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WEATHER HOAX: OLD WEATHER WARNING CIRCULATING ON WHATSAPP

The South African Weather Service (SAWS) has become aware of a voice note, in the isiZulu language, doing the rounds on social media platforms (especially WHATSAPP), today 14 October 2021. As such, the message is an adaptation of an old historic interview with SAWS, dating back to the period earlier this year when Tropical Cyclone Eloise affected southern Africa.

We would like to distance ourselves from this misleading hoax message, which is completely misleading and unfounded. The public is requested to refrain from further circulating the message, and also correct those that still do so.

Moreover, we strongly urge the public to only access weather information and weather warnings from reputable sources. In this regard the SAWS Act provides the mandate for SAWS to be the single and authoritative source of weather warnings in South Africa.

Please access our website, www.weathersa.co.za for the correct weather information and warnings.

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