a transition away from agricultural and/or ecotourism land uses.

4.3.2. Developments or activities within the Low Impact Zone are, in accordance with **Appendix '1' and '2'**, limited to:

(a) Use by motorized vehicles for either management or recreational purposes;
(b) General maintenance of road infrastructure including small-scale gabion, culvert and berm construction to direct water flow and prevent soil loss;
(c) Selective utilization of rock and soil required to maintain roads and prevent erosion; and
(d) Any activity that is allowed in the Conservation Zone.

4.4. RESTRICTION OF DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE HIGH IMPACT ZONE

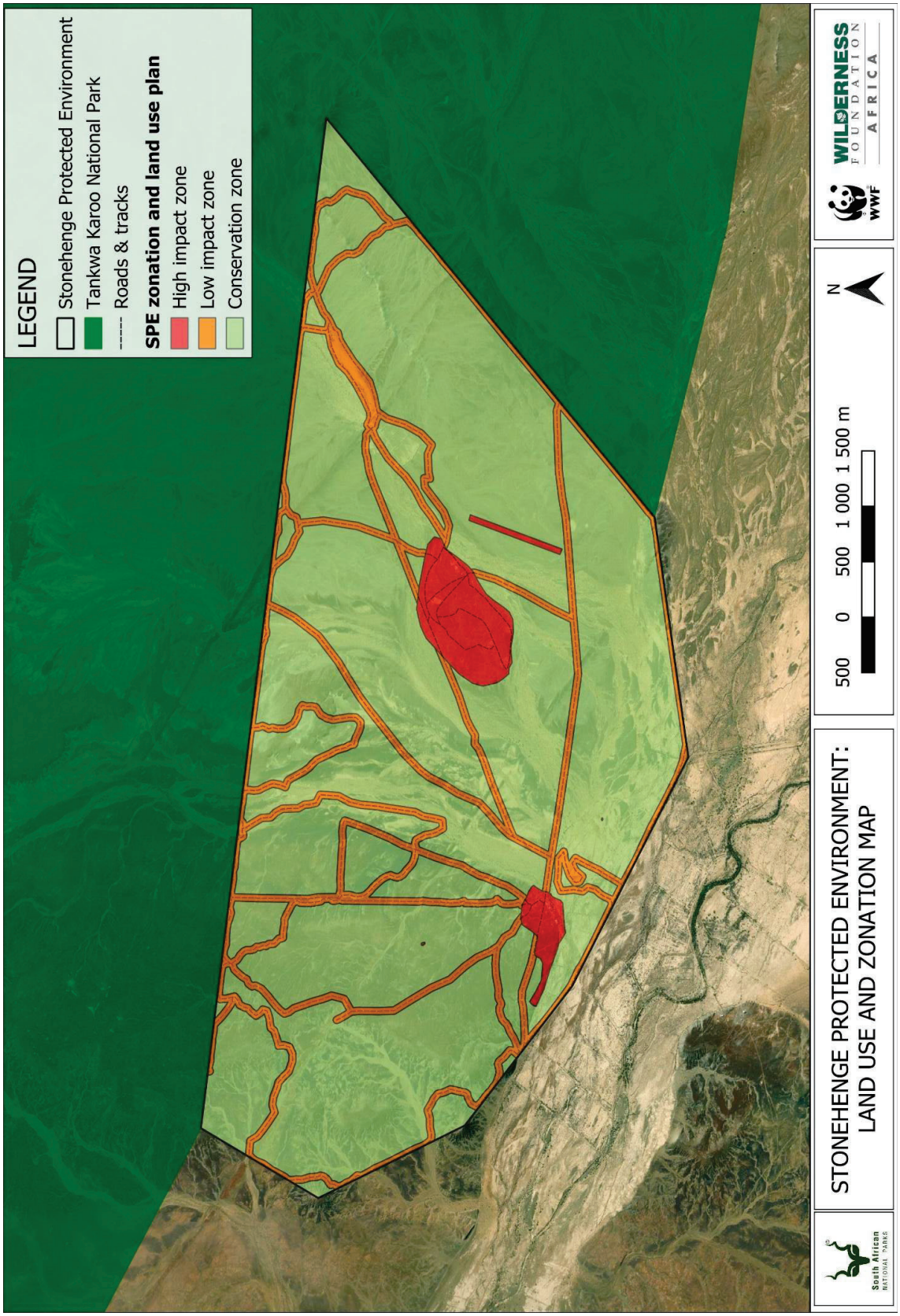
4.4.1. Insofar as development and other activities in the High Impact Zone are restricted, activities or developments conducted therein must be undertaken in line with the management plan and may not result in a transition away from agricultural and/or ecotourism land uses.

4.4.2. Developments or activities within the High Impact Zone are, in accordance with **Appendix '1' and '2'**, limited to:

(a) Development and maintenance activities essential to meet the management objectives of the SPE;
(b) Staff, private and self-catering tourism accommodation units;
(c) Sustainable tourism activities that do not compromise or impact on the SPE's biodiversity and ecological functioning;

(d) Small-scale construction and development activities; and
(e) Any activity that is allowed in the Conservation Zone.

Appendix 1: Stonehenge PE Zonation Plan (Map) extracted from the SPE MP.



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Appendix 2: Stonehenge PE Zonation Plan (Table) extracted from the SPE MP.

Zone	ZONE DESCRIPTION	MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES	ALLOWED ACTIVITIES
CONSERVATION	The Conservation Zone covers the largest extent of the property with the main goal of maintaining the area in as near natural state as possible with controlled visitor interaction and management interventions.	a) Maintain area in as near natural state as possible, with limited interference of, and impact on, biological and ecological patterns and processes. b) Limit management activities, unless crucial for the functioning of ecological processes, or threats due to unnatural causes. c) Areas showing signs of degradation to be rehabilitated using low impact interventions. d) Limit the impact of external and neighbouring land use activities. e) Manage visitor access and impact thereof.	**1) The following activities are allowed in the Conservation Zone:** a) Low intensity grazing by indigenous game species in line with the *'Tankwa Karoo to Cederberg Wilderness Corridor Ecological Management Guidelines 2021'* (Wilderness Foundation Africa, 2021) document; b) Rehabilitation of previously degraded areas (landscape degradation & invasive alien plant clearing); c) Development and maintenance of small scale, non-invasive infrastructures including water points for game and hiking trails; and d) Controlled non-motorized access by visitors on designated paths (e.g. hiking and mountain biking). **2) No person may:** a) Plough or transform virgin land without the required authorisation and prior consultation; b) Develop large-scale infrastructure without the required authorisation and prior consultation; and c) Undertake any activity that is not in line with the management philosophy and objectives of the Stonehenge Protected Environment (SPE). Activities implemented in this zone should be conservation, agriculture and/or ecotourism orientated.
HIGH IMPACT	The High Impact Zone or *'High Intensity Leisure Zone'* includes most of the infrastructure required for the administration, maintenance and overall management of the SPE. Infrastructure for staff and sustainable tourism use is accommodated in this zone. Degraded / transformed areas that allow for the development of new	a) Provision of infrastructure essential for the management and sustainable use of the SPE. b) To provide an allocated space for possible future developments and tourism activities. c) Maintain as much of the natural characteristics of the surrounding property as possible.	**1) The following activities are allowed in the High impact zone, if compliant with the relevant legal requirements and authorizations:** a) Development and maintenance activities essential to meet the management objectives of the SPE; b) Staff, private and self-catering tourism accommodation units; c) Sustainable tourism activities that do not compromise or impact on the SPE's biodiversity and ecological functioning; d) Small-scale construction and development activities; and e) Any activity that is allowed in the Conservation Zone.

	infrastructure without affecting sensitive environments. Future infrastructure development.	d) Keep impact of development on ecological processes to the minimum.	**2) No person may undertake any activity that is not in line with the management philosophy and objectives of the TPE. Activities implemented in this zone should be agriculture, conservation and/or ecotourism orientated.**
LOW IMPACT	The Low Impact zone or '*Low Intensity Leisure Zone*' includes all the mapped roads across the SPE to be utilized for tourism and leisure purposes. These are the routes used for general access throughout the property as well as for any future motorized recreational- and ecotourism activities. This zone includes a buffer of 40 meters on either side of the roads, to manage impact of activities on the adjacent Conservation Zone.	a) To manage access on the property and the impact thereof. b) To manage the impact of infrastructure and usage activities on surrounding natural areas i.e. water run-off, soil erosion, trampling, off-road driving etc. c) To serve as buffer between low impact activities and the Conservation Zone.	**1) The following activities are allowed in the Low Impact zone, if compliant with the relevant legal requirements and authorizations:** a) Use by motorized vehicles for either management or recreational purposes; b) General maintenance of road infrastructure including small-scale gabion, culvert and berm construction to direct water flow and prevent soil loss; c) Selective utilization of rock and soil required to maintain roads and prevent erosion; and d) Any activity that is allowed in the Conservation Zone. **2) No person may undertake any activity that is not in line with the management philosophy and objectives of the SPE. Activities implemented in this zone should be agriculture, conservation and/or ecotourism orientated.**

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