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TO: Paddy Hagelthorn
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DATE: 23 May 2007
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RE: Appreciation for support in the Collection of leopard Biomaterial at the Sabi Sands Private Nature Reserve. Phase 1

Dear Paddy, Directors and all staff

I hope that things are still going well at Savanna. From my side as well as on behalf of the MTPA I would like to express our sincere appreciation for all your hospitality and support during the bio sampling in your section of the Sabi Sands Private Nature Reserve.

The enthusiasm and effort was evident of the results, seeing that we regard this operation as the first for South Africa on leopard. We trust that this contribution would be of high significance in the bigger picture of leopard conservation.

The various interested parties involved which included the lodges, Savanna, Inyathi, Exeter, Ulusaba, Leopard Hills and Idube and furthermore the Cape Leopard Trust, University of Stellenbosch and MTPA all participated in ensuring the success story. The Sabi Sands Ecologist, Jonathan Swart's support and co-ordination also played a major role.

All the personnel from your lodge was also of great help and the extreme efforts made specifically by yourself, Greg, Patrick, Julius and Shawn in order to detect the animals as well as communicating with the other operators from adjacent properties are highly acknowledged. They had to walk the extra mile and ensured that the other lodges participated equally in terms of enthusiasm. George and Colin from Inyathi were also very supportive when driving us around to find leopard.

We trust that you will continue with this type of attitude and keep up the good work in terms of conservation awareness. We are all looking forward to the results from this exercise.

Would you be so kind as to give our regards and word of appreciation to your Board of Directors and all your staff. Your letter of invite to join the South African Leopard Forum (SALF) will also reach you as soon as we have a definite date set for the next meeting.

Kindest Regards

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