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## FILMING: REVISED FESTIVE SEASON ROAD CLOSURE ARRANGEMENTS

The Department of Asset Management and Maintenance of the Transport and Urban Development Authority of the City of Cape Town, after considering representations made by the film industry and the Film Permit office regarding the circular entitled "Restrictions over the Festive Season 2018 - 2019" dated 13 September 2018, has issued the following communiqué:

It is an established fact that the Western Cape and particularly the Cape Metropolitan Area become exceptionally busy during the festive season with many tourists being attracted to the City Central Area, with its entertainment nodes, restaurants, etc., the recreational areas along the Atlantic Sea-board, the entire coastal areas of the Peninsula, False Bay and the West Coast, not to mention the prime tourist attractions of Cape Point, Kirstenbosch, the Table Mountain Cable Way, Signal Hill, the V&A Waterfront, to name a few.

The major highways, the Central City CBD road network, the coastal scenic drives, access to the recreational areas and generally all become highly trafficked and any temporary closure of these roads will have a significant impact on traffic operations. The situation is exacerbated by the fact that schools break up on 12 December 2018 and return on 09 January 2019, many factories, commercial undertakings and the construction industry also close around the 14 December 2018. To further compound the problem, there are also a number of events happening in the City during this period, the most notable being the various minstrel parades and competitions.

It is for these reasons that it is recommended that the following limitations on temporary road closures be instituted during the period from **Tuesday 18 December 2018** until **Friday 04 January 2019**, both days inclusive, which is regarded as the peak tourist season.

- ➔ No temporary road closures of whatever nature will be permitted on any metropolitan arterial road, the road network within the core central City and other CBD areas, any

coastal route or scenic drive, including any road within a recreational area or resort or providing access to a recreational area or resort, during the stated period, i.e. Tuesday 18 December 2018 until Friday 04 January 2019.

- ➔ Temporary road closures in residential and high density suburbs during the festive season is generally not supported because of the disruptive nature of such closures and the annoyance thereof to local residents resulting in past complaints. However, provided that all property owners and/or residents, affected by the temporary closure are notified in good time and their written consent (concurrence) is obtained, then such temporary closure will be favourably considered by the road authority.

Please note that these limitations only apply to temporary road closures and not to all filming per se, i.e. filming requests that do not require a temporary road closure can continue and bookings received will be considered.

**Requests for temporary road closures made by film companies during the abovementioned period could be considered but will need to be fully motivated. Any decision made will be based on the location, which day, the time period, the traffic resources available and the type of film activity that is envisaged and the impact thereof.**

While consideration will be given to such motivated application, there is no guarantee that any such application will be approved; **each case will be determined on its merit and the circumstances surrounding such request.**

*Footnote: We are acutely aware that Traffic Services will be stretched to the limit over the festive season and this will be an important factor when considering film bookings that require temporary road closures during the stated period.*

**You are accordingly requested to submit permit/road closure requests to the Cape Town Film Permit Office (CTFPO) as early as possible. This will ensure adequate time for the CTFPO to obtain the necessary permissions for you. Please feel free to contact the CTFPO should you have any queries relate to this communication.**

Yours faithfully



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