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Reminder of public consultation phase re Rhodes statue

The University of Cape Town would like to remind the public of an opportunity to comment on or to register as an interested and affected party in relation to the future of the Cecil John Rhodes statue.

This public consultation phase is part of the university's application to Heritage Western Cape for the permanent removal of the Cecil John Rhodes statue from the campus. This application is in process.

Anyone may register an interest or comment on the matter of the future of the statue. Comments should focus on the heritage significance of the statue and UCT's application. Comments and registration should be in written form at the email address: rhodes.statue@chand.co.za.

Opportunity for registering an interest or submitting comments is already open and will close at 17h00 on Monday, 18 May 2015.

All individuals and parties who have commented or registered as described above will be contacted in due course and given access to the draft heritage statement once it is ready, and will have a 30-day period to make comment on it. Comments on the draft report will be addressed in the final report prior to submission of the application and report to Heritage Western Cape.

Heritage Western Cape has extended the original timeframe for the entire process to conclude from 90 days to 150 days from the date when the original permit for temporary removal and safekeeping was granted on 31 March 2015. They did so to "better promote administrative justice and to allow for a thorough public consultation process".

UCT has appointed Mr Ashley Lillie, an independent heritage practitioner, to make the application. He is preparing a heritage statement for consideration by Heritage Western Cape. This will include the statutory assessment of the history, context and heritage significance of the statue, consideration of alternative options for the statue and an assessment of the outcome of the public consultation process.

In order to assist the heritage practitioner and to facilitate the receipt and collation of

these comments, an independent consultant, Chand Environmental Consultants, has been appointed by Mr Ashley Lillie. Anyone who has previously commented on other UCT platforms or in the media should note that his or her comments will only be considered in this process if he or she sends his or her comments to this particular address: rhodes.statue@chand.co.za.

Only comment received at this address will be considered as part of the public consultation process related to this particular application.

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