MEDIA STATEMENT

Robben Island Museum clarifies NSRI’s Voluntary Delivery of Food Parcels to Island Residents

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Robben Island Museum (RIM) is aware of an official press release issued by the National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI) on 09 April 2020 regarding NSRI’s voluntary delivery of food parcels to people who reside on the Island. These residents include service providers, stakeholders and employees of the Museum.

The statement unfortunately contains a number of ambiguous points that have since been misinterpreted by our stakeholders, as well as members of the media.

RIM has an emergency response plan and the NSRI forms part of that plan in the event of unforeseen emergencies in NSRI’s capacity as a rescue organisation in South Africa.

In this particular incident, internal protocol should have been immediately instituted given RIM’s capacity and ability to respond to operational matters in line with the lockdown regulations.

An internal process is underway to ensure that procedures are adhered to unreservedly throughout the lockdown period. As this process involves a discussion between management and staff, this ultimately warrants confidentiality and cannot be further discussed externally.

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