INTRODUCTION

It is estimated that 25.5% of KNP land is under claim. There is a total number of 16 (sixteen) unresolved land claims within KNP.
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- In December 2008, Cabinet approved equitable redress as the only means of settling land claims within the Kruger National Park. This decision was based on the following principles;
- That a beneficiation scheme must form part of the equitable redress model in order to ensure fair and equitable compensation for the claimant communities,
- Beneficiation should be tangible, realistic and optimal,
- Settlement should uphold the principles of economic viability, financial sustainability and holistic management of protected areas (conservation),
- Post settlement phase should be compatible with conservation and protected areas legislation; and BBBEE is essential.
The KNP Claim

- Submission of sixteen claimants communities lodged with Department of Rural Development and Land Reform;
- DEA funded the development of the Feasibility study/Scoping by Urban Econ Consulting;
- DRDLR verified the lodged claimed and gazetted the qualifying ones;
- Settlement Agreement developed by DRDLR as per Section 42d;
- A Total of six community land claims were settled in May 2016.
- The remaining outstanding nine claimants are to be finalised and settled by the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform.
Section 5.2 of the Land Claim Settlement Agreement in KNP states that “The Minister of Environmental Affairs shall ensure that the Management Authority, in consultation with the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform and the Claimants, shall develop a Beneficiation Scheme informed by potential opportunities available within and outside the Kruger National Park as part of the Restitution Award.”

The Agreement provides further that the terms and conditions of the Beneficiation Scheme will be finalised within 18 months of the signing of the Phase 1 Settlement Agreement. Part of process flow before beneficiation principles
KNP BENEFICIATION SCHEME PRINCIPLES (5)

- There will be one beneficiation scheme developed and will be in perpetuity;
- Opportunities are identified as per KNP Management and zonation plan;
Beneficiation Principles

- The Scheme will be reviewed every 10 years in line with Park Management Plan
- The beneficiation scheme will benefit all verified land claimants INCLUDING OUTSTANDING claimants upon settlement of their claims and will cover all land claimants descendants;
- SANParks will liaise with the beneficiaries through an established business legal entity in the form of Holding Company/NPC;
- Individual land claimants communities will register community trusts with the Master of High Court with trust accounts opened;
- All developments in the KNP beneficiation scheme Agreement will be facilitated by SANParks in collaboration with claimant communities;
- All developments will be guided by SANParks policies and relevant legislation;
- The allocation of benefits will be as per the size of the land claimed.
- Beneficiation scheme will be effective from date of signature by parties.
- Collective benefits will be paid annually but ONLY to those that have signed (no retrospective payments will be made).
Generic Identified Opportunities

- Preferential equity in identified new operations/products, e.g. skukuza lodge, selati restaurant, Letaba Concession, and Phalaborwa Logde;
- Participation in adventure activities in KNP (e.g. game drives, trails etc)
- Investment in opportunities at wild hubs i.e. Phalaborwa and Shongoni gate
- Preferential job opportunities
- Non-tourism opportunities e.g. game donation
PROPOSED BENEFICIATION SCHEME

Collective benefits for all settled claims

• Free 10% equity share in new commercial operations through the Concessions (BBBEE score card requirements) e.g. Selati restaurant, Nkuhlu picnic site etc.
• 10% contribution of SANParks profit from Skukuza lodge (projected from year 6 of operation)
• R5m per annum contribution from KNP booked activities and accommodation, to be reviewed every 10 years
• 5% contribution from rhino sales
• 60/40 employment opportunities;
• Enterprise/Supplier development opportunities
COMPLIANCE OF THE SCHEME AS PER BBBEE SCORECARD

• Employment Agreement;
• Skills Development Agreement;
• Enterprise/Supplier Agreement;
• Socio Economic Development Agreements
Progress to date

Phase 1:
• Financial Compensation per household of R110 000 awarded to 95% of total land claimants communities.

Phase 2:
• Draft Beneficiation scheme developed;
• PMU has been established consisting of two executive members from claimant communities; it’s used as a vehicle for consultation process;
• JCC established for strategic support and guidance;
• Community legal entities are being established Available opportunities are presented to communities for possible investment
Progress to date

Development Initiatives:

• Skukuza lodge – total of 420 indirect jobs created of which 252 were for claimants communities;

• Selati Restaurant: 80 indirect jobs to be created of which 48 will be for the claimants communities;

• Claimants communities will participate in FNB SMEE incubator programme
Progress to date

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