CURRICULUM VITAE

CHRISTO & DIANA DU PLESSIS

Game Lodge Management

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Position Required	:	**Relief Management for game lodges/ reserves**
Location	:	**Anywhere in RSA or across the border in Africa**
Address	:	*Hoedspruit*
		Wildlife Estate
		1380
Contact Numbers	:	*+27(0)82 850 2184*
E-mail Address	:	*christodiana@gmail.com*

PERSONAL DATA

Surname	:	*du Plessis*
First names	:	*Christo and Diana*
ID number	:	*5106 0650 94 088 (Christo)*
		5206 0401 01 089 (Diana)
Gender	:	*Male, Female*
Marital Status	:	*Married*
Driver's Licence	:	*Code B and PDP*
Nationality	:	*South African*
Criminal Offences	:	*None*
Languages	:	*English, Afrikaans, conversational Zulu*
Health	:	*Excellent*

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Last school attended	:	*Paarl Gymnasium (Christo)*	*Diamond Fields (Diana)*
Highest standard passed	:	**Matric**	**Matric**
Year	:	**1969**	**1970**

HIGHER EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Institution attended	:	*Fields Guides Association of South Africa*
Qualification obtained	:	**Fegasa Level 2** *(Christo & Diana)*
Year	:	**2004**
Qualification obtained	:	**Field Guide all Provinces** *(Christo)*
Year	:	**2004**

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Dates	:	*1976 - 1979*
Company	:	*Hall & Sons , Nelspruit (Christo)*
Post Held	:	**Citrus Farm Manager**

Dates	:	*1980 - 1983*
Company	:	*Simington Farmers, Malelane (Christo)*
Post Held	:	**Sugar Cane Farm Manager**

Dates	:	*1984 – 1989*
Company	:	*Goukamma Nature Reserve, Knysna (Christo)*
Post Held	:	**Reserve Manager**

Dates	:	*1990 - 1999*
Company	:	*Lydenburg Nature Reserve, Lydenburg (Christo)*
Post Held	:	**Reserve Manager**

Dates	:	*1991 - 2006*
Company	:	*Laeveld Koöperasie, Nelspruit (Christo)*
Post Held	:	**Branch Manager**

Dates	:	*1991 - 2006*
Company	:	*Waterberry Hill, White River, Hazyview (Diana)*
Post Held	:	**Resort Manager**

Dates	:	*2007 – 2010*
Company	:	*Shalati Bush Camp, Hoedspruit, Limpopo (Christo & Diana)*
Post Held	:	**Owners**
Duties and Responsibilities	:	• *Built lodge up entirely up from ground level*
		• *Marketing and management of all aspects of running a lodge*
		• *Catering and housekeeping*
		• *Game drives and walks in Big 5 areas*

Dates	:	*2011 - 2012*
Company	:	*Photos of Africa, Tzaneen, Limpopo (Christo & Diana)*
Post Held	:	**Owners**
Duties and Responsibilities	:	• *Filming of wildlife and tourism*
		• *We have a good knowledge of tourism and are familiar with the Limpopo area, Western Cape tourism and certain municipalities like Tzaneen, Hermanus, Paarl etc.*

Dates	:	*2013 – March 2014*
Company	:	*Aan de Vliet Resort, Hazyview, Mpumalanga*
Post Held	:	**Management**
Duties and Responsibilities	:	• *We had a 12 month contract in order to restore Aan de Vliet using our Management experience*
		• *We were very successful and by December 2013 the resort was completely full with 46 guests*
		• *Outside of the December season we are always full because of our promotions*

SKILLS

Christo

- *Paperwork, all administrative duties, computer literacy handyman and game drives*

Diana

- *Food and catering, housekeeping and game drives*

Christo/ and Diana

- *We are experienced in booking system Inkeeper also NightBridge and other social media sites (booking.com safarinow) and many more.*
- *We can also provide services in website design.*
- *We can help a lot in Marketing overseas and locally.*
- *Our son stays in Germany and is also involved in web design and is involved at Google with film work.*

GENERAL

Hobbies and Interests   :   Tennis, fly fishing, bird watching, wildlife, filming, game walks

COMMENTS

We seek an appointment as a husband and wife team, as Relief Management to manage any lodge or game resort anywhere in RSA, or across the border

We offer a prospective employer the following personal qualities:

- *An excellent knowledge of wildlife and nature in general.*
- *We have successfully managed various projects.*
- *We are open to any challenge and strive to be successful in everything we take on.*
- *Our combined knowledge in Lodge Management makes us a strong team.*
- *We are both computer literate.*
- *Our extensive travels of Southern Africa while making wildlife and tourism films, enriched us with a world of knowledge to share and apply in our everyday lives.*

REFERENCES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST