

Zandspruit



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HOEDSPRUIT – Last week the proposed Zandspruit development finally got approved and the green light flashed brightly for the developers Martin and Tracy den Dunnen and their partner, Gerrit Jan van der Grijn. *Kruger2Canyon* visited Martin to find out just what this meant and what Hoedspruit can expect in the future.

Once Martin begins to talk about the development one soon realizes that Zandspruit is certainly not intended to be just another wildlife development. Martin believes that Zandspruit puts Hoedspruit right in the lead of future, sustainable developments from which whole communities will benefit.

‘It is all in the way things just came together’ he said excitedly. ‘The whole approach is that it will be modern yet embracing our scenic surroundings and will be managed in a sustainable, eco-friendly way.’

He explained that the Zandspruit development will be done in two phases. Time lost in negotiations with land claimants and the municipality has resulted in financial losses. To compensate for that it was agreed that the developing will begin with phase 2 which includes an Aero Estate, retail and office properties and the luxury stands. The pre-sales from this phase will generate funding to facilitate the rest of the development that should begin towards the middle of next year. The developers plan to complete both phases within the next four to five years.

The new development includes a high school, a trauma centre, a 120-bed hotel, a 24-bed lodge, an equestrian centre, a shopping and entertainment village, a nursery and much more.

A section of the property has also been allocated for the development of a new water storage and purification system that will service the whole of Hoedspruit. Martin explained that this system will be equipped with an 8 mega liter tank. Hoedspruit’s current water demand plus the projected water required for the entire Zandspruit development in its full capacity will only be 4 mega liters, thus giving the town a secure source of water well into the future.

The development will offer a variety of property options in different income categories. With names such as Zandspruit Ridge, Zandspruit Valley, Zandspruit Manor and Zandspruit Haven the chances of finding the right spot just for you are more likely than not.

One can choose between packages including stands with pre-designed, farmhouse style homes to pavilion styled structures that will be allowed on select stands, through to stands with personalised design options through to a perfectly safe retirement home in the well secured Zandspruit Retirement Village.

The development will be protected by an upmarket yet convenient security system.

The 650h undeveloped wilderness area will offer home owner’s game drive opportunities and leisurely visits through to sundowner and picnic spots.

By the sounds of it, Zandspruit is certainly going to change Hoedspruit forever.

Scrap for cash



HOEDSPRUIT - Have you ever wanted to get rid of all that unsightly rusted metal, old car bodies and other scrap pieces lying around your property?

Fox Metals Hoedspruit now offers you the perfect opportunity to clean out your yard and turn that old scrap metal into cash.

Although new in town, Fox Metals is backed by 46 years of experience. Paul de Vos, the owner of Fox metals, told *Kruger2Canyon* the story of how his father became involved in the metal trade when he was faced with finding a way to care for his family.

What started out as the simple buying and selling of used batteries became a success story of metal processing that has benefited his whole family. Today both Paul and his brother are actively involved in the industry.

Unlike many other companies, Fox Metals are fully prepared to pay the market related prices for metal. Paul explained that once they receive a call they will go out to the site, give a quote and remove the metal.

The scrap is sorted and processed at the Fox Metal workshop in Hoedspruit, where they purchase both ferrous and non ferrous metals. Once the workshop has accumulated enough thin metals a special compactor is sent from Polokwane. This compactor will compress the metals into manageable, metal blocks; ready to be exported to demanding overseas markets.

Paul and his wife, Tammy are both very excited about their new venture. They have run a number of businesses in the past and both believe that the metal trade is currently one of the most untapped markets in the area. They are both passionate about the Bushveld and believe that their business can be instrumental in the cleaning up of the environment.

‘The main reason we moved to the area a couple of years ago, was because of my passion to live in the bush. When we were forced to look into an alternative source of income the idea of scrap metal processing was very appealing because it means that lodges and farm owners can now discard their scrap metal and receive financial compensation. We are very fortunate to have secure links with my family’s company which will enable us to withstand the trial period. We are here to stay and are looking forward to a well established, clean-up partnership with land owners in and around Hoedspruit,’ Paul told *Kruger2Canyon*.

Paul went on to say that; Fox Metals is a licensed company and they have a close relationship with the local police. Police officers pay regular visits to the site as a measure to prevent stolen property from being processed.

Paul invites all lodge owners, farmers and other owners of scrap metal to contact him on 082 455 8007

