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Message from the Chairman

Dear Members of Ingwelala

FLOOD UPDATE

Emergency Board Meeting Held

An emergency Board Meeting was held at Ingwelala this past weekend (28/29 January 2012) in order to assess firsthand the extent of the flood damage to both the Reserve and the Bungalows. Major decisions taken at this meeting are reported in the various sections below.

Ingwelala remains Closed

Ingwelala will remain closed until the February 2012 Board Meeting which will be held at the Reserve on 25/26 February 2012. An assessment and decision will be made at this meeting whether or not the essential services and conditions have been restored to the extent that we can safely reopen Ingwelala to the general Membership. However, notwithstanding the closure of Ingwelala, urgent work needs to be done on preparing the 34 currently identified Bungalows damaged by the flood for professional assessment of the structural damage and estimated cost of repair or rebuild. The affected Members of these Bungalows are currently being communicated with directly and requested to get to Ingwelala as soon as possible within the next four weeks in order to make the necessary arrangements.

Certain sections of the Airstrip need repair, so it must not be used until further notice (it has been appropriately marked to warn Pilots).

Damage

The storm and flood that occurred around 18th January 2012 in the greater Hoedspruit area has caused serious environmental and Bungalow damage at Ingwelala. Approximately 500mm of rain fell over a 36 hour period, causing numerous Dams in the Timbavati and Klaserie Reserves to fail, resulting in the rivers flowing through Ingwelala's properties to burst their banks and rise above the 100 year flood line. The sheer force and speed of water from the failed Dams upstream from Ingwelala in the Timbavati are the primary cause of the massive damage Ingwelala has sustained. The Board is of the view that despite the exceptional amount of rain, the disaster was largely man-made due to the numerous Dams bursting and pouring all of their water into the river systems flowing through Ingwelala. Colin Rowles, the Warden of the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve, is of the same opinion regarding the disaster in the Klaserie

where 12 large Dams burst (as reported in the Kruger 2 Canyon News of 27 January 2012, page 3).

The environmental damage has been concentrated on the river systems and the road network across all of Ingwelala's properties. The river system has been re-sculpted for us and all river crossings have been destroyed, as well as our borehole water reticulation system (all water pipes to and from boreholes that cross rivers have been washed away and currently only 1 out of 7 boreholes is operational). On a positive note, new and beautiful spots along the river have been created and new opportunities have presented themselves as to where we rebuild river crossings. The road network has stood up remarkably well (thanks to good road design by Pieter Nel), although there are some 200 seriously damaged spots that need repair. This is going to take some time and considerable cost. Some roads will have to remain permanently closed until they are made safe to traverse. The water table is very high with widespread seepage even in the roads. The Conservation Team did sterling work to save the main road Causeway, risking life and limb whilst in the raging water clearing obstacles blocking the flow under the Causeway. Without this effort, we would undoubtedly have lost the Causeway and our disaster would have been profound - I would like to take this opportunity in thanking them most sincerely.

The currently identified 34 flood damaged Bungalows are concentrated around the river systems. The flood emergency has caused serious damage to a number of these Bungalows, a few of which may have to be completely rebuilt.

Fortunately the new Admin Complex, bomas, hides and lookouts have all survived, with Elephant Pan Hide possibly suffering water damage to its wooden structure (it was under water for a few days). The Swimming Pool and Filtration Plant were all completely under water and have been seriously damaged and may have to be rebuilt.

Insurance and Disaster Fund

An initial assessment of the damage to Ingwelala has been undertaken by our Insurers and progress is being made to lodge our claims. Our road network is not insured and we have made application to the Limpopo and Mpumalanga Government's Disaster Relief Funds for financial assistance to repair our road network.

Dando Project Launched

The task of restoring Ingwelala is enormous and the Board has established a Dando Project Team under my leadership and co-ordination to deal with this. Five sub-committees have been created, namely:

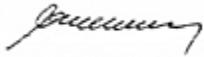
- River Impoundments (Chairman: Andrew Rossaak)
- Bungalow and Pool Restoration (Chairman: Raymond Bezuidenhout)
- Insurance (Chairman: John Vice)
- Reserve Infrastructure Restoration (Chairman: Pieter Nel)
- Member Communications (Chairman: Kevin Alborough)

The River Impoundments Sub-Committee have been tasked with ensuring that all burst Dam walls are not repaired or rebuilt.

Members Evening – Thursday 9 February 2012

A Members Evening will take place at the Country Club Johannesburg (Auckland Park location) on Thursday 9 February 2012 commencing at 18h00, during which John Llewellyn will give a firsthand account of the flood emergency, followed by a slide show. You are all encouraged to attend this event.

Sincerely



Kevin Alborough
Chairman