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The Portfolio Committee Secretary
Ms. Tebogo Sepanya
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RE: TOURISM BUSINESS COUNCIL'S COMMENTS ON THE CARBON TAX BILL

The Tourism Business Council of South Africa (TBCSA) is an umbrella organization representing organised business in the travel and tourism industry including chambers of commerce and industry, professional associations, sectoral associations and individual corporate organisations. It represents the travel and tourism businesses on macro-economic and high-level issues that affect it at the national and international levels. TBCSA's mandate is to provide a VOICE to this community of businesses and to ensure that they play a constructive role in the country's economic development, growth and transformation: and to create an environment in which businesses of all sizes and in all sectors can thrive, expand and be competitive.

As the principal representative of the interests of travel and tourism business in South Africa, TBCSA represents the views of its members in a number of national platforms and structures, both statutory and non-statutory.

TBCSA has noted the provisions of the Carbon Tax Bill and has therefore made an input. The TBCSA supports a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, but argues that a series of interventions already in place to deal with this challenge need to be evaluated to assess their outcomes, prior to implementing a carbon tax. Thus, we are of the view that a tax is not the best way of addressing greenhouse gas emissions but rather, incentives need to be introduced to encourage companies to reduce their carbon emissions.

Yours Sincerely

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