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NEW KNP DIRECTOR TAKES OVER REINS

The new director of the Kruger National Park, Dr Isidore Bandile Mkhize officially took office today (March 1, 2004) and began his task of running South Africa's biggest national park by briefing managers and senior officials in Skukuza.

He was officially handed the reins by the former Director and now Chief Executive of SANParks, Mr David Mabunda, who also presented him with a .375 rifle as a sign of this new role.

"I was presented this when I became the KNP director and I would like to hand it over to you," said Mr Mabunda.

During his speech to various KNP officials, Dr Mkhize said that he would be expecting staff to go the extra mile in the workplace.

"I expect all of you to continue to embrace service excellence in the workplace and to try to be better in your work situation every day in order to make Kruger the pride and joy of South Africa that it is," he said.

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SANParks Chief Executive Mr David Mabunda hands over a rifle to the new KNP Director Dr Isidore Mkhize as a symbol of his new office.

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