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MEC LENKOPANE APPOINTS THE NWP&TB INTERIM BOARD

MEC Bitsa Lenkopane has taken the decision to appoint an interim board for the North Parks and Tourism Board (NWP&TB). The interim board is led by Adv. Matshidiso Mogale and is deputized by Adv. Obakeng Kgomo. The interim board is inclusive of representatives from the House of Traditional Affairs and community members from the auspices of People and Parks.

The MEC issued a clear mandate to the interim board which include amongst others (a) transformation of parks in the province (b) improving relations with Communal Property Relations (CPAs) (c) review of associations and contracts signed with companies. The MEC further instructed the interim board to discontinue relations with any association that does not add any value and financially reliant on the entity without tangible results.

The MEC said: "I'm concerned that the NWPTB and its subsidiaries received adverse audit opinion from the Auditor General in the last financial year. The Auditor General emphasized matters of material misstatements which led to the adverse audit opinion. Such matters include but are not limited to poor financial controls, lack of consequence management against those who violate the policies of the entity, fruitless and wasteful expenditure. Amongst others things, the AG recommended that I should take strong measures as the MEC to ensure accountability and good governance."

It is within that context that MEC Bitsa Lenkapne has taken the decision to appoint the interim board that is tasked with improving governance and addressing challenges which affect subsidiaries such as the Golden Leopards Resort (GLR).

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