

TERMS OF REFERENCE

of the

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

to the

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE FIRE AT THE PRETORIUSKOP AREA IN THE KRUGER NATIONAL PARK THAT BROKE OUT ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2001

1. The Commission shall inquire into, make findings and report on the following matters regarding the fire which started in the Pretoriuskop area of the Kruger National Park on 4 September 2001, with special reference to the following:
 - (1) Origin of the fire:
 - (a) Locality of the origin of the fire.
 - (b) Cause of the fire.
 - (c) Possible link between SA National Parks' fire research activities and the fire.
 - (2) Fire hazard:
 - (a) Climatic conditions on 4 September 2001.
 - (b) Fire-fighting competence of SA National Parks.
 - (c) Competence employed during the fire.
 - (3) Fire policy:
 - (a) Compliance with the existing policy on 4 September 2001.
 - (b) Precautionary measures taken by SA National Parks.
 - (4) Safety of temporary staff:
 - (a) Safety procedures for staff camping in the bush.
 - (b) Possibility of housing temporary staff in a rest camp.
 - (c) Warning and assistance to temporary staff during the fire.
 - (5) Emergency procedures:
 - (a) Compliance with emergency procedures.
 - (b) Reaction time of emergency team.
 - (6) Condition of employment for temporary staff:
 - (a) Responsibility of SA National Parks after fire.
 - (b) Assistance to families of the deceased.
2. The Commission shall report and make recommendations on how similar fire hazards could be avoided and/or minimised in future.
3. These terms of reference may be added to, varied or amended from time to time.
4. The Commission shall commence with its duties forthwith.
5. To report to me as soon as this can conveniently be done, using all diligence, the result of the inquiry.
6. The Commission shall be subject to and be conducted in terms of the provisions of the Commissions Act, 1947 (Act No. 8 of 1947), as amended, and the regulations published thereunder.