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The Board of Directors
Sanparks SA

28 January 2013

Sirs,

Re: Social Media commentary on alleged findings in SANParks staff quarters.

I was made aware of certain allegations concerning the above that had been posted on a public website called AFRICA WILD a copy of the screen dump is attached herewith for ease of reference.

I re-posted the information that was given to me onto my social media page known as OSCAP some 12 hours after it was already in the public domain.

Upon careful reflection and in the light of the understandably deep concerns that the above has caused, I am of the considered opinion that I should not have simply accepted the assurances I was given about the validity of the source and its contents.

I am not in a position to personally confirm any of the allegations as they appear and as such I hereby tender my apology both personally and on behalf of OSCAP, to the Board of SANParks and its employees and hereby retract the post from the group.

I regret the consternation and anguish so caused and wish to reassure the Board of SANParks as to OSCAP's support for all your efforts to protect our rhino and wildlife heritage.

Kind regards

Allison Thomson

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The screenshot shows a forum post on the website www.sagr.co.za. The post is titled "Floods Reveal Scandals in KNP Staff Villages" and was posted by user "Richprins" on Friday, January 25, 2013, at 5:12 pm. The post content includes:

- During the excellent work done by various agencies in evacuating both tourists and staff from various camps or compounds during the recent floods in Kruger National Park, some shocking discoveries were made.
- Illegal tenants inhabiting certain staff accommodations, including Mozambiquan nationals.
- Rhino horn and related poaching equipment.
- Other forms of contraband.

Richprins also mentions that Kruger has refused to comment on the matter, stating that as rhino poaching is involved, all queries will be handled by the Department of Environmental Affairs. A police query gave the same answer. Richprins asks: "My question is this: Why should the presence of illegal aliens in a Parastatal housing complex have to be addressed by the DEA?"

The forum interface shows 77 posts on page 1 of 8. A reply by user "Sprocky" is visible at the bottom of the screenshot.

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