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NCC Update: The City of Cape Town's Baboon Management Contract

NCC Environmental Services (NCC) would like to update our stakeholders as to our involvement and provision of services related to the City of Cape Town's (CoCT) Baboon Management Contract on the Cape Peninsula.

In December 2010, NCC was reappointed through an open tender process to continue providing the implementation service of the Baboon Management Programme on the Cape Peninsula by the CoCT Biodiversity Management Branch. This contract ends on 30th June 2012.

In March 2012 the CoCT re-advertised for the provision of a service provider to carry out the Baboon Management on the Cape Peninsula for the period 1st July 2012 to 30th June 2014. In response, NCC submitted a tender to the CoCT Biodiversity Management Branch to continue providing their existing services. On 7 June 2012, NCC was informed that its proposal was unsuccessful and, as such, NCC will be ending their services on 30th June 2012.

NCC would like to congratulate the successful service provider, High Tides CC, T/A 'Natural Solutions', and wishes them success with their implementation of the programme.

NCC has been mindful of the potential impacts on both the human and baboon populations that may result from a transition between service providers and as such, would like to assure its stakeholders that it has done everything in its power to engage with the CoCT since November 2011 to establish a seamless handover process to future service providers.

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On 21st May 2012, the CoCT requested NCC to provide a quote for the provision a temporary (one month) extension of their current services to allow the new service provider time to develop and mobilise its operations. NCC is still in negotiations with the CoCT as to the risk of such a late extension order due to the current process of retrenching the programmes 69 baboon monitors amongst other concerns. To date no agreement has been reached and as it stands, NCC is not in a position to provide an extension of its services.

Concerned by the imminent retrenchment of the baboon monitors, NCC invites the business community in and around the Cape Peninsula to contact their head office on 021 702 2884 should they have employment opportunities for any of these skilled and dedicated individuals.

NCC wishes to inform its stakeholders that it will continue doing everything it can to uphold its commitment to the Baboon Management Programme over the remainder of its contract period. We would like to thank all our stakeholders for their loyal support over the past 3 years.

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