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Subject: HERITAGE PARK INFO
Hi Jonel,

In response to the meeting with yourselves and Escom today regarding the impact of the proposed transmission lines currently proposed to cut through the Heritage Park and more specifically the Lebatlane Game Reserve, I wish to report as follows:

1. The Heritage Park Concept Plan was presented to the North West Executive Committee on Economic Development and Infrastructure (Exco EDI) on 13 February 2002, upon which the North West Province requested the North West Parks and Tourism Board to proceed with detailed planning and implementation in early 2003 (I will attempt to get formal documentation where possible).
2. Please see the following attached as promised:
 - Site layout plans (one with descriptions of main resorts included)
 - Executive summary of Lebatlane Game Reserve development plan

3. Please note the following expected positive impacts of the Lebatlane project which could be minimised or nullified by the currently proposed alignments:

The expected intangible highlights of the Lebatlane project are the following:

- Contribution towards expansion of the conservation estate
- Improved utilisation of land
- Socio-economic development of the region
- Empowerment of communities
- Creation of business opportunities
- Development of an alternative economy and contributing towards diversification in line with the Provincial Growth and Development Strategy
- Providing the corner-stone for the expansion of the Heritage Park.

The expected tangible highlights of the Lebatlane project are the following:

- Expansion of the conservation estate with 31,047 ha
- Diversification and growth of the tourism product with more than 1,000 beds
- Increased employment with 1,000 temporary and 1,600 permanent jobs
- Investment of R179 million in infrastructure and game restocking programme
- Investment of R500 million plus in tourism products
- Income generation of R200 million pa

I hope you find the above useful.

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