



**REPORT TO: THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE [MAYCO]
AND THE FUTURE PLANNING AND RESILIENCE AS WELL AS ECONOMIC GROWTH
PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES**

1. ITEM NUMBER : EG 07/03/23

2. SUBJECT:

**FEEDBACK ON THE INTERNATIONAL/OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF THE
RSA TRIP UNDERTAKEN TO ANTARCTICA ON 6 FEBRUARY 2023**

ONDERWERP:

**TERUGVOERING OOR DIE REIS NA DIE BUITELAND/ BUIE DIE
GRENSE VAN DIE RSA OP 6 FEBRUARIE 2023 NA ANTARKTIKA
ONDERNEEM**

ISIHLOKO:

**INGXELO ENGOHAMBO OLUYA PHESHEYA/ NGAPHANDLE
KWEEBHODA ZOMZANTSI AFRIKA OLUTHATYATHIWEYO OLUYA E
ANTARCTICA NGOWE6 KWEYOMDUMBA 2023**

LSU: P2625

3. EVENT SUMMARY

EVENT DETAILS	
CONFERENCE/SEMINAR	N/A
OTHER	Invitation to Antarctica by White Desert Antarctica (WDA).
DATE	6 February 2023
VENUE	N/A
TOTAL COST TO THE CITY	R79
CITY	N/A
COUNTRY	CONTINENT: ANTARCTICA

ATTENDEE DETAILS	
NAME AND SURNAME	DESIGNATION
Ald. Geordin Hill-Lewis	EXECUTIVE MAYOR
Ald. James Vos	MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

PROVIDE SUMMARY OF HOST ORGANISATION / CITY
<p><u>Host Organisation – West Desert Antarctica:</u></p> <p>White Desert operates high end tourism offerings from Cape Town to Antarctica. Travellers have the choice between their Greatest One Day or Week Stay offerings.</p> <p><u>Host Continent – Antarctica:</u></p> <p>The continent of Antarctica is the fifth-largest, southernmost and least-populated land mass on earth. The continent is divided into West and East Antarctica, and is separated by the Transantarctic Mountains. Antarctica is a polar desert, and receives minimal rainfall of about 150mm per year, predominantly in the form of snow. Most of the area is therefore covered by an Antarctic ice sheet that is approximately 1.9 km thick. It is estimated that the ice sheet holds 70 per cent of the world's freshwater reserves. The lowest recorded temperatures on earth of around (minus) 85 degrees centigrade have been recorded in Antarctica, however the coastal regions can reach 10 degrees in summer. The continent is therefore colder than the Arctic region, and this is due to the continent being 3 000 metres above sea level, where air temperatures are colder.</p> <p>Antarctica does not have a sovereign government and is instead governed by a set of international agreements. The principle agreement is the Antarctic Treaty System which came into force in 1959, with South Africa becoming a signatory in 1961. The Treaty provides a framework for peaceful cooperation and exploration of the continent, while also promoting scientific cooperation and prohibiting mining and military conflicts. Essentially, Antarctica is meant to be a continent reserved for peace and science. Currently, 55 countries form part of the Treaty with 29 of these having the right to participate in decision making through its secretariat. Approximately 30 countries have an estimated 80 research bases, some of which are only open in the summer months, while others are operated for the entire year. It is estimated that 5 000 people reside at research stations during summer. It is worth mentioning that no territorial claims made by any country has been recognised in Antarctica. Lastly, besides research, tourism and fishing are also popular activities.</p>

4. OBJECTIVE

To promote Cape Town as a gateway to Antarctica, and encourage direct air access, coupled with responsible tourism.

5. OUTCOMES

Gained insights and best practices regarding responsible tourism, and how to tap into this fairly new tourism offering.

6. ACTIONS REQUIRED

- 6.1 Continue to promote Cape Town as an ideal, and responsible tourism destination (**Responsible: Enterprise & Investment Department and Cape Town Tourism**)
- 6.2 Encourage the launch of more international direct flights to Cape Town (**Responsible: Enterprise & Investment Department and Air Access Wesgro**)
- 6.3 Facilitate interactions to address red tape issues for private sector stakeholders such as WDA (**Responsible: Enterprise & Investment Department**)

7. IMPLICATIONS

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| 7.1 | Constitutional and Policy Implications | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7.2 | Environmental implications | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7.3 | Financial Implications | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7.4 | Legal Implications | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7.5 | Staff Implications | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7.6 | Risk Implications | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7.7 | <u>POPIA Compliance</u> | | |

- ☒ It is confirmed that this report has been checked and considered for POPIA Compliance.

NOTE: POPIA Section MUST be completed otherwise the report will be returned to the author for revision.

Contact your Directorate POPIA Stewards should you require assistance.

The City has a contract in place with XL Embassy Travel for the safe-keeping of a Traveller's personal information as required by the POPI Act.

8. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the feedback report on the trip to Antarctica undertaken by the Executive Mayor and Ald. James Vos on 6 February 2023 be considered and noted.

AANBEVELING

Daar word aanbeveel dat die terugvoeringsverslag oor die reis na Antarktika op 6 Februarie 2023 onderneem deur die uitvoerende burgemeester en raadsheer James Vos oorweeg word en daarvan kennis geneem word.

ISINDULULO

Kundululwe ukuba makuthathelwe ingqalelo kwaye kuqwalaselwe ingxelo engohambo oluya eAntartica oluthatyathwe nguSodolophu weSigqeba kunye noCebakhulu James Vos ngowe6 kweyoMdumba 2023.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Executive Mayor embarked on a Mayoral Mission to Antarctica to participate in a Greatest Day tourist experience on 6 February 2023. This was a one-day only mission, and was fully sponsored by White Desert Antarctica (WDA). The Executive Mayor was accompanied by Ald James Vos, Mayoral Committee Member for Economic Growth.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CONTACT:

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MAYCO MEMBER: ECONOMIC GROWTH

ALD. JAMES VOS

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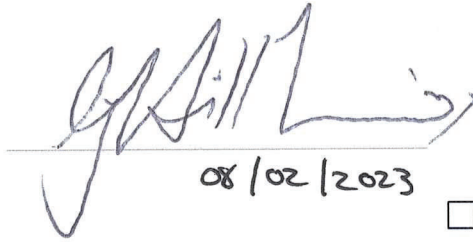
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☐ REPORT COMPLIANT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF COUNCIL'S DELEGATIONS, POLICIES, BY-LAWS AND ALL LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION.

LEGAL COMPLIANCE

☐ NON-COMPLIANT

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Certified as legally compliant based on the content of the report.