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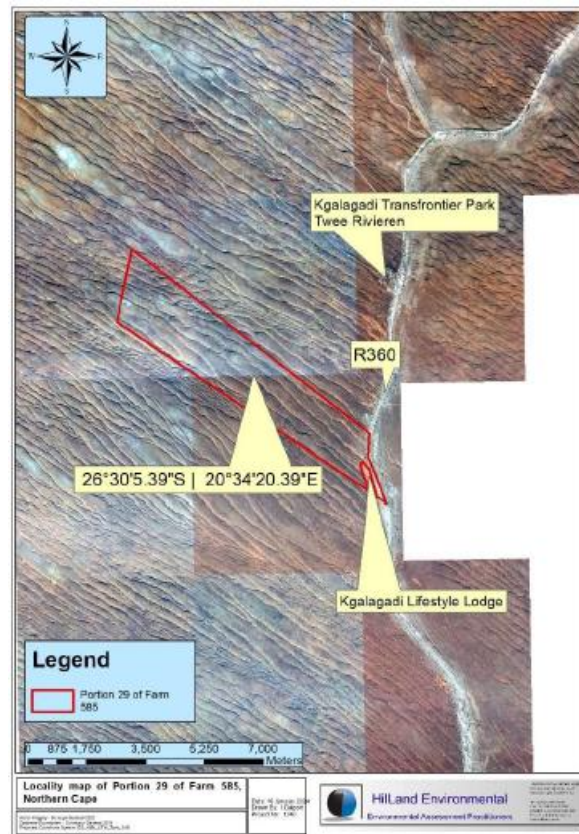
Dear Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) / Organ of State / State Department

BY Email

RE: NOTIFICATION ON THE AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (BAR) FOR THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE APPROVED AIRSTRIP ON PORTION 29 OF FARM MIER 585, NORTHERN CAPE

Hilland Environmental, independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs), have been appointed by **Hotel 55 (Pty) Ltd**, to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, No. 107 of 1998, as amended) and Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2014, as amended).

Portion 29 of Farm 585 (here after referred to as 'the property') is situated in the Mier area west of the Botswana border and south of the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park.



Environmental authorisation (EA) and planning approval have been granted in 2024 for the development of an eco-resort, which included the construction of a 1.4km airstrip. Construction of the airstrip commenced, but operational experience revealed that the approved length is insufficient for safe aircraft take-off and landing during extreme Kalahari heat conditions.



Hanger and existing airstrip (1.4km)

The proposal is to extend the airstrip another 700m. The total length of the airstrip will therefore increase from 1.4km to 2.1km which provides enough length for aircraft to take off and land during extreme heat conditions. The entire length will be concrete with turning aprons on both ends as originally included in the design. This modification ensures safe operations under high-temperature conditions.

In terms of Regulations 3(4) & 40 of the NEMA EIA Regulations (2014, as amended) to notify you of the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) for its 30-day commenting period **(10 April – 12 May 2026).**

Please provide us with your comments / concerns relating to the proposal during the aforementioned timeframes in written format via email. Please note that your comments on the above matter will form part of the public record in terms of **POPIA**.

The report and associated appendices are available on HillLand Environmental's website at:

<https://hilland.co.za/public-processes/portion-29-of-farm-585/>

Alternatively, please follow the Google Drive link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1V7TwPr1IcIPX4d7syO_lcx34gSul-T8L?usp=sharing

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Kind regards

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