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## ***MEDIA STATEMENT***

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**Kim Emmanuel**

Journalist

Daily Southern African Tourism Update

**Dear Kim**

### **RESPONSE TO YOUR ENQUIRY**

The town of Pilgrims' Rest is under the authority of the Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport (MPDWRT), hence a multi-stakeholder approach has been adopted in order to improve the economic activities in the town. To this end, a multi-stakeholder committee comprising the MPDWRT, Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development and Tourism, the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), Mpumalanga Department of Human Settlement, Ehlanzeni District Municipality, Thaba Chweu Local Municipality and the private sector has been established. The Committee has been mandated to amongst others, craft a plan to turn-around the situation at the town. It has met on the 12 of August 2016 and will convene again before the end of October to consider and adopt various plans from stakeholders before being submitted for approval and implementation.

It is expected that the anticipated plans will be implemented as soon as all stakeholders have agreed. Tourism in the town is expected to improve once the economic activities are re-ignited by ensuring that all business premises are operational.

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