Department: REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**MEDIA STATEMENT** 

Date: 02 January 2025

NOTICE OF CHANGE TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TOURISM'S LAST NAME

The Department of Tourism wishes to notify its sector and government stakeholders,

members of the media, as well as the general public of the change to the Director-

General's last name in accordance with Section 26 of South Africa's Births and Deaths

Registration Act of 1992.

The Director-General's surname was changed in the Population Register from

Tharage to Vele. Effective immediately, the Director-General of Tourism should be

addressed as Mr. Nkhumeleni Victor Vele.

It should also be noted that the Director-General's official email address has been

updated to reflect his surname, and all written correspondence may be sent

to VeleV@tourism.gov.za. Stakeholders are encouraged to update their contact

records and or databases accordingly.

For further enquiries, or to verify receipt of official correspondence by the Office of the

Director-General of Tourism, stakeholders may contact Ms. Margaret Mathebula

telephonically on T: 012 444 6377 or email: MMathebula@tourism.gov.za

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