

# Zandspruit takes off

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**HOEDSPRUIT** – ‘Three years ago Zandspruit was merely a dream – today we are here to witness the realization of that dream with the official opening of the first Bush & Aero Estate of its kind in the world. Nowhere else can you find prime residential property that is unique, within a pristine bush environment with its own airstrip and, to top it all, within a recognised biosphere’ says Martin den Dunnen, developer of the Zandspruit Bush & Aero Estate at the estate’s media launch on Saturday, February 19.

With the final touches on the runway being completed at 20h00 the previous night, all went smoothly with even the road signs and lines on the newly surfaced road being finished in time.

This unique development was launched with a well organised, stylish function at the estate’s completed gatehouse, designed by Förtsch and Associates. The function was attended by local role-players, national media, investors and various other invited guests. Saxophonist Abbey Artico kept guests entertained with melodious notes while Selati Hospitality Training Academy saw to the culinary needs of guests with piquant finger foods throughout the day.

In his opening speech, Martin describes where the idea for this world first development came from. ‘When I stood at the little dirt airstrip 3 years ago and

pictured myself living here and housing my aeroplane right at my ‘stoop’, I had no idea that others would actually want that too’.

Despite the recession and numerous other difficulties the Zandspruit team had to overcome, 18 of the aero estate stands along the 1km, hard surface runway and 40 of the 103 bush stands, all in phase 1, have already been sold. ‘Our vision is to place Zandspruit at the top of the pile in terms of returns, good management and a carefree lifestyle. We are striving to make Zandspruit the most sought after address in Hoedspruit and in fact, the Lowveld!’ elaborates Martin.

While Phase 1 is now well on its way with 95% of services already installed, Phase 2 and 3 are also not too distant dreams in the future with real benefits for Hoedspruit town in the pipeline. Phase 2 plans include further bush and aero stands, retail and commercial property, a 140 bed Hotel, a 24 bed lodge, a proper retirement village with frail care facilities, a government high school for Hoedspruit and a solution to Hoedspruit’s water

problems.

‘Ongoing discussions with Maruleng Municipality have brought about a workable, long term plan that will benefit everybody in Hoedspruit. The plan includes a water supply that is sufficient for the current demand as well as the inevitable further expansion of the town, with an 8 megalitre reservoir being built on land donated by Zandspruit to the municipality for this purpose.

Within a few years phase 3 will provide Hoedspruit with a much needed, affordable housing sector by name of Zandspruit Valley, Zandspruit Manor and Ridge. For this development to take place, the completed 8 megalitre water project is however essential.

Years of hard work on the part of the developers; Martin den Dunnen, Tracy den Dunnen and Gerrit Jan van der Grijn and Zandspruit staff finally culminated in the ribbon-cutting opening of Zandspruit to its new and prospective stand owners.

Here’s to Zandspruit and the prosperity of Hoedspruit to follow!



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Above: The Hoedspruit pub come ‘indoor sports arena’ that was illegally promoting themselves as an Action Sport Arena, promptly took down their Action Sport branding on Sunday morning February 20.

Dear Heidi

Re: Action Sports Hoedspruit

As your readers may be aware we found ourselves in the unfortunate position where our registered trademarks and branding were been used illegally in Hoedspruit. In this regard I wrote your publication a letter that I hoped would warn the local community and limit the potential damage that could be done to our brands. I am pleased to inform you that subsequent to the publication of my letter the matter has been resolved to my satisfaction and the signage depicting our brands and trademarks has been removed from the building in question.

May I take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of Action Sports South Africa (Pty) Ltd for the professional way in which you dealt with this matter as well as your unbiased and factual reporting. I hope that the local community of Hoedspruit is as impressed as I am with your publication.

Yours Faithfully  
Craig Steyn



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### Dear Craig,

Thank you for informing Kruger2Canyon of your dilemma, and entrusting us with the story last week. We are thrilled that it has worked out well for you and has been resolved to your satisfaction. We certainly

hope that Action Sports SA will open a proper facility in our town in the near future!

We look forward to meeting that you and reporting on that story one day!

The K2C team

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**A single cab is not enough, and a double cab too much?**

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