

Statement by Victoria Falls Investments on our Restaurant Site Development

Victoria Falls Investments has obtained a lease from Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority to build and operate an upmarket restaurant on the banks of the Zambezi River. This new restaurant will add a unique and memorable experience to all tourists who visit the City of Victoria Falls.

Victoria Falls Investments has noted various comments and statements circulating online regarding our development and we would like to ensure that the correct information and facts are known to all stakeholders of Victoria Falls.

- The site located within UNESCO deemed Orange Zone of the World Heritage plan and is fully compliant with all UNESCO zone regulations.
 The Orange zone, according the World Heritage Plan, allows for the development of "semi-permanent structures such as restaurants, lodges, jetty sites, etc. within its boundaries. Thus there are no breaches of the UNESCO World Heritage plans and thus no threat to the World Heritage status of the Victoria Falls.
- Full EIA completed by a renowned company (Environmental Guardian Services) and approved through Environmental Management Agency (EMA).
- Fully compliant with Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority requirements including the preservation of the natural state and resources of the leased area.
- As part of the agreement with ZPWMA, Victoria Falls Investments have established a protected game corridor within the leased area thereby allowing wildlife full access to the river. This will be maintained by VFI, who will keep it in pristine condition, and ensure security.
- Design features only semi-permanent (removeable) structures as per regulations.
- The lease area is found at the old "water pump station" location at the river's edge and does not include any plans to develop or build on any of the islands.
- Structures will not be seen from the Victoria Falls viewing points and will blend into the natural surroundings of the river bank, being offset from the river.
- Victoria Falls Investments is a local Victoria Falls based company (owned and operated by long-standing Victoria Falls residents). We have a full understanding of the natural environment and wildlife in the area, and have taken (and will continue to take) all these factors into consideration.
- The development will be unique and upmarket attraction that will enhance the city's current offerings and our aim is to spark renewed interest in the appeal of the city on the international and local tourism markets alike.
- Victoria Falls Investments is open to any interested parties who would like to arrange a site visit.