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Dear Sir

2019 Sabie Classic mountain bike race in Sabie, Mpumalanga, South Africa.

Further to your correspondence of this year to Dellah Paul we hereby attach the Technical event guide for the race.

As a background to the event:

- The Sabie Classic was one of the first Marathon races in South Africa with the inaugural event being held in 1999. The first race attracted a field of around 250, we currently have a field of around 1500 participants.
- From 2000 to 2009 the race enjoyed substantial sponsorship from Subaru and from has been one of the countries most respected marathon races. In 2013 and 2014 we were part of the UCI World Marathon series.
- The race is held over 2 days, the first being race registration, day 2 the Marathon and Ultra Marathon distances and the Half Marathon, fun ride and children's race.
- The race is hosted by the Lowveld Chaingang cycle Club, a fully affiliated cycling club responsible for many events including the hosting of the African Continental MTB Championships at Mankele a few years ago.
- The Sabie Classic attracts the best Mountain Bikers in South Africa and for 2018 was won by Urs Huber of Team Bulls.
- The event is hosted at the York Sports Ground in Sabie, a facility that we have utilized extensively as it includes sufficient area for the event and expected participants. The venue itself is within 2kms of the centre of the town of Sabie and its guest houses. Accommodation can be sought through www.sabie.co.za.
- The town of Sabie is situated in the Lowveld region of South Africa, enjoys a temperate climate and is malaria free. Sabie is some 450kms East of

Johannesburg and OR Tambo International Airport but is only 60kms away from the Kruger International Airport in Nelspruit. The Kruger National Park is less than 60kms from Sabie and the area boasts many tourist attractions and stunning mountains and scenery.

We have compiled the Guide as per the template although it must be understood that since the land to be used is predominantly part of the local forestry industry certain finalization of the route will most definitely be necessary as harvesting dictates.

- The race will be run under UCI regulations.
- The 2018/19 South African Cycling Event Organizers Regulations are attached.
- Race weekend program attached
- Registration & accreditation will be carried out as per the race program at the race venue, signage to the venue is provided throughout the town. Registration is handled by our own staff.
- Course description, layout and profiles as attached.
- The award ceremony will be carried out after each distance is completed and will be held on the start/finish area stage, erected on the field. The Race office, meeting rooms, conference and press facilities will all be handled at the venue. The Anti Doping will be carried out in a separate building within 200m of the start/finish area and has been used for this purpose at other races.
- The time keeping is to be carried out by our provincial timekeepers who have done such at many events including the National Cup series races.
- The feed/technical zones will be as per the UCI requirements and will be indicated on the final course layout which will be distributed in due course.
- The venue plan and staging plan will be distributed in due course and a Google map is attached showing the general layout. The venue has sufficient available area to accommodate substantial parking on site as well as all the staging and facilities for an event of this nature.
- The nearest local Hospital is in the town of Sabie and is 3kms from the venue. For more serious injuries patients are usually transferred to the Medi Clinic in Nelspruit 62kms away. Medi Clinic has a helicopter service available. For the race itself we utilize the services of a professional Off Road Rescue unit (ORR) that has a fleet of 4x4 vehicles as well as a full medical control centre establishment set up at the venue. The ORR has an independent radio communication centre to enable rapid response and location when required. Medi Clinic Nelspruit can be found at : <http://www.mediclinic.co.za/hospitals/Pages/about.aspx?h=17>
- The race is hosted by the “Lowveld Chaingang Cycle Club”; LCG has been in existence since 2003 and is the largest cycle club in the Lowveld region with over 240 members from Sabie, Graskop, Lydenburg, Nelspruit, Barberton and White River. LCG is a fully affiliated cycling club and runs the event in terms of the standards set by Cycling South Africa, the

National Cycling Body, as well as SA-MTB which is the National Mountain Bike Commission The race organizer is represented by

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- The commissairs panel will be formulated by the President of the College of Commissairs, currently Martin Fourie, prior to the event and forwarded to Mr. Burney for approval. We would appreciate assistance in that a South African UCI Commissaire be appointed to control costs.

We trust the enclosed to sufficient at this stage and we shall forward information as and when further details are finalized.

Assuring you of our best attention at all times.
Yours Sincerely,

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Cycling South Africa – Director MTB

Enclosed:
SA-MTB race regulations
Race weekend program
Prize money allocation
Provisional course layout and profiles
Google maps x 2