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MEDIA INVITATION: MINISTER OF TOURISM, PATRICIA DE LILLE TO CONDUCT OVERSIGHT VISIT TO KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

DATE: 7 JULY 2023

As part of oversight duties, on Wednesday 12 July 2023, Minister of Tourism, Patricia de Lille will conduct an oversight visit to various sites within the Kruger National Park to inspect investment projects by the Department of Tourism and the private sector.

The Kruger National Park is a world renowned, top tourist attraction in South Africa and a must-see attraction on the bucket lists of travellers from all over the world and the country. It is therefore vital that this attraction is maintained to provide tourists with a world class and authentically South African experience.

As we aim to continue attracting more tourists to South Africa, continued investment and maintenance of tourist attractions is of strategic importance and this can only be achieved by government and the private sector working together. This partnership has been demonstrated in a number of projects within the Kruger National Park.

Minister de Lille will engage the SANParks Management on general tourism matters as well as safety issues in and around the Kruger National Park.

The Minister will also inspect one of the solar PV projects done in the Kruger National Park by the Department of Tourism and inspect recent upgrade and investment projects by the private sector within the park.

All media are invited to attend the oversight visit. Confirmation of attendance is vital to ensure arrangements are secured for access to journalists into the Kruger National Park.

Details of Minister de Lille's oversight visit are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 12 July 2023

Time: 10h30am – 15h30pm

Venue: Meeting point: Skukuza Conference Centre. All media to enter at Paul Kruger gate.

The Department funded Solar PV installations at 4 sites in the Kruger National Park at a total cost of R 64.1 million. The Skukuza Rest Camp is one of the sites which benefitted from the Department's investment. The Department of Tourism invested R21 million on the solar PV installation at Skukuza Rest Camp. Several National Parks and state-owned tourist attractions were retrofitted with solar PV installations by the Department of Tourism as part of the pilot to roll out the Green Tourism Incentive Programme (GTIP). The GTIP has seen many privately owned tourist attractions benefit from funding from the department to retrofit their tourist establishments with energy and water resource efficiency measures in recent years.

NB: All media are invited to attend the oversight visit and are kindly requested to confirm attendance by 17h00 on Monday 10 July 2023 in order for access arrangements to be made.

Kindly RSVP with full names, media house represented, ID and contact number and vehicle registration details to Sindisiwe Zwane from the media relations unit in the Department of Tourism on szwane@tourism.gov.za and 081 267 4665.

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