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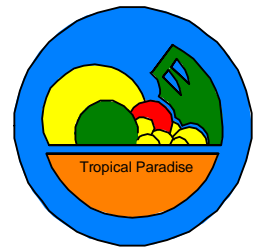
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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## **SIMA SILVER LODGE STATUS**

The rezoning of the Remainder of portion 28 of the Farm Lushof 540LT (Sima Silver Lodge) from "Agriculture" to "Special for Overnight Accommodation and Ancillary Activities" including a restaurant and conference facilities was approved by Council resolution **C 2008 05 27: B14** with at least sixteen conditions. One of the conditions was that the owner ensures that the proposed land uses comply with Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulation no 1182 in terms of the Environmental Conservation Act, 1989 (Act 73 of 1989).

The amendment of the town planning scheme (rezoning) was placed in the Provincial Gazette No. 1434 on 18 January 2008 as well as on the edition of the Bulletin newspaper dated 25 January 2008.

The owner of the above-mentioned property has not yet provided the municipality with the impact assessment report and he has been engaged on several occasions. He has also been notified of his violation of building regulations and so far two contravention notices have been issued. He has also been reminded in writing of the outstanding EIA which remains a stumbling block to the finalisation of the rezoning process.

Building plans for the above-mentioned property cannot with current conditions be approved, however the municipality can approve "As- Built Plans" considering that the plans meet prescribe building regulations. The owner must finalise the environmental assessment process in order to conclude the rezoning process and for the "built-plans" to be considered for approval. With regard to the liquor license please enquire with the Liquor Board as the competent body regarding issuing of licences to sell liquor.

Any Noise or disturbance of peace must be reported to the South African Police Service (SAPS) for action. All residents are expected to adhere to by-laws and in the absence of by-laws national legislation will be applied. The municipality will take all necessary steps to ensure that there is compliance to all town planning legislation and environmental laws, not just in this case but in all cases.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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