



INGWELALA

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### *Message from the Chairman*

Dear Members of Ingwelala

## **FLOOD RESTORATION BI-MONTHLY UPDATE (DANDO PROJECT)**

Since the re-opening of Ingwelala, significant progress has been made in the various aspects of restoring Ingwelala. In view of this, I have replaced the Weekly Flood Update message with this bi-monthly Dando Project Update communication.

### **River Impoundments**

The River Impoundments Sub-Committee have as their objective, the prevention of the repairing or rebuilding of all flood breached Dams in the Timbavati and Umbabat that have negatively impacted on Ingwelala. Progress is being made with the Authorities in establishing the official statuses of these breached Dams, as well as obtaining legal opinion on the prevention of any repairing or rebuilding. It is the intention of the Board to do whatever it can to prevent the repairing or rebuilding of these flood breached Dams.

### **Bungalow and Pool Restoration**

The professional assessment of flood structural damage and estimated costs of repair have been completed in respect of all identified Bungalows and a Report on this is eagerly awaited in order that we may communicate the results with all the affected Members and finalize the insurance claim. Separate communication to these affected Members will be dispatched shortly. Seven of the most seriously damaged Bungalows need further inspection by the professionals. The restoration of the 34 damaged Bungalows and 200 septic tanks is a large task, at least three times the complexity of the 80:80 project, which took one year of pre-planning and one year to execute.

The Swimming Pool has to be rebuilt and this item is being expedited.

### **Insurance Claims**

Ingwelala Management are progressing with the formulation of the overall insurance claim, the major part of which is the restoration of the affected Bungalows, Pool and 95% of all Septic Tanks.

**Directors:** K. Alborough (Chairman), I. Knight (Vice Chairman), J. Llewellyn (Managing), R. Bezuidenhout, H. Cochrane, D. Fourie, C. Henderson, A. Rossaak, J. Saker, J. Vice, I. Visée

## Infrastructure Restoration

**Roads** - Repairs to the main tarred road from the Control Gate to Ingwelala are progressing very well and sedans can pass through quite happily. Last week, Ingwelala received its first fuel supplies since the flood.

Unfortunately, a few of Ingwelala's roads have been completely destroyed and will not be rebuilt. Examples of this on Buffelsbed are the north-south section of the Death Valley 4x4 Road, the east-west section of Nyati Drive, River Road and Wildebeest Road. Some roads and river crossings will be closed for an extended period whilst repairs or alternative routings are being considered. An example of this on Buffelsbed is Mermaid Crossing (2<sup>nd</sup> crossing) which will have to be relocated to a suitable spot some distance north of the old Mermaid Crossing. Examples on Op Goedehoop are Leopard Rock Crossing and link Road to Falcon Drive and on Argyle, the Timbavati Crossing which will have to be re-engineered.

Grading and rolling of damaged roads on Argyle have been completed and Argyle has been re-opened for game viewing, although some roads and crossings will remain closed until they are adequately repaired.

**Water** - The water supply in the Camp Area is holding up despite frequent leaks, but repair work of the plumbing around the damaged Bungalows is still required (this will form part of the project to restore the damaged Bungalows). Progress on the supply and reticulation of borehole water across the rivers to the Reservoir is still very slow due to the high water table (deep trenches across the rivers have to be excavated with machinery in order to lay water piping that will be safe from Elephant damage).

**Airstrip** - I am delighted to advise that repair work has been completed on the Airstrip and it has been re-opened.

**Capital Projects** - All of the previously planned capital projects over the next 5 years have been deferred by 1 year to enable Ingwelala to recover from the flood damage.

**Flood Levy** - As mentioned at the recently held Members Evening, a Flood Levy may be necessary in order to restore damaged roads and river crossings since they are not covered under our insurance policy). The Board met on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and decided to proceed with raising a Flood Levy, the details of which will be communicated soon. A Special General Meeting of Members will be convened in order to approve this.

We look forward to seeing you at Ingwelala soon!

Sincerely,



**Kevin Alborough**  
Chairman