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**MEDIA STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF TOURISM, PATRICIA DE LILLE**

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**SA Tourism Interim Board update**

On 21 April 2023, I announced the appointment of three persons to manage the affairs of the SA Tourism Board following the dissolution of the previous board.

The appointment of the three persons was done in line with the Section 16 (3) (b) of the Tourism.

The three appointed persons are:

1. Ms Kholeka Zama - a qualified Chartered Accountant who has worked in finance, audit and governance roles and has served as a Chief Financial Officer at several entities.
2. Mr Tim Harris is a tourism and economic promotion specialist, with twenty years global experience in destination marketing, economic policy, investment promotion and governance.
3. Mr Vincent Zwelibanzi Mntambo has a law degree from the University of the North West and a Masters in Law from Yale University and has held various administrative and management positions at FIAT (SA) and later as Faculty Officer at University of the North West. He also served as the first Director General of the Gauteng Provincial Government.

I met with the interim board last week to discuss their duties and urgent work needed to stabilize SA Tourism and pursue our objective growing inclusive tourism in South Africa.

During my meeting with the interim board, Mr Vincent Zwelibanzi Mntambo nominated Mr Tim Harris as their chairperson, this was accepted, and this update will be gazetted in the Government Gazette of Friday 5 May 2023.

Mr Tim Harris wrote to the Acting CEO of SA Tourism on Wednesday 26 April 2023 requesting a number of strategic documents and an urgent briefing from the SA Tourism executive.

I had a fruitful and frank discussion with the interim SA Tourism Board and the Director General of the Department of Tourism outlining key outcomes and areas we need to work on urgently to ensure that the SA Tourism Interim Board, the SA Tourism executive and the Department of Tourism can work together efficiently to grow inclusive tourism for the country.

The interim board understands the urgency and work required to bring greater alignment in all our work and I wish them well in the duties.

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