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GREAT LIMPOPO TRANSFRONTIER PARK PROJECT ON COURSE

The Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Mohammed Valli Moosa, has noted concerns that have been expressed concerning the matters relating to the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park.

This Transfrontier Park is a project that is far too important for the people of Southern Africa and as a project of global significance, for anything to be done to jeopardise its future.

The Minister would like to assure everyone concerned that the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park project is moving ahead steadily. He is in constant consultation with his counterparts in Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

In the nature of a project of this magnitude, it is to be expected that concerns will be raised by stakeholders and the general public. The Minister will not take these lightly.

One of the guiding principles in anything that has been done up to now has been to ensure that the environmental integrity of the Kruger National Park, which is the pride of the South African people, and indeed the people of the world, is maintained.

There is no need to take hasty or precipitative action at this stage, as the project is on course.

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