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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE MATA MATA BORDER POST

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security wishes to clarify to the public on the statements made on social media that Mata Mata Border Post, which has been closed due to COVID 19 measures since beginning of the pandemic, will remain closed indefinitely and there are no plans to reopen the – for tourism important – border post again.

The Ministry wishes to set the record straight that, the closure of the Mata Mata Border Post was necessitate due to the fact that our corresponding Border on the South African side (Twee Rivieren Border Post) is closed. The Border will only re-open once our counter part has opened their borders.

It is only practical if both borders are in full swing to facilitate the cross-border movement of individuals, and this is reached by a mutual agreement which further support and strengthen collaboration between the two countries with aim to promote and improve on existing ties.

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