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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF TOURISM AMENDMENT BILL, 2000

The Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism intends introducing the Tourism Amendment Bill in Parliament during February 2000. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Amendment Bill mainly seeks to change the composition of the South African Tourism Board ("the Board") by reducing the maximum number of members from twenty to fifteen and the minimum number from fifteen to nine. The provisions requiring representation by the business, community and labour sectors and the provinces are removed.

The reason for the reduction is that the Board as it is composed at present has proved to be unwieldy, ineffective and costly. The representation of the business, community and labour sectors as required by the Act has an unduly restrictive effect on the making of suitable appointments to the Board. It is felt that the Minister should have a free hand in finding the very best talent from whatever walk of life to appoint to the Board. It is further proposed that alternative arrangements be made to liaise with provincial government.

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