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## MEC Wendy Nelson visits Sun City Resorts.

**Sun City** - The North West MEC for Tourism Wendy Nelson recently visited Sun City Resorts after it experienced unfortunate hail storms which caused a lot of damage to the property. MEC's courtesy visit was meant at assessing the extent of the damage and also get assurance that the resort will be able to render its services to the multitudes of tourists who will be flocking there this festive season.

MEC Nelson said that Sun City Resorts remains one the key stakeholders in the Tourism sector within the Province. She said that it plays a pivotal role in attracting tourists to the Province. "Sun International is probably responsible for most of the tourists in the Province, which is a huge contributor to the economy of the Province. We deem this relationship as an important relationship this is why we thought it would be proper to pay a courtesy visit and see how the establishment is recovering from this unfortunate incident," said MEC Nelson.

MEC Nelson was accompanied by the Acting Head of Department Motsepe Moiloanyane and Chief Director for Tourism Growth, Development and Transformation, Sarah Manone when they met with the General Manager for Sun City Resorts, Raul De Lima who explained in detail the extent of damages and what the recovery plan was.

De Lima explained that there was a lot of damage caused by the hail storm and some damages will be fixed immediately while others will be fixed overtime. He said that his team has been working aroud the clock to ensure that things are back to normal as soon as possible.



2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, West Wing Garona Building, University Drive Mmabatho 2735 Tel: 018 388 2081 Email: tramokgadi@nwpg.gov.za "We had rooms flooded, restaurants out of commission and ceilings collapsing, our team has been working hard to ensure that we put things back to operations. Thus far, the Lost City Golf course is now open and we will be opening the Gary Player Golf Course very soon, we are just giving it a day or two to recover further. All our Christmas activities are still in tact and will take place as planned, we are working around the clock to ensure that some of the damaged accommodation is fixed as a matter of urgency ", said De Lima.

MEC Nelson was impressed that the property is recovering at the speed of lightning. She said over and above the unfortunate incident she also deemed it fit to introduce herself to the resort's management as the newly appointed MEC for Tourism in the North West Province. She assured the resort that she will continue to maintain the same relationship they had with the former MEC and ensure that she takes it to greater heights.

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