

aha SHAKALAND UNDERGOES SOFT REFURBISHMENT

Johannesburg, 10 April 2017 – *aha Hotels & Lodges* is excited to announce that **aha Shakaland**, one of their renowned tourist attractions in *Eshowe, KwaZulu-Natal* is undergoing a revitalising soft refurbishment. The refurbishment involved the remodelling of the bathrooms by replacing the baths with walk in showers, in line with trends and aligned with *aha's* strategy of water conservation and sustainability.

An invigorating touch was added to the rooms which were re-painted; along with the addition of new linen and introducing the *nguni* hide mats. The outdoor area is spruced up with newly revamped pool and outdoor furniture that reflects the striking rustic scenery. The buffet area in the 'Shisa Nyama' restaurant which offers an exquisite mixture of traditional Zulu food with touches of modern cuisine will also receive an upgrade.

The Siyafunda Centre, which comprises of traditional dormitory huts accommodating school or university groups visiting **aha Shakaland** on cultural excursions, has also been spruced up through the inclusion of new bunk beds and new floor tiling adding to the overall African milieu of the establishment. The refurbishment also extended to the conference centre which sports a modest upgrade.

aha Hotels and Lodges CEO Neil Bald says "These renovations will be carried out in phased stages, to avert any impact on our guests. Since the huts are set in mini villages, construction in one village will have no adverse impact on the daily undertakings of the establishment. Our guests can thus be assured of the same warm and attentive service they are accustomed to at **aha Shakaland**".

"Our guests safety and comfort is of paramount importance, therefore the rewiring of the peripheral electrical fence was essential and the re-thatching of the huts which will take place during the upcoming dryer KwaZulu-Natal seasons. This renovation embodies our dedication to ensuring our guests continue to enjoy a gracious *ubuntu* African experience" **Bald** concluded.

aha Hotels and Lodges manages a collection of hotels and lodges throughout Southern Africa, including Gauteng, Western Cape, Northern Cape, Free State, North West Province, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo and in Southern Africa; Botswana, Zimbabwe and Zambia and Ethiopia.