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DEPARTMENT CLARIFIES OWNERSHIP OF MOVABLE ASSETS AT COEDMORE CASTLE

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Public Works and Infrastructure has made significant progress towards its plans to repurpose and rejuvenate buildings situated within the Kenneth Stainbank Nature Reserve, including the historic Coedmore Castle.

Coedmore Castle is located on provincially owned land described as Portion 1150 of the Farm Bellair No. 823. The property was donated to the State by the late Kenneth Stainbank for conservation purposes and to serve as a nature reserve.

Today, the Kenneth Stainbank Nature Reserve spans approximately 253 hectares and comprises protected coastal and riverine forests, as well as grassland ecosystems.

The Department, in collaboration with Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, is pursuing plans to optimise the use of the property and explore opportunities to repurpose Coedmore Castle. This initiative is aimed at boosting tourism, supporting wildlife conservation and creating economic opportunities and employment for the surrounding communities.

The Department wishes to place on record that the movable assets housed inside Coedmore Castle, including antiques, furniture and other household items, belong to the Stainbank family.

The Department further clarifies that these items are not State-owned assets. The Stainbank family retains the legal right to determine their future, including selling, donating or otherwise disposing of them.

Furthermore, the Department remains committed to working with relevant stakeholders to preserve the historical significance of Coedmore Castle while unlocking the broader tourism, conservation and economic potential of the Kenneth Stainbank Nature Reserve.

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