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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Date: Thursday, 05 June 2025**

Attention: Journalists, News Editors and Executive Producers

***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

**MASILELA TO RELEASE THE FINDINGS OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS OF MALADMINISTRATION AND CORRUPTION LEVELLED AGAINST THE CEO AND SOME OFFICIALS AT MTPA**

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**Mbombela** – The MEC for Economic Development and Tourism, Ms. Makhosazane Masilela will hold a Press briefing to release the findings of the forensic investigation regarding allegations of maladministration and or corruption at the Barberton Makhonjwa Mountains World Heritage Site, levelled against the CEO and some officials at MTPA.

The investigation follows a complaint from stakeholders and the landowners of the World Heritage Site who cited possible maladministration and corruption in the appointment of service providers. Subsequently, the Board of MTPA placed the CEO on precautionary suspension on 05 August 2024, pending the investigation.

MEC Masilela says the Department remains committed to uphold good governance and transparency in all its Public Entities. Therefore, she deems it necessary and believes it is in the public interest to release the findings of the investigation to the public.

“The 7<sup>th</sup> Administration has made a commitment to the public that it will not tolerate corruption and mismanagement of public funds. We therefore appeal to all public servants to refrain from any corrupt activities, because this Administration has declared zero tolerance to corruption”, says MEC Masilela.

The Press briefing is scheduled to take place under the following details;

**Date** : Friday, 06 June 2025  
**Venue** : MEC Boardroom, Nokuthula Simelane Building (First Floor),  
Riverside Government Complex, Mbombela  
**Time** : 11h00

***All media is invited***

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**Notes to Editors:**

*The Department of Economic Development and Tourism, under the Mpumalanga Provincial Government, is mandated to stimulate economic growth and development in the Province, so as to create sustainable and decent employment, economic transformation and to alleviate poverty. The Department has three (3) Public Entities; namely, Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency (MEGA), Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), and Mpumalanga Economic Regulator (MER), to which it has delegated some of its constitutionally-mandated functions. These functions relate to: trade and investment promotion; funding of MSMEs; tourism growth and development; tourism marketing; regulation of the gambling and liquor industries, including collection of gambling levies and liquor license fees, amongst others.*



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