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MEDIA INVITATION

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MINISTER PATRICIA DE LILLE TO HANDOVER REFURBISHED WOLWEKLOOF NATURE RESERVE MAINTENANCE PROJECT TO CAPE NATURE

As we enter the peak tourism season in South Africa, Minister of Tourism, on Tuesday 19 December 2023, Patricia de Lille will officially handover the refurbished Wolwekloof Nature Reserve Project in the Witzenberg Municipality, to CapeNature.

As part of the Tourism Sector Master Plan's objectives to stimulate demand by investing in tourism infrastructure projects to grow the country's tourism offering, the Department of Tourism has a number of tourism infrastructure projects underway across the country.

The maintenance project at the Wolwekloof Nature Reserve is part of the Department's funded provincial state owned assets maintenance programme.

This attraction has been a key holiday feature and popular attraction in the Western Cape.

The Wolwekloof Nature Reserve has been closed for some time but the Department of Tourism is pleased to have completed this refurbishment project ahead of the summer tourism period.

This project is part of the national maintenance and beautification of provincial state-owned attractions which initially were a part of Presidential Employment Stimulus Programme. In the Western Cape Province, the Department together with Provincial stakeholders identified the following sites for maintenance:

- Kogelberg Nature Reserve
- Goukamma Nature Reserve
- Lookout Hill Khayelitsha
- De Hoop Nature Reserve
- Wolwekloof Nature Reserve
- Cedarberg Wilderness

The maintenance work at the Wolwekloof Nature Reserve sought to preserve the quality of product offerings at the identified site, as well as enhance the visitors' experience and destination competitiveness. The scope of work entailed: Upgrading of the Existing Pools, installing a new pool slide, construction of new braai areas and construction of walkways.

The project started in December 2022 with a contract value of over R 2.4million and was completed earlier this year.

Minister de Lille will hand the site over to CapeNature who are responsible for operating the Wolwekloof Nature Reserve.

Details of the handover event are as follows:

Date: Tuesday 19 December 2023

Time: 11h00 – 14h00

Location: Wolwekloof Nature Reserve, Wolwekloof Road, Witzenberg Municipality, Western Cape

All media are welcome to attend and are kindly requested to RSVP to Zara Nicholson on the details below.

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