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## MEDIA STATEMENT

**13 October 2016**

### **NWDC & Golden Leopard Resorts proudly support Biodiversity**

By virtue of providing the hosting venue at which the inaugural 2016 Mebala Ya Rona Biodiversity Conference is staged, the Bakgatla Resort in Pilanesberg is proud to be associated with this noble event.

Both the Bakgatla and Manyane Resorts in Pilanesberg form part of the Golden Leopard group of resorts, under the holding company Dirapeng, which is owned by the North West Development Corporation (NWDC).

Dirapeng is a proudly North West tourism accommodation provider, which also owns and manages the prestigious Madikwe River Lodge, the Christiana All Seasons Resort as well as Cooke's Lake in Mahikeng.

Therefore, Dirapeng has also generously sponsored tourism get-away packages at its resorts for the Trust Fund Auction that shall take place during the gala dinner evening of the Mebala Ya Rona Biodiversity Conference on Friday, 14 October 2016.

Dirapeng's Christiana All Seasons Resort and its Madikwe River Lodge enjoyed great exposure on the SABC 3 Soap Isidingo during the month of September 2016, when episodes were aired that had been filmed at these two locations.

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The North West Development Corporation, through Dirapeng, fully supports sustainable tourism, eco-tourism and biodiversity and continuously strives to apply and improve the practical implementation thereof at all of its resorts.

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