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NEW INVESTMENT IN TOURISM

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar is determined to make unprecedented strides in the field of tourism. As part of this commitment, the Gibraltar Tourist Board will begin a series of works in different areas of the Upper Rock Nature Reserve and other tourist sites.

This follows the allocation of one million pounds in this year's budget for this task. The works will see a great improvement in facilities for tourists and residents visiting the Nature Reserve.

Plans are being finalised to re-open the Holy Land Tunnel, located within the Great Siege Tunnels where a viewing platform will afford spectacular views over Catalan Bay area, south towards Ceuta and north towards the Coast of Spain. The terrace at the Moorish Castle is being refurbished and the ticket office will be enlarged.

Among the other improvements will be the addition or refurbishment of toilet facilities and new sewer lines in some of the most visited attractions and areas of the Nature Reserve. Extensive works will be also carried out at St. Michael's Cave as part of a larger scheme.

Announcements on each of the projects will be made shortly, after consultation with the Development and Planning Commission. However, works to the Waterport fountain, the toilets at the 100 Ton Gun and the viewing platform at the entrance to the Great Siege Tunnels will begin soon.

Minister for Tourism, Public Transport and the Port, the Hon Neil Costa MP said, "The start of these projects is a testament to this Government's commitment to the development of the tourism product, although certainly only the beginning. Some of these attractions have been neglected for too many years and the Government's investment is just the start of a determined drive to put Gibraltar's tourism industry at the forefront of our economy."