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### S.A. NATIONAL PARKS OPEN BOOKINGS FOR 1 NOVEMBER 2002

In June 2001, the Board of S.A. National Parks approved a policy that the applicable tariffs for a reservation was the price ruling at the date of arrival as opposed to the date of booking. This has now allowed SANParks to open bookings past November 2002 even though the final tariffs have not yet been determined.

Accordingly, customers may book for November 2002 on 1 December 2001. These bookings will, however, be processed on the understanding that the prices may change between the date of booking and the date of arrival. Normal deposit rules will apply.

SANParks is still committed to keeping accommodation as affordable as possible to the citizens of South Africa, and will keep any increases on existing accommodation to the minimum. Over the past 3 years, increases have been below inflation. Tariff increases for the period past 1 November 2002 will be communicated as soon as they are approved by the Board.

Bookings for December 2002 will open on 2 January 2002. Many people will be aware that there will be a full eclipse of the sun on the morning of 4 December 2002 in the Northern Kruger National Park. Due to the intense scientific interest in this event most of the accommodation in the Northern area has been pre-sold to scientific groups undertaking research.

There is, however, certain accommodation available in Mopani and camping in Shingwedzi (which are both within the totality of the eclipse) and all camps further south in the Park. All bookings for this accommodation will be handled on a first come, first served basis.

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