DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 (ACT 57 OF 2003)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DECLARE ZEBRASKOP NATURE RESERVE

The Provincial Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning in the Western Cape (the Provincial Minister)—

(a)   in terms of section 33(1)*(a)* of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act 57 of 2003) (the Act), gives notice of his intention to—

  (i)   declare, under section 23(1)*(a)*(i) of the Act, the following areas as a nature reserve (the intended nature reserve):

   (aa)   The Farm Saffraanrivier No. 255, situated in the Oudtshoorn Municipality, Division of Oudtshoorn, Western Cape Province; in extent: 1078, 0562 (One Thousand and Seventy-Eight comma Zero Five Six Two) hectares; held by Deed of Transfer No. T29673/2020;

   (bb)   Portion 5 of the Farm Zeebras Kop No 190, situated in the Oudtshoorn Municipality, Division of Oudtshoorn, Western Cape Province; in extent: 894, 1553 (Eight Hundred and Ninety-Four comma One Five Five Three) hectares; held by Deed of Transfer No. T29673/2020; and

   (cc)   Remainder of the Farm Zeebras Kop No 190, situated in the Oudtshoorn Municipality, Division of Oudtshoorn, Western Cape Province; in extent: 1889, 9921 (One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Nine comma Nine Nine Two One) hectares; held by Deed of Transfer No. T29673/2020,

   the boundaries of which are reflected on the map in the Schedule; and

  (ii)   assign, under section 23(1)*(b)* of the Act, the name "Zebraskop Nature Reserve" to the intended nature reserve;

(b)   notifies that the intended nature reserve is situated west of the R328 adjacent to the northern border of the existing Ruitersbos Nature Reserve, approximately 35 km south-west from Oudtshoorn, the closest town, as indicated on the map in the Schedule;

(c)   notifies that CapeNature assessed the intended nature reserve, and it is apparent from this assessment that the intended nature reserve contains several features that make it eligible for declaration as a nature reserve;

(d)   notifies that the intended action referred to in paragraph *(a)*(i) meets the requirements of section 23(2)*(b)*(i) and (iii) of the Act, as it is aimed at protecting the intended nature reserve, which has significant natural features of biodiversity and is in need of long-term protection for the maintenance of its biodiversity or for the provision of environmental goods and services;

(e)   notifies that the contents of the Schedule and details of the assessment referred to in paragraph *(c)* may be viewed at https://www.capenature.co.za/protected-areas-and-stewardship;

(f)   notifies that the Provincial Minister is not, at this stage, aware of any potential rights or interests of the local community, or stakeholders other than the owner of the intended nature reserve, that may be affected by the intended actions referred to in paragraph *(a)*;

(g)   invites members of the public to submit to the Provincial Minister written representations on or objections to the intended actions referred to in paragraph *(a)* within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in the *Provincial Gazette* by—

    (i) posting the representations or objections to:

        Dr Ashley Naidoo

        The Chief Executive Officer

        Attention: Ms Kaylin Reid

        CapeNature

        Private Bag X29

        Gatesville 7766;

    (ii) delivering the representations or objections to:

        Ms Kaylin Reid

        Legal Advisor

        CapeNature

        Cnr Bosduif and Volstruis Streets

        Bridgetown

        Athlone; or

    (iii) emailing the representations or objections to:

        kreid@capenature.co.za; and

(h)   invites interested or affected persons to, in appropriate circumstances, present oral representations or objections to the Provincial Minister, or to a person designated by the Provincial Minister, within the period contemplated in paragraph *(g).*

Written representations or objections received, or oral representations or objections presented, after the closing date may be disregarded.

Enquiries may be directed to Ms Kaylin Reid at 087 087 4102.

SCHEDULE

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