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THIS CITY WORKS FOR YOU

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Dear Resident,

The NCC Environmental Services has been appointed by the city to implement the Guttural Toad project and therefore acts on behalf of the city. This is a request to allow the project team access to your property to locate and remove Guttural Toads occurring on your property.

The Guttural Toad is an invasive toad species and poses a serious risk to the Indigenous Western Leopard Toad. The City of Cape Town in partnership with the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and Cape Nature are currently busy with a project to manage the invasive Guttural Toad. The project includes locating the toads followed by actions to remove them. We realize that it is difficult for the untrained eye to distinguish between the Guttural Toad and our indigenous toads, we therefore offer to assist residents with the removal of this unwanted species in Cape Town. Well-meaning intentions such as removing toads, tadpoles or eggs from your property to other properties or water bodies could have potentially devastating ecological effects.

It is important to follow a systematic approach in finding and making appropriate arrangements to remove the invasive toads from all properties in the breeding range and not miss out any potential breeding site as the population will continue to spread.

The toads have a distinguishing guttural call which enables the team to locate them. After tracking these toads over the past few months we noticed that there may be a Guttural Toad breeding site on your property. We would like to make an arrangement with you to confirm the breeding sites and to remove the Guttural Toads from your property.

This is an opportunity for you to assist us in our efforts to ensure healthy ecosystems and conserve our natural heritage for generations to come. Please contact NCC Environmental Services to discuss suitable arrangements regarding access to your property. **Contact details: Office: 021 702 2884 or 071 873 2340/0736515456.**

Emails can also be sent to gutturaltoads@ncc-group.co.za

Thank you for your cooperation.

Regards,

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