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Economic, Small Business Development,
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FREE STATE PROVINCE

Media Statement

To all media houses

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DESTEA warns the public against false and misleading information

The department has noted with concern of false and misleading information doing rounds on social media platforms that the Sterkfontein Dam Nature Reserve has been closed.

The department wishes to place it on record that Sterkfontein Dam Nature Reserve is not closed; it has been open to activities such as camping, hiking, self game drive, picnic site, hall for events, fishing and boating, except for chalets bookings due to the extensive refurbishment work.

The department has been on a drive to grade all the resorts across the province as part of its objective to elevate every aspect of the visitor's experience at the facilities.

At the current stage, the Sterkfontein Dam Nature Reserve is operational, and guests are encouraged to continue choosing this facility for leisure and adventure. The refurbishment of chalets has been completed; furniture fitments are ongoing and to be completed within a month.

It is for this reason that the department wishes to implore the public to remain supportive of government's programs aimed at improving the tourism sector, revitalizing the local economy, and creating much needed jobs.

We apologize to our guests for the delays and any inconvenience that this may have caused. Your support is at all times appreciated.

'Free State: a place to go to and not a place to go through.'

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