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### Designers outline key proposals for three urban areas in Cape Town

# International designers reveal details at guided walks at UCT's *City Desired* exhibition – Tuesday, 4 November 2014, at 09h00 and 13h00

Future scenarios for three unique areas in Cape Town -- The Two Rivers Urban Park plus adjacent land parcels; Lotus Park informal settlement in Gugulethu and the Maitland piece of the Voortrekker Road Corridor -- will be unveiled during walks at the *City Desired* exhibition currently underway at the Cape Town City Hall.

One of the most significant components of the *City Desired* exhibition is the display of the proposals of three speculative studios that worked as part of the Density Syndicate Think Tank, exploring innovative, alternative strategies for the future of Cape Town.

Since May 2014, multi-disciplinary teams of South African and Dutch designers, city officials, researchers and relevant local organisations have worked together to develop future scenarios for the three areas in Cape Town.

With a unique set of parameters and contested interests, each site was revisited, keeping in mind how important it is to create viable ways of achieving mixed-income, transit-based and sustainable ways of living.

Media are invited to a display and tour of the scenarios at the *City Desired* exhibition on Tuesday, 4 November at either 09h00 or 13h00. During the tour you will meet the leaders of the Density Syndicate groups and the authors of each proposal.

The Density Syndicate Think Tank is one of the most significant components of the *City Desired* exhibition, which explores the challenges and possibilities facing Cape Town. It is free and open to the public until 10 December 2014.

The Density Syndicate is a think-tank initiative by the University of Cape Town's African Centre for Cities (ACC), International New Town Institute (INTI), and in collaboration with the City of Cape Town and Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading (VPUU). It has been made possible by the City of Cape Town, the Dutch Creative Industries Fund, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and the Netherlands Consulate General, Cape Town. It is also a programmatic component for NL@WDC2014, an initiative of the Netherlands Consulate-General in Cape Town.

Please RSVP by Monday 3 November to: <a href="mailto:citydesired@uct.ac.za">citydesired@uct.ac.za</a> or 072 214 6736.

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