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The Development of the Cederberg Donkey Cart Route (Phase 2)

Background (Phase 1)

The objective of the project was to develop and build a multi-purpose facility that would attract local and global visitors as part of a tourist heritage route in the Cederberg region.

The project entailed developing an overnight route through the Cederberg mountain area. At Heuningvlei an old vacant school was revamped into a backpackers lodge which is operated by the community.



Donkey Cart Route Extension (Heuningvlei to Wupperthal) Phase 2

The Project is an extension of Phase 1 of the Donkey Cart Project completed in 2007. The extension of the project is also located in the Cederberg Mountains (Heuningvlei – Wupperthal) an area well known for its inspirational landscapes and unique history. It is also home to the world famous Wupperthal Rooibos Tea.

Phase 2 of the project will entail providing an upgrade to the trail by expanding and adding on to the existing infrastructure. Part of the scope will entail:



- Cleaning and clearing of tourism nodes
- Construct a storeroom and upgrade office at backpackers
- Campsites at Kleinvlei
- Upgrade tourist information centre
- Develop tourist route and erect tourist signs



The hiking trail will be extended from Heuningvlei, with an overnight camping site in Kleinvlei, all the way to Wupperthal, where upgrades to the visitor information center will be done. The proposed upgrade also involves the Backpackers Lodge in Heuningvlei and a Multipurpose Hall for use by the local community and tourism in Kleinvlei. This hiking trail offers natural beauty and miraculous rock

formations such as the Tortoise View.

The project is mandated by the EPWP (Extended Public Works Programme) principles and intends to further promote tourism in the Cederberg area. This in turn will provide job creation and skills development for the communities whilst creating sustainability.

The project is funded by the Department of Tourism and is scheduled to start in March 2010 and end July 2011.

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