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Dear Dr Tsepang Makholela,

## **NOMINATIONS FOR THE MINISTERIAL TASK TEAM TO IDENTIFY AND RECOMMEND VOLUNTARY EXIT OPTIONS AND PATHWAYS FROM THE CAPTIVE LION INDUSTRY**

The Members of the Wildlife Animal Protection Forum of South Africa hereby formally submit our candidature in response to the [official](#) notice of intention published by the Honourable Minister Barbara Creecy on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2022. The appointed members of the Ministerial Task Team will function as part of an advisory committee, formulated to identify voluntary exit options and pathways from the captive lion industry and to oversee the implementation and monitoring of the same.

The Wildlife Animal Protection Forum of South Africa known as WAPFSA was established in 2017 and consists of a network of thirty South African environmental organisations. We have attached the WAPFSA Organisational Profile Document for your convenience.

After careful consideration the Members of WAPFSA have nominated and endorsed the following eligible candidates for the aforementioned Ministerial Task Team:

### **WAPFSA CANDIDATURE**

#### **1. Mr Michael Bagraim**

Mr Michael Bagraim, currently advises corporations throughout South Africa on the restrictions and management of their labour forces. Furthermore, Mr Bagraim holds the position of Deputy Shadow Minister of Labour for the Democratic Alliance in the South African Parliament.

#### **2. Dr Audrey Delsink**

Dr Delsink is a pioneer in the field of the protection and welfare of endangered species in South Africa. Dr Delsink is the Executive Director of Humane Society International Africa.

#### **3. Dr Smaragda Louw**

Dr Smaragda Louw is co-author of the *Extinction Business – South Africa's Lion Bone Trade Report*, this Report formed the basis of the [Captive Lion Colloquium](#) held in Parliament on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018. Dr Louw is a Chairperson for the animal rights organisation known as Ban Animal Trading.

#### 4. Ms Fiona Miles

Ms Fiona Miles is the Director of Four Paws Animal Welfare Foundation in South Africa. Four Paws are the founders of Lionsrock Big Cat Sanctuary in the Free State province of South Africa. Lionsrock Big Cat Sanctuary is a successful project by the global animal welfare organisation Four Paws and is home to over 100 rescued big cats.

#### 5. Professor Melanie Murcott

Professor Melanie Murcott is an Associate Professor of Environmental and Administrative Law at the University of Pretoria. Professor Murcott is a Director of Animal Law Reform South Africa, a non-profit organisation focusing on animal law and the intersection between animal wellbeing, human rights and social justice.

#### 6. Mr Nkosikhulule Xhawulengweni Nyembezi

Mr Nyembezi is a Research Associate at the Centre for Legal Integration in Africa at the University of the Western Cape. A specialist in public policy analysis, mediation and conflict resolution.

#### 7. Ms Cathrine Nyquist

Ms Cathrine Nyquist is the co-founder of Panthera Africa, an environmentally friendly sanctuary for previous captive-bred big cats. Panthera Africa is a blueprint of how a sanctuary, focusing on animal welfare can become self-sufficient offering incentives and advice to breeding facilities to change into sustainable ethical projects.

We have attached the detailed Curriculum Vitae of each WAPFSA nominated candidate.

If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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#### Endorsed by the following Members of WAPFSA:

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Climate Dep      Sairusha Govindsamy  
Director          Attorney Kirsten Youens

Animal Law Reform South Africa	Director	Amy P. Wilson
Animal Talk Africa	Founder	Wynter Worsthorne
Baboon Matters	Founder	Jenni Trethowan
Baboons of the South	Founder	Lorraine Holloway
Ban Animal Trading	Director	Smaragda Louw
Beauty Without Cruelty (South Africa)	Chairperson	Toni Brockhoven
Betty's Bay Baboon Action Group	Co- Founders	Renee Bish and Peter Oxford
Centre for Animal Rehabilitation and Education	Director	Stephen Munro
Elephant Reintegration Trust	Chairperson	Brett Mitchell
EMS Foundation	Director	Michele Pickover
Four Paws (SA)	Director	Fiona Miles
Future 4 Wildlife	Co-Founder	Stefania Falcon
Gifted for Good	Env. Education	Jabu Myeni
Global White Lion Protection Trust	CEO Founder	Linda Tucker y
Humane Society International (Africa)	Wildlife Director	Dr Audrey Delsink
Institute for Critical Animal Studies (Africa)	Director	Les Mitchell
Monkey Helpline	Co-Founder	Steve Smit
OSCAP-Outraged SAfrican Citizens Against Poaching	Director	Kim Da Ribeira
Panthera Africa Big Cat Sanctuary	Co-Founders	Lizaene Cornwall – Cath Nyquist
Parliament for the People	Reg Farming	Vivien Law
Rhinos in Africa	Founder	Megan Carr
SAIFAC SA Institute for Advanced Constitutional Law	Director	Professor David Bilchitz
South Peninsula Khoi Council	Senior Chief	Stephen Fritz
Southern African Fight for Rhinos	Director	Lex Abnett
Vervet Monkey Foundation	Founder	Dave Du Toit
Vogelgat Private Nature Reserve – South Africa	Warden	Giorgio Lombardi
WildAid Southern Africa	Director	Guy Jennings
Wild Law Institute	Director	Cormac Cullinan
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