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KHOLWANE RESTORES ORDER AT THE MPUMALANGA TOURISM AND PARKS AGENCY

Mbombela – The MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, Mr Sikhumbuzo Eric Kholwane has called for unity between the Board and management of the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) to enable the agency to continue to fulfil its mandate. He said this recently when addressing the MTPA Board following his appointment as the MEC. This happened in the wake of recent numerous clashes between the Board and the CEO, Mr Jacques Modipane.

“I implore for unity between the Board and the management of the MTPA in order to move the agency forward. Let us resolve our differences for the sake of the prosperity of the institution. You have a mammoth task of growing our tourism sector and managing our bio-diversity,” explained MEC Kholwane.

At the end of the meeting, the MEC amongst others made the following determinations and announcements:

1. That the term of office of the current Board expires at the end of September 2014, and adverts calling for nominations of new Board members will be put up;
2. That Mr Fidel Mlombo is confirmed as the duly appointed Chairperson of the MTPA Board for the remaining term of office (30 September 2014);



3. That for the sake of unity of the Board, Ms Clara Ndlovu is re-instated as the member of the Board and Deputy Chairperson with immediate effect, for the remaining term of office (30 September 2014);
4. That the Board should go on a strategic retreat under the guidance of an independent external facilitator to restore unity, purpose, cohesion and re-focus on its core-mandate;

The MEC has further committed to give much support to the MTPA for it to fulfil its legislative mandate.

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